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Miss Harvey Has Score of Applications From Farmers.

Supplying the farmers of Western Ontario with adequate help, is the big problem which Miss Winnifred Harvey, M.A., representing the Ontario department of trade and labor, is endeavoring to solve. She has a room in the city on the corner of Dundas and Bloor streets, and has a corner in the office of Roscoe A. Finn, district agricultural representative, in the Dominion Savings and Investment Company.

From Toronto she has been working with her associates for the purpose of securing aid for the farmers of Western Ontario, sent direct to the department. A number of other applications have come to the district agricultural office.

What is Netting For.

What Miss Harvey wants most of all is that at present is men and still more

men to send out in response to the applications of the farmers, men available for the seeding which lasts from three weeks to a month; men for the whole summer to engage in every kind of farm work, mixed farming, dairy and fruit farming and growing vegetables. Boys from 14 to 18 will also be welcomed who will be free to give the services by April 20. The first call is for men brought up on farms, or who

at least have had some farming experience. The ability alone to handle a team will be an excellent recommendation. Any active, intelligent man who is interested, can doubtless find a place for his services. Miss Harvey will be in the office each evening from seven to nine for the next week or ten days to see recruits for farm work, arranging these hours for the convenience of those who are unable to call during the day.

The situation after the war will probably be a more difficult one than at the present time," stated Miss Harvey today to The Advertiser. "Men will be

coming back, for whom it will be necessary to find positions, war industries will cease, immigration will begin again. A large number of women will be thrown out of employment. So far the work is provincial only and we are obliged to obtain information in regard to the situation in other provinces through the post offices. A Dominion-wide plan of operation would very much simplify matters.

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"In order to facilitate a proper distribution of labor when immigration resumes, we will have to be active in regard to supply and demand, and also send reports constantly to the British labor bureaus. In this way, the immigration will be able to find employment in regard to the best place for him or her particular trade, business or profession. It is a pity that we are not from making the mistake of going to the

"Our aim through the permanent bureau is to place all kinds of service in touch with demand, the highly-trained specialists in various lines, teachers, nurses, social workers, as well as artisans, factory workers, farm workers, domestic helpers and laborers. If Ontario succeeds in this, it will establish a precedent for the world in employment."

Large demands are made on the Toronto bureau for munitions workers. Sometimes as many as a hundred a week are supplied to the factories, and always at least a hundred a month, the majority of whom are women.

In Hamilton, where she has been for some time past, Miss Harvey has seen the disastrous results of continually putting labor on work not necessary for the

Many Looms Idle.
She says: "A large part of our work there has been supplying domestics and factory workers. In the large factories making tents for service in the army half the looms are idle and the supplies contracted for cannot be turned out because operators can find more attractive work at better wages in factories turning out articles in no way essential

"Production of food is absolutely essential. Our armies must be fed.
"Making munitions is essential, but not one bit more so than canning arm supplies or helping in seeding, cultivating and harvesting. We absolutely must have farm workers without delay. We can place them at once, tomorrow. Seeding to bring the best results must

Miss Harvey is also registering girls and women for light farm work, fruit picking, gardening, and working in canning factories, for a period of four or a half months, from June 1 to October 15. September 1 to October 15 will apparently be the time of greatest shortage of help, from present indications.

For Small Fruit Picking.
Groups of girls will be required to work out for three weeks or a month. Some of these will be needed in the vicinity of London for strawberry and raspberry picking. In all cases, the bureau will not be allowed to send out the girls unless convinced that the chaperonage and cooking arrangements will be entirely satisfactory.

that time and strength will permit states Miss Harvey, "but we cannot accomplish impossibilities. This is our first year, and there is much to do in the way of organization. So far as the cooking is concerned, we will expect the girls to help us out in looking for someone to take charge of this for their campaign. We will have to be entirely satisfied that the woman chosen is competent."

Y. W. C. A. consent to establish camps in other places as well as the Niagara district, say in the Middlesex strawberry belt?" was a question asked.

Miss Harvey replied: "The council has only consented to establish five camps, at Grimsby, Beamsville, Oakville and Winona. The war department will be obliged to look after the other groups, and we will refuse to send girls where proper arrangements cannot be made."

One instance cited of war work suffering for lack of help was that of a recently opened cannery, with a contract to supply 200,000 cans a day of pork and beans to the Government. Of 50,000 cans are being daily turned out. The Dominion Council of the Y. W. C. A. is looking after the welfare of

Miss Harvey is a graduate of Toronto University, and added to her equipment for service in the trade and labor department special research work in both the United States and Great Britain. During the first year of the war she gained experience in "follow-up" work in connection with the emergency employment bureau established in Montreal.

Many Ready to Work.

Applications for places on farms and in other lines of business are coming into Gordon Philip, commissioner of industries, in large numbers and every mail has more of them. The names of the men available are being turned over to Miss Harvey and they will be sent to the farms as soon as possible.

Many retired farmers in London communicating directly with farmers and relatives in the districts who they came from, and a score or more have already made arrangements to spend a portion of the summer on the farm.

"Considerable enthusiasm is being raised over the project, and it is certain that many men will go to the far from London," said Mr. Phillip. "I am quite encouraged by the number of applications already received."

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