

DOGS AND SHEEP-RAISING.**Local Legislation is Suggested for Protection of Flocks.**

The United States Department of Agriculture has been interesting itself in the question of sheep-raising in New England where numerous pastures which formerly supported flocks of sheep and lambs are now deserted and are becoming overgrown with weeds and bushes. The explanation is that sheep-killing dogs are now so numerous that no flock of sheep is safe from their attacks unless surrounded by a dog-proof bulwark.

The Department says: "If the farmers of New England could be assured that their sheep would be allowed to feed unmolested at the present day, numerous flocks would quickly be purchased. They have excellent pasturage for sheep during the summer months and would willingly make provision for their care during the winter. The prices which wool, mutton, and lamb now command are sufficiently remunerative to justify any one who is the possessor of idle grassland in New England in purchasing a flock of sheep. But some local legislation will first be necessary which will recognize the fact that a vagrant dog is a menace to the progress of the community and providing a penalty for those who insist upon owning dogs without keeping them under proper restraint. Dogs should not be allowed to wander away from their owner's premises or leave their owner's control, as otherwise they will become a public nuisance. The owner should be held financially responsible for the damage done by his dog, because of the wanton destruction of the wool and meat that are so greatly needed in the present times of war scarcity."

The situation in many parts of the Maritime Province of Canada is similar in this regard to that in New England. In view of the vital importance of securing increased production of food animals, municipalities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and perhaps in some of the other provinces where dogs are a menace to sheep-raising, would do well to consider some such action as that suggested.

The question is of course entirely outside the jurisdiction of the Food Controller, and action, if taken, must be taken by the Provincial Governments.

The manufacture of cattle feed and other products from fish offal was successfully demonstrated last year by Mr. J. B. Feilding, Barrie, Ont., under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation.

SAFETY LEAGUE BULLETINS.**Provincial Organization is Aiding in Food Conservation Effort.**

The Ontario Safety League is co-operating with the Food Controller and has issued a number of special bulletins emphasizing the necessity of conservation. One of these is in the form of small poster with the wording:—

FOOD.

Buy it carefully.

Cook it well.

Eat what you need.

Save what you can.

Another points out that one-half cup of milk, if wasted daily by each family in Canada, would mean 125,000 quarts wasted each day, or 45,625,000 quarts wasted each year. Valued at five cents per quart, this waste would amount to \$6,250 per day, or \$2,281,250 per year. This would be equivalent to a good 100-acre farm thrown away each day.

The bulletin states that it would require 20,833 cows to produce this one-half cup of milk per family and that it would require 2,833 men to milk these cows each day. Left-over or sour milk can be used for cooking. "Stop all the waste" is the final injunction.

CHURCH PLEDGES HELP.**Calgary Congregation will do utmost to Relieve Food Shortage.**

As a result of the letter recently sent to the clergymen throughout Canada by the Food Controller, a resolution was passed by the congregation of Wesley Methodist Church, Calgary, pledging members to do their utmost to make food available for export to the Allies. The resolution after referring to the message from the Food Controller read:—

"Be it therefore resolved by the congregation of Wesley Methodist Church, Calgary, assembled on December 23, 1917, that with a sense of gratitude to Divine Providence for the great blessings which our country enjoys and with a firm determination to support to the end the cause of the allies in the present crisis, the members of this congregation cheerfully undertake to do their utmost by economy and otherwise so to regulate their lives and mode of living as to spare for export for the use of those in need the food suitable and required for that purpose; and further pledge themselves to support and assist the [Food] Controller in any and all reasonable measures which he may take to secure the desired end."