

During these years the Department has continued the demonstration lecture courses in domestic science, home nursing, sewing, etc., but a large part of the time of the Institutes since the commencement of the war has been devoted to patriotic work. At no period during the protracted struggle did their activities wane. Canned fruits and vegetables, socks, shirts, hospital supplies, comforts of all sorts and a large sum of money was collected. During the year 1918 they raised in money or kind over \$800,000. Indeed it would be difficult to accurately value the amount of supplies and comforts that were donated through the work of the Women's Institutes.

Agricultural Representatives

The system of Agricultural Representatives, which was started under Sir James Whitney, has been extended. There are to-day forty-eight of these district offices in the Province. By this system, the benefits of the Agricultural College are brought direct to the farms, and as a result of the cooperation which is maintained between these offices and the Labor Branch an easy and efficient method of dealing with the farm labor problems has been devised, while movements of labor may be directed from one part of the Province to another.

A word might be said about the duties of these Agricultural Representatives.

Organize and conduct short courses in live stock judging, fruit growing, seed selection, operation of power machinery, etc.

Organize and supervise work of Farmers' Clubs.

Conduct drainage demonstrations and make drainage surveys.

Encourage and organize field crop competitions.

Conduct experiments in the use of fertilizers.

Organize and conduct school fairs.

Conduct stock judging competitions for children.

Hold seed and weed meetings.

Take charge of demonstration orchards.

Hold exhibits at fall fairs to show results from spraying, and demonstrate spraying apparatus and how to combat insects and weeds.

Survey waste land.

Help organize egg circles and cooperative societies.

Act as judges at fall fairs.

Assist in campaign for increased production.

Encourage young people to take part in various competitions, such as acre profit competitions, baby beef, hog feeding, dairy profit, etc.

Conduct experiments of all kinds, attend meetings of