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NOTE AND COMMENT

The vacant lot and backyard garden production in Canada this summer will be two or three times in excess of that of last year, when between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of garden truck was raised.

A special certificate of honor has been designed by the military authorities of England and will be given to all men discharged for wounds or illness who have been in the trenches. All Dominion troops will get the certificate through the Ottawa office.

We do not yet know what war is and if we never learn its fulness it will be because England and France will have borne the brunt and have saved us from its worst horrors. The debt we shall owe them when this thing is over is not one that can be paid in dollars. And in the days to come no American politician will ever dare again to "Twist the Lion's tail." —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sir Thomas White's announcement that the last of the Victory Loan will have disappeared by the end of July means that Canada will have spent \$130,000,000 of it in the months April July inclusive, for there was that much remaining on March 31st. Even this rate of expenditure will not keep Canada going as \$130,000,000 in four months would be "only" \$390,000,000 in a twelve-month, whereas Parliament have voted \$500,000,000 for war for this year.

The custom of throwing rice at departing brides and bridegrooms has been taboed by the Michigan food administrator. He says that rice is too precious to be used that way, that every grain is needed for food and will do much to make up for the shortage of wheat. It will be very much out of form also to throw old shoes at the "doves" or to waste anything any time. These are days of saving and economy. June brides have also been reminded to make their wedding feasts patriotic; to leave frosting off the cakes but in other ways spare nothing in making the wedding ideal.

New York Sun: The announcement made by Luther Burbank that after eleven years of toil he has succeeded in producing a wheat that will yield an average of forty bushels to the acre, may be grown from Hudson Bay to Patagonia, is rich in gluten, is to be treated with the respect to which Mr. Burbank's astonishing record of accomplishments entitles any out-giving from the master of his wonder working hot beds and experimental fields. It sounds incredible, but Mr. Burbank has the habit of compelling us to believe the unbelievable. The burden of proof rests on the doubters, not on him.

Unless worms be expelled from the system, no child can be healthy. Mother Graves' worm Exterminator is the best medicine extant to destroy worms.

He who reforms himself has done more towards reforming the public than a crowd of noisy speakers.

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THRESHING IN ONTARIO

Gangs Available This Year to Relieve Situation.

A Proposed Plan of Organization—How to Overcome the Difficulties—Applications to Be Filed at Once.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

THE threshing gang is not an untried experiment in Ontario. In certain counties, Lambton for instance, these gangs have been employed and have proven very successful. Neither the threshermen nor the farmer in these cases care to return to the old methods of changing help with neighbors where men for the threshing gangs can be secured. The Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Trades and Labor Branch are now co-operating to make arrangements to ensure an ample supply of labor for as many threshing gangs as are likely to be organized this fall, and suggest herein methods of organizing a gang and a plan of organization.

The Difficulties—Overcome Them.

(1.) In the early part of harvest when many moves must be made and when comparatively small amounts of grain are threshed, the thresherman finds it difficult, often, to make a profit even under present methods.

If he employs a gang his expenses will be much heavier. His charges therefore must be high enough so that later in the season he may regain what is lost at this time.

(2.) But at any time during the threshing season there may be considerable idleness during the frequent changes from farm to farm caused by the comparatively small amount of grain to be threshed on the average farm. By good organization this lost time may be limited to the minimum, however, by having the majority of the changes made at night.

Thresher Board Men.

(3.) If the farmer were obliged to board the gang a certain element of unfairness could not be avoided. It would seem, therefore, that the thresher should be responsible for this. The most convenient way in Ontario, perhaps, would be for the thresher to make arrangements with each farmer to provide meals for the men, the thresher to pay for the same.

(4.) It would seem necessary for each thresher to provide a sleeping van for his gang and the men to provide blankets, as is done in the Northwest. These vans are home-made and one can be constructed for the average Ontario gang for about \$100. If the thresher does his own building. Nothing ornate is required. A structure 10 feet wide by 12 feet long, built on trucks, wind-proof and rain-proof and with two tiers of bunks on each side would afford ample sleeping accommodation for an Ontario gang.

(5.) As several men constitute a gang the weekly wage sheet would run fairly high. This would involve a considerable regular expenditure on the part of the thresher, which in turn would necessitate prompt payment by farmers. Where gangs are employed it is necessary for farmers to give cash or 30-day notes immediately the job is done.

