



### A Patriotic Duty.

Too much cannot be said in praise of those women who not only undertook volunteer gardening at the Civil Service lot but have stayed with the project from the time the first sod was turned until the present.

Many were the volunteers at the start, but few have had the perseverance and industry to keep up the good work. It is strange, too, for one would suppose that after working hard to get the ground into condition, the original workers would want to be on the spot when the tomatoes were ripe and the beans were ready to be picked.

More pickers are needed at the garden every night now. The men of the Service as well as the women are asked to come and lend a hand, if only occasionally.

Picking vegetables and flowers and preparing them for market is always interesting work, especially when done in the cool of the evening. Individually, we owe some assistance to the able convener of the garden, our Past President, Miss Florence Burt, who has allowed nothing to interfere with her work and whose tireless energy is responsible for the first-class condition of the lot to-day.

It is hoped that later on we may be able to publish the number of hours the different workers have devoted to gardening.

We all cannot "fork for freedom,"

but surely each one of us can give an evening a week to picking vegetables.

Come and see the garden at the corner of O'Connor street and Argyll avenue any evening at six-thirty o'clock.

### A Book of the Time.

The Women's Branch is indebted to Mr. F. Colson, of the Department of the Secretary of State, for a copy of "Florence Nightingale, as Seen in Her Portraits," which he has lately presented to the Branch.

The volume is edited by Maude E. Seymour Abbott, of McGill University, Montreal, and contains fifteen illustrations of Florence Nightingale with a sketch of her life and an account of her relation to the origin of the Red Cross Society. It is dedicated to "those noble women who have followed in the footsteps of Miss Nightingale and have thereby raised the profession of nursing to the high place it now occupies, and who maintain it therein above the dust of commercialism."

All profits from the sale of the book are for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross Society, so not only does the Branch thank Mr. Colson for his gift but it hopes that the gift itself will result in a number of copies being sold.

### First.

The first ripe tomatoes marketed from the volunteer gardens were grown in the Civil Service lot.

Already over fifty dollars has been realized from the sale of vegetables grown there.