

Paralleling the War service of the older pupils in the schools was the splendid work done by the girls and younger boys of the schools towards increasing the production of the farms. For the three years, 1916, 1917, and 1918, provision was made whereby High School students not eligible for military service, but physically fit for service on the farms, should be allowed to complete their school courses sufficiently early in the year to enable them to engage on the farms in the work of planting, cultivating, and harvesting the crops. Here again there were very many other pupils who undertook such work, some after finishing their full courses in June, and others at the sacrifice of their year's standing. The Departmental records, however, only show the numbers of those who were granted certificates under the special provisions made. All such pupils submitted evidence of at least three months' employment on farms. The numbers were as follows:—

	1916	1917	1918
Departmental and Matriculation	1,708	3,801	3,290
High School Entrance	1,140	2,764	3,366

Teachers were also encouraged during the course of the War to give special training to their pupils in habits of thrift. Special pamphlets were issued, and these and the publications issued under the Canadian Department of Finance were distributed widely among the schools. Directly and indirectly this effort must have produced considerable results. While the inculcation of thrift has been a regular part of the educational effort of the schools, this effort was greatly assisted by the special campaigns carried on during the course of the War. It is hoped that these will continue to bear fruit in the schools by giving point to the work of the teachers in the continued encouragement of thrift on the part of their pupils. The Department also gave its approval to the participation of the schools in the successive campaigns