(6.) Probably the most important factor of all is the rates which the thresher will charge. These must, of course, be much higher than those charged formerly. This would make the threshing bill a fairly large sum. Yet the farmer could still make a profit by the transaction. If, by employing a gang, he were enabled in the two weeks thus saved to prepare an additional 10 acres, say for wheat, he would have from 250 to 350 extra bushels of this crop to sell in 1919.

Size of the Gangs.
(7.) The last problem is that of securing men. The average gang would probably consist of eight men as follows: Engineer, blower man, feeder, grainman and four mow or stackmen. This would leave the farmer to take care of his straw and to supply another man to carry grain if one were not sufficient. A team of his horses would also be required to draw water. He would supply fuel, of course, as is now done.

In organizing a gang of this nature possibly not more than two or three could be secured in the locality where it was desired to operate. The Ontario Trades and Labor Branch will undertake to supply as many men as can be secured for this purpose. It is thought there will be no insuperable difficulty in securing sufficient men for this purpose at reasonable wages during the threshing months.

Where the silos are to be filled the same gangs, or as many men as are required, may be utilized for this purpose.

Organize a Gang in Your District.
It is suggested that farmers' clubs, other farmers' organizations, or groups of farmers without definite organization, consider at once the advisability of employing a threshing

Middle Aged Women

Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. GODDEN, 925 Napoleon St., Freemont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISELLA, Box 107, North Haven, Conn.



In Such Cases

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

has the greatest record for the greatest good

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

Eat less Bread

gang this fall. Call the local thresher to the meeting and confer with him regarding ways and means. Then, having reached a definite agreement, write Dr. W. A. Riddell, Superintendent Ontario Trades and Labor Branch, 15 Queen's Park, Toronto.

Inversely any thresher who wishes to organize a gang should write Dr. Riddell also. In every case it will be necessary for a thorough understanding to exist between the thresher and his patrons. When such is the case everything possible will be done to supply sufficient men for all threshing gangs required this year in Ontario. Apply to Dr. W. A. Riddell not later than July 10th.—Justus Miller, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture.

Pink Tea Workers Barred.
The head of the canteen department of the National League for Women's Service has requested all "pink tea" members to resign from her division. "I would rather have one dependable woman than one thousand who can't work because they have an engagement to play golf or because it is their afternoon at home," she remarked, according to the Worcester Post.

Red Cross workers and war workers of all types are up against the old-age problems of organizers—how to weed out the indifferent and inefficient worker, the person who enthusiastically enrolls under every new banner, attends a few meetings, throws a monkey-wrench or two into the organization machinery—and disappears until a new "cause" or a brighter banner flaunts into view.

Such women are obstacles in the progress of any cause with which they see fit to play.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in the country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENNY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75¢.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation

MAXWELL
Most Miles per Gallon—Most Miles on Tires

Economize Wisely
—A Maxwell Car Will Help

Waste is often committed when the intention is to economize.
A Maxwell car, famous for its economy, will cost you only a few dollars a month to operate and maintain.

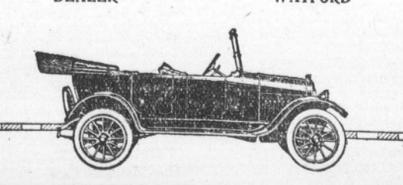
Which is the real economy:
(1) To use the car and save time, strength, and mental vigor?
(2) To do without the car, lose time in your business, lose the health gained from motoring, and worry yourself into illness?

Use of a Maxwell car will give you self confidence.

Your neighbors and associates will get mental inspiration from you.
As wave circles widen when a pebble hits the water, so will your good example benefit your entire community.
Save—yes; but do it sensibly, and let the Maxwell help.

Touring Car \$1045; Roadster \$1045; Coupe \$1540
Berline \$1670; Sedan \$1670; F. O. B. Windsor

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Work or Fight.

The U. S. military authorities are putting into effect a work or fight order beside which the recent order-in-council against habitual idleness in Canada appears mild and ineffective. The American order provides that any man of draft age (between 21 and 31) found idle or engaged in a non-useful occupation may be forthwith inducted into the army no matter in what class or category he

may have been placed, and no matter what exemptions to him may have been heretofore granted. If the man be medically unfit, we suppose he will be employed in non-combatant service, but the point of the order is that the idler must go into the army instead of continuing to be idle in some jail or other place of detention.

Soft corns are difficult to eradicate, but Holloway's Corn Cure will draw them out painlessly.

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