

# NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

## British Columbia.

Dean L. S. Klinck, secretary of the British Columbia committee, reports that Dr. Robertson, chairman of the Central Advisory Council, who has been making a tour of the West, met with the British Columbia committee, defined the scope of its work and helped in perfecting the organization. He addressed a largely attended meeting in the Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver, and another in Victoria. He also assisted in completing the local organization in both cities.

## New Brunswick.

Mr. W. C. Keirstead, secretary of the New Brunswick committee, telegraphs as follows: "The work of organization is being carried forward. Pledge cards have been distributed in St. John with fair success. Local committees are working in Sussex, Hampton, St. Stephen, Milltown, and Fredericton. The Fredericton committee has been carrying on an educational campaign this week and next week will circulate the pledge cards. Food conservation slides are being shown at the motion picture theatres and each night this week, speakers are addressing audiences at the motion picture shows on the food situation. Clergymen will speak on the subject next Sunday in the Fredericton churches. Our provincial committee is serving as the Greater Production Committee of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and as such is co-operating with that department for greater production in this province next year. Plans are being worked out along these lines."

## Nova Scotia.

Mr. Arthur S. Barnstead, secretary for Nova Scotia, telegraphs:

"A meeting of the Provincial Committee was held at which the opinion was expressed strongly by the ladies that the pledge card campaign should be commenced immediately. It was the general feeling, however, that such a campaign should await the creating of a proper atmosphere by a campaign of advertising. Local committees have been organized in other parts of the province, the committee at Sydney being the first to be appointed."

## Prince Edward Island.

The distribution of pledge cards was commenced in Prince Edward Island on October 29, following a preparatory educational cam-

paign. Mr. William Kerr, secretary of the provincial committee, reports that the campaign is proving successful beyond expectation.

## Quebec.

Mrs. Huntley Drummond, President of the Women's Food Economy Committee of Montreal, reports increasing interest in the regular Thursday afternoon meetings of the committee. In the work of organizing the women's activities of Montreal, Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Secretary of the committee, is working along lines which seem to assure a large success.

## Saskatchewan.

Mr. G. A. Mantle, honorary secretary of the Saskatchewan branch of the National Committee on Food Resources, reports: "A Food Economy Committee has now been formed in each of the cities of Regina, Saskatoon, Moosejaw and Swift Current and the work of distributing pledge cards is progressing in all the places named. Organization in the remaining cities of the province and in all the towns and villages is being pushed as fast as is possible. Clergymen are being asked to take a Sunday in November to speak on the subject of food conservation and substitution and the urban municipalities will be asked to organize food economy committees during the week following. Dr. Robertson's recent visit was much appreciated. He has done a great deal to stimulate and to benefit this work."

## ANSWER TO QUESTION.

Q. What is the cause of the present shortage of sugar?

A. The sugar shortage is not due to poor crops but to war conditions. It is only temporary. Before the war, Great Britain received 38.55 per cent of its sugar from Germany, 15.73 per cent from Austria Hungary; 9.43 per cent from the Netherlands; 6.7 per cent from Java; 7.1 per cent from Cuba; and 1.14 per cent from the United States. The present shortage is due to the dislocation of the sugar trade and to the scarcity of shipping. Ample stores are available in Java, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and elsewhere awaiting the release of freighters. The present per capita consumption of sugar in Canada and the United States is about 90 pounds, as compared with 26 pounds in Great Britain (reduced from 93½ since the beginning of the war); 18 pounds in France; and 12 pounds in Italy.