

ing was acute. The crops were heavy and the man power of the farms depleted. Appeals for help from the towns and cities were non-productive. The loss of valuable crops was feared. In this crisis a publicity campaign was undertaken in the press and co-operating with the Food Controller of Canada, the manufacturers were appealed to for help. Towns and villages were urged to lend a hand and see that none of the valuable crop was wasted for lack of co-operation. The response to these appeals was generous and widespread. While in many cases more help could have been used to advantage, there are very few cases reported of actual loss. City, town and village responded. For example, Peterboro reports that approximately 1500 days were furnished to the farmers in the vicinity of that city. Seaforth gave 150 days, Hagersville 300 days Acton 250, Embro 200 days, Markdale 90 days. From town and village, the reports show that every request from the county was met. The following extracts exemplify the matter further:

"Every man and boy in the village has been out harvesting—men who were never in a harvest field before. Our village has done remarkably well."
—Cookstown, Simcoe Co.

"Some of the business men gave as many as fifteen to twenty days each and some retired farmers were out all harvest. Our Council and Board of Trade met and got out a list for every business man or man in the village to sign, who was willing to help the farmers and almost every man in the village signed and went out and helped. Our men turned out well." Tottenham, Simcoe Co.

"The Imperial Bank staff spent the two weeks allowed them for holidays helping farmers take off the harvest. All returned men in our village helped

also. One minister helped the whole harvest through."—Harrow, Essex Co.

"Fifteen men have gone out from our village and almost all are still in the fields or barns helping. Some have been fifteen days, others ten, others four or five days, and others one or two days. Men have gone from the store, blacksmith shop, bank and church to help the farmers."—Brucefield, Huron Co.

This is the spirit in which town has helped country in the harvest of 1917. May this not presage the growth of larger and better co-operative enterprises!

A CO-OPERATING COMMITTEE.

The Organization of Resources Committee is a co-operating agency. Its aim is to help, where help is needed and asked for. At present it is undertaking to carry out the campaign for the British Red Cross Fund. Recently it acted for the Food Controller of Canada in co-operation with the Women's Institutes, in securing signatures for the food pledge cards. It has helped in arranging for the distribution of supplies of fish. Last spring it co-operated with the Labor Department to get boys and girls from the High Schools and Colleges for farm work. It promoted prize essay competitions in the secondary schools and through the Y.M.C.A. District offices distributed S.O.S. badges to those who had worked on the farms. With the Department of Agriculture it has assisted production by encouraging the use of farm tractors and supporting the District Representatives in their plans for distributing farm help. For next year it is already planning. Recently it issued as Circular No. 6, "The C.P.S. Call"—the Conserving of food, the Production of food, the Saving of money. For these war-time