

VARIOUS PHASES

WAR—A Y.M.C.A. HOUSE



On the British Western Front.—Batches of prisoners being marched in. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.

Scene on the Flanders Front.—A well concealed dressing station. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.



Entrance to a Y. M. C. A. house. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.



The King of the Belgians in his headquarters. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.



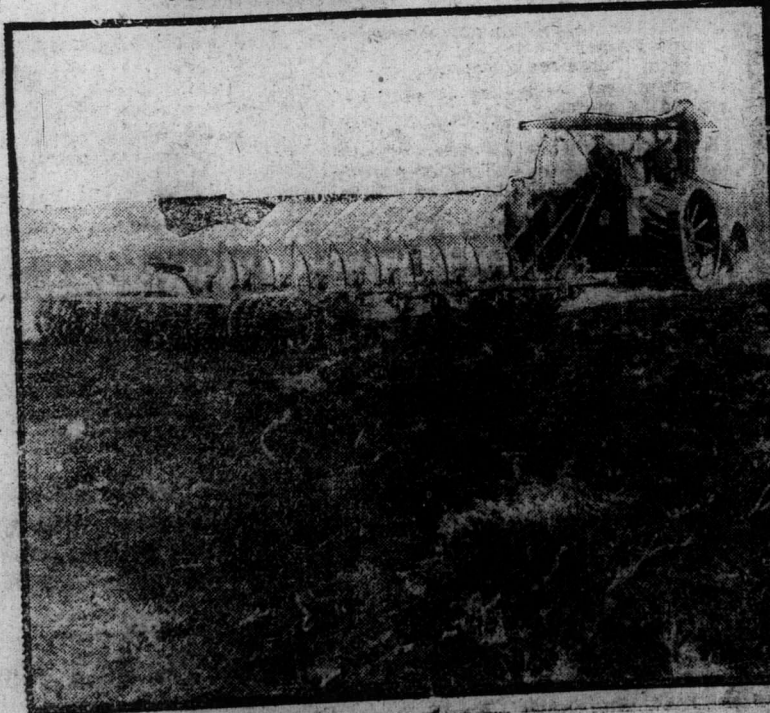
Y. M. C. A. quarters in France subject to daily shell fire. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.



On the British Western Front in France.—Waiting their turn to speak to the enemy. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.

Battle of Flanders.—Some of the roads are nearly impassable. Photo by Courtesy of C. P. R.

PREPARING FOR THE 1918 CROP



This year it has been no unusual sight in the Prairie Provinces of Canada to see breaking and cultivating being done right up to the end of November. More fall plowing has been completed this year than would previously have been considered possible. In places day and night shifts have been working. While no definite estimates as to the acreage that will be ready for crop next spring are available, it is certain that the increase over this year's will be considerable. Authorities in close touch with conditions in Saskatchewan estimate that sixty per cent more fall plowing has been completed in that province this year than last year. In Alberta it is estimated that the amount of fall plowing done exceeds last year's by approximately fifty per cent, while in Manitoba farmers have been just as active all over the province. Whether these figures are accurate or no, it is certain that the area available for crop in Western Canada next spring will be considerably greater than it was this year. In their efforts for greater production the farmers have no doubt been greatly aided by the favorable weather of November, and it will surprise a good many who perhaps imagine that for six months of the

year the climate of Western Canada is comparable with that of the Arctic regions to learn that the average minimum temperature at Calgary during the month of November this year was above 31 degrees, while the average maximum temperature was higher than 50 degrees. There was almost continual sunshine between the hours of sunrise and sunset, and the lowest temperatures were recorded just before sunrise. But it was not the favorable weather alone that was responsible for so much work being accomplished. The patriotic desire to produce as much food as possible in this country, where, all things considered, the staple foods of the world can be produced more economically than anywhere else, and the liberal returns that await those who are engaged in this work, have been the real incentive. The favorable weather of November has given farmers an opportunity to accomplish more work than they had expected to be able to do. In the past, however, weather in November has been equally suitable to farming operations, but, lacking the incentive of the present time, advantage has been so generally taken of it as this year.



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