

On receiving the report, the Government announced a loan of \$2,000,000 to municipalities to construct workingmen's houses. When in Ottawa the Premier urged on the conference that this was a matter for Federal action. His view prevailed, and \$25,000,000 is to be advanced by the Dominion Government to the provinces to assist in building comfortable homes at low cost. Ontario's share of this \$25,000,000 for 1919 will be about \$8,500,000, which, with the \$2,000,000 already promised from the Provincial Treasury, will make available over \$11,500,000 for this important and necessary undertaking.

Under the plan outlined by the Director of Municipal Affairs, the money is advanced at a low rate of interest, repayable in small instalments in twenty years. Farmers may also partake of the scheme for improvements, buildings, etc. Altogether some ninety municipalities have passed by-laws to participate in the plan, and 4,000 houses will be erected before next spring, providing on the one hand relief from the present congestion, and giving work to many hundreds of artisans.

Motion Picture Service

The Ontario Government early realized the great possibilities in the use of motion pictures for education and entertainment. In 1917 a Motion Picture Bureau was established to provide a service, and to arrange for placing before the people animated pictures of important Government undertakings, such as highway construction, land clearing, forest fire protection, fishing, and the proper methods of performing the more important duties in connection with agriculture, horticulture, bee-keeping, etc.

The Department of Agriculture has added a motion picture projecting apparatus as part of the equipment of the District Offices. From the Bureau in Toronto a service is available for meetings of Farmers' Clubs, Women's Institutes, churches, schools, and almost every social enterprise that occurs in the rural parts.

Since its inception over one hundred subjects have been listed, over 2,000 exhibitions given to audiences approximating one million people.

Protects Properties

The first session after the commencement of the war the Government proposed what is known as moratorium legislation to protect those who had invested in small properties, from loss consequent upon the dislocation of trade. The bill was designed to create as little disturbance as possible to those secured under mortgage agreements, and yet provide some relief for others who were for the time being unable to meet their obligations. This Act has been generally commended.