

WAR BOOK OF 1915.—Allow me to remind you of the contents of that "Agricultural War Book." The Premier of Nova Scotia said:

"A solemn duty has been laid upon your shoulders as farmers. You are expected to enlarge the output of your farms while not only maintaining but, wherever possible, increasing their productive power. I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that **THIS WORK IS JUST AS TRULY PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM AS IS THE WORK OF THE SOLDIER IN THE TRENCHES.** Our kinsmen in the Motherland have to be fed, so do also the people of the countries devastated by war" (p. 9).

The Minister of Agriculture of New Brunswick said:

"One of the most effective means by which the people of New Brunswick can at the present time give evidence of their loyalty and their desire to assist is by a united effort to **PUT UNDER CULTIVATION ALL THE AVAILABLE FARM LANDS POSSIBLE,** in order that we may do our share towards relieving the burden by being in a position to supply those who are now nearer the scenes of active service" (p. 11).

The Premier of Ontario said:

"**THE FARMER AT WORK IN THE FIELD IS DOING AS MUCH IN THIS CRISIS AS THE MAN WHO GOES TO THE FRONT**" (p. 15.).

And Mr. Burrell himself said:

"**THE GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING THE CROP ACREAGE IN CANADA.** The Canadian farmer, earnestly bending all his energies to increase the food supply for the Britisher at home and the British soldiers at the front, is **DOING HIS SHARE IN THE GIGANTIC STRUGGLE OF THE EMPIRE**" (p. 3).

"**THERE IS ONLY ONE CLASS OF LABOUR AS HONORABLE AND AS INDISPENSABLE AS THAT OF THE FIGHTING MAN IN TIMES OF WAR, AND THAT IS THE LABOUR OF THE MAN WHO PROVIDES THE FOOD SUPPLY.** A proper recognition of this fact, and of the supreme dignity and importance of agricultural labour, should help materially in the difficult process of **TRANSFERRING DISPLACED CITY WORKERS IN THE FIELDS AND PASTURES**" (p. 98).

In a special article (pp. 97-100), Mr. Burrell summarized the situation, and its practical necessities, as follows:

"**Many farmers, East, Centre, and West, place THE LACK OF SUITABLE OR COMPETENT LABOUR AS THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN INCREASING FARM PRODUCTION**" (p. 97).