

NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

ALBERTA.

Dean E. A. Howes, Secretary of the Alberta Branch, reports as follows:

"We are conducting the distribution of literature, and have arranged a somewhat extensive correspondence with officers of the different United Farmers of Alberta locals, farm women's organizations and women's institutes. The women's organizations are anxious to have lecturers visit them and explain the matter of conservation and substitution."

MANITOBA.

Prof. J. B. Reynolds, sends the following report from the Manitoba Branch: "At a conference at Winnipeg on October 30 and 31, representative of the Home Economics Societies of Manitoba and the Grain Growers' Association, methods of distributing the food service pledge cards were determined, food conservation was discussed, and recommendations were made to the Food Controller. On Monday of this week the Manitoba Committee held a conference with the retail merchants of Winnipeg to consider means of reducing the cost of delivery."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. W. C. Keirstead, Secretary of the New Brunswick Branch, says: "We are going on with our conservation campaign. Meetings of an educational nature are being held. Local committees are being formed and pledges are being circulated. The provincial Food Resources Committee is co-operating with the Department of Agriculture for the Province to encourage increased production, especially of wheat."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. William Kerr, Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Branch of the National Committees on Food Resources telegraphed this week as follows:—

"Returns in the Pledge Card campaign conducted throughout this Province on Monday, October 29, show that the campaign was most successful in many sections. In the City of Charlottetown, 1,529 homes have been pledged, representing, it is estimated, 90 per cent of the people of the city. In Summerside the canvassers received only 25 refusals in the whole town. Many of the country districts are signing 100 per cent. Public opinion was favourable to our campaign. We had splendid support from the Press."

QUEBEC.

Mrs. Huntley Drummond, Chairman of the Women's Food Economy Committee of Montreal, reports that much satisfaction is expressed over the Order in Council permitting the sale of oleomargarine in Canada. The committee sent a message of appreciation to the Food Controller.

The Committee has also adopted a resolution to the effect that the efforts of the Food Controller should be supported by the women of Canada who should realize that the great problem was the provision of food for the Allies.

SASKATCHEWAN.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan has proclaimed Sunday, November 18, as Food Conservation Day. Special addresses will be given in the pulpits throughout the province on the subject of food service. The clergy are co-operating fully with the Saskatchewan Branch of the National Committees on Food Resources. Under date of October 31, Mr. G. A. Mantle, Honorary Secretary of the Saskatchewan Branch, sent a letter, together with food conservation literature, to the mayor or overseer of every town and village in the province asking him to nominate a committee to take up the work of food economy and control. As soon as such local committees are organized, supplies of pledge cards and pamphlets will be sent to them for distribution. Mr. Mantle suggested in his letter that during the week following November 18, a public meeting should be held in every town and village to discuss the whole question, and so to interest the community that the campaign will be a success.

LARGE STAFF AT WASHINGTON.

There are no less than 1,000 employees of the United States Food Administration in the offices of the central organization at Washington. In addition there are 600 employees in the Export Administrative Board which is under the direction of the Food Administrator. These 1,600 employees subscribed to an aggregate of \$2,750,000 in the second Liberty Loan. Besides the central staffs there is a large organization in each of the states under direction of the State Food Administrator.