

FOR GREATER PRODUCTION

Review of Plans in Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada.

Dr. J. W. Robertson, representing the Federal Minister of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board, as Director of Production in Eastern Canada, has prepared a memorandum of plans for greater production of food this year in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Robertson recently completed a visit to all these provinces, during which he held conferences with the officials, addressed the members of the Legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and also addressed a large number of public meetings.

His memorandum shows the following objectives for increased acreage of cultivated crops in 1918, which have been accepted by the provinces:—

	Acres of Increase.
Ontario.....	1,000,000
Quebec.....	600,000
New Brunswick.....	150,000
Nova Scotia, from one to ten acres and over per farm, probably.....	125,000
Prince Edward Island.....	75,000

In these five provinces it is hoped that the acreage in cultivated crops this year will be about two million acres greater than that of last year.

The Provincial Departments of Agriculture have been strengthened for the specific object of increasing production. A proclamation was issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of each province, appointing a special week dedicated to preparation for greater production. Co-operation of the clergy was secured and many sermons were delivered, emphasizing the necessity for increased food production. Special sessions of county councils were held to deal with county organization, with particular reference to formation of Greater Production Committees. Arrangements were also made whereby needy farmers could secure supplies of suitable seed.

Greater Production Committees have been organized in every township, parish and municipality, in so far as was practical this season. These committees have been making personal visits to the farmers of their respective districts encouraging increased production, and assisting wherever possible. Encouragement has been given to the cultivation of vacant lots and war gardens in towns and cities. The Dominion and Provincial Governments have co-operated in an effort to provide labour for the farms. The organization has progressed rapidly and promises splendid results.

GROWING MORE GRAIN.

Estimates Indicate Very Large Additional Acreage in Western Canada.

The greater production effort of Canada, as directed and stimulated by the Canada Food Board, has resulted in an estimated increase of more than 2,600,000 acres in Western Canada for the principal grain crops and for a larger provision by the farmers of food for animals, particularly hogs, of which,

owing to the campaign inaugurated last fall there is more than the ordinary number in the country. The following table shows the comparative acreages for 1917 and 1918 as estimated for the three prairie provinces including wheat, oats and barley:

	Wheat.	Increase.	Oats.	Increase.	Barley.	Increase.
Manitoba.....	1917—2,448,850	9.92% or	1,500,000	4.23% or	708,000	5.54% or
Acreage.....	1918—2,691,675	242,925 acres.	1,563,450	63,450 acres.	747,223	39,223 acres.
Saskatchewan.....	1917—8,275,250	15.54% or	4,521,600	6.99% or	769,900	4.89% or
Acreage.....	1918—9,557,912	1,284,662 acres.	4,837,660	316,060 acres.	702,658	32,758 acres.
Alberta.....	1917—2,897,300	16.67% or	2,537,900	6.90% or	472,100	4.52% or
Acreage.....	1918—3,380,280	482,980 acres.	2,713,015	175,115 acres.	493,439	21,339 acres.
Three Prairie Pro- vinces.....	1917—13,619,400	14.76% or	8,559,500	5.48% or	1,850,000	5.04% or
Acreage.....	1918—15,629,967	2,010,567 acres.	9,114,125	554,625 acres.	1,943,320	93,320 acres.

Total Acreage of three Grain Crops of Western Canada: 1917—24,028,900; 1918—26,687,412. Increase: 11.06% or 2,658,512 acres.