

*Organized Destruction.*—In England excellent results have been obtained by the co-operative efforts of farmers and others in the destruction of rats, and such organized destruction is essential if results of real value are to be obtained. The offer of prizes and bounties by local authorities has been found to stimulate effort. In many cities and towns the local authorities and organizations have promoted rat destruction, and it has been successfully stimulated by educational work.

We would urge the various organizations in cities and towns, and farmers' and women's institutes in rural districts, to undertake educational work with a view to arousing public opinion as to the serious losses caused by these pests, and to promoting campaigns for their destruction.

Rats and mice are destroying millions of dollars' worth of food in Canada at the present time, when the conservation of food is a duty that devolves upon every one. The more food we permit the rats to destroy the less there is for us and our kinsfolk across the sea to eat. Never was the need of saving food supplies a greater necessity; never was the need of the most relentless campaign against these food destroyers. Eradicative measures should be prosecuted with the greatest vigour wherever these pests occur, whether on the farm or in the city.

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