

years showing that the value of inoculation has been greatly overestimated. A few extracts may be quoted from reports obtained this spring.

The Experimental Station, Summerland, B.C., reports: "The alfalfa that was seeded on newly-broke sage-brush land for testing inoculated seed and seed that had not been treated, showed that the plants grown from the inoculated seed were a better color the first crop after seeding, but at the second cutting no difference could be observed. Nodules were formed on both stands at the same time." The Experimental Station at Sidney, B.C., says that "Inoculated plots are quickly established and greater vigor of growth is obtained during the first two years." That the difference which might be observed between inoculated and non-inoculated alfalfa fields will disappear after some time has been especially noticed at the Experimental Station, Scott, Sask., where "At the time of writing no difference can be noted in the inoculation experiments, although both the soil and culture methods of inoculation are being tested."

From the above extracts, as well as from numerous other observations it may be gathered that it is by no means necessary to inoculate alfalfa. However, inoculation is beneficial inasmuch as it helps to give the young crop a good start. This is of special importance in those parts of Canada where the winters are trying and where it for this reason is essential that a healthy, vigorous growth be established at the end of the first growing season. The more vigorous the growth is and the healthier the young crop is at the end of the first year, the greater are its chances for successful wintering. In this way "inoculation for alfalfa," as the Experimental Station, Lacombe, Alta., states, "is necessary not so much as a guarantee of securing a satisfactory stand but as a guarantee of vigor and permanence of the crop."

It Might Happen Again

In a certain provincial town where everything is up-to-date and the people are always planning some new schemes, a shocking thing happened.

One of the popular society women announced a "white elephant party."

Every guest was to bring something that she could not find use for and yet too good to throw away.

The party, however, would have been a great success but for the unlooked-for development which broke it up.

Eleven of the nineteen women brought their husbands.

HELP FOR HARVEST

(Canada Food Board's Educational Division)

THE farmers of Canada will very shortly have to undertake the harvest work with the help of green labor. In this connection they should remember that we are at war. They should adjust the work throughout the farm to suit the new conditions, and they should begin right in their own minds.

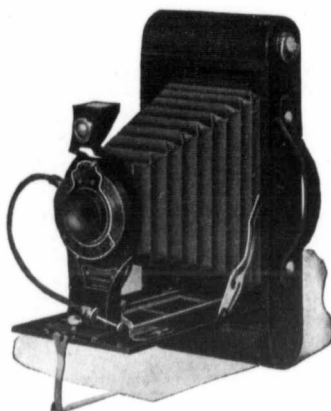
The first adjustment necessary is to change the point of view from one of criticism, discouragement and fault-finding with labor conditions, to that of the soldier and war worker, and realize that we are going through a crisis, the most serious the world has ever witnessed without any exaggeration whatsoever.

There used to be talk among farmers derogatory to the city man and other inexperienced laborers who sometimes sought employment temporarily on the farm. Such talk is out of place now, with the Germans sixty miles from Paris and every available man in Britain and France fighting to save not only his own country but this country as well. Such Canadian farmers forget that they themselves have been farmers all their lives, and in war time they can't expect to secure men volunteering from the cities with an experience in farm work equal to their own. That is an impossibility. But it is not impossible that farm production of this country be increased, despite the shortage of experienced labor. That this is true is proven by the experience of this country in the manufacture of munitions.

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