

BOYS WILL KEEP HOGS.

Plan Has Been Worked Out by Hamilton Business Men.

A novel and practical plan to use school boys to assist in keeping pigs and thus to help in the campaign for increased hog production in Canada has been taken up by the Council of the Hamilton Board of Trade. Mr. R. T. Kelly is responsible for the scheme which has been enthusiastically approved by Hamilton business men. His proposition was to create a central fund of \$400, to be invested in 9 brood sows. Each of these would be looked after by a farmer until the little pigs could be taken from their mother. It was estimated that in the Spring there would be 54 little pigs, each of which would be given into the care of one boy in each rural school in Wentworth County. By next fall, the pigs would be worth \$35 each, or a total of \$1,890. Deducting the original investment of \$400 and the cost of keeping the pigs (\$12 each or \$648 in all) for 8 months. There would be a balance of \$842, to be divided among the 54 boys for their work, giving each boy a little over \$15.

It was also estimated that the sows could be sold for more than enough to pay the farmers for keeping them until the little pigs are born. The cost of feeding the 9 for 6 months would be about \$225. The sows should then be worth the amount paid for them, \$400, leaving a balance of \$175, which amount would further increase the profit of each boy. The boys into whose charge the little pigs would be given would be required to sign an agreement to take charge of them, to dispose of them in the Fall and to return their proportion of the \$400 collected to purchase the sows.

Mr. Kelly went on the Hamilton market last Saturday and secured thirty farmers to attend a meeting in the Board of Trade, where he explained the plan to them. Then he approached a number of business men and by getting \$10 subscriptions to the Central Fund (which of course will be returned next Fall) he collected enough money in a short time to buy the 9 brood sows. He then arranged with 9 farmers, members of the Agricultural Section of the Board of Trade, to have the sows handled until the little pigs can be taken from the mothers. He has also made arrangements with rural school boys to feed the pigs until they are ready for the market.

The first experiment met with such favour that Mr. Kelly is securing additional sub-

scriptions to buy as many as 30 brood sows. He has already arranged with 30 farmers to take them.

The plan has caused much interest in Hamilton and in other places where the scheme is known. Mr. Kelly and those associated with him in this original plan to increase hog production believe that it is capable of being adopted in many other places with splendid results. In a memorandum inviting business men to subscribe \$10 each for the fund, the following statement is made: "All you are out will be the interest on \$10 for one year. Surely the results as shown above should be worth more than this amount. Every honest and legitimate effort put forth along the line of greater production is worthy of your consideration and co-operation."

THE QUESTION OF FEED.

Pork Can be Produced With Profit—
Hog Feed Available.

Prof. H. Barton, of Macdonald Agricultural College, St. Anne de Bellevue, writes on one aspect of hog production as follows:

"Many a man will shout, 'no feed,'—'dear feed,' when the subject of pork production is mentioned. Feed is scarce and dear, but a large amount of feed that hogs can use is available. More can be found, and at prevailing prices pork can be produced with profit. On every farm and in every household there is a certain amount of waste that only the hog can make best use of. Hog feed of this character is of immense value. Shorts and middlings are to be available at cost price. They should be used for hog feeding exclusively and not for dairy cattle for which they are not most economical."

MORE WILLING TO HELP.

Regina Pastor Writes of the Attitude of
His Congregation.

Rev. A. S. Lewis, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Regina, in a letter says: "I endeavour to make good use of your literature in suitable pulpit utterances from time to time. The Food Controller's job is a hard one but I find among my own congregation an increasing disposition to co-operate with him in carrying out his suggestions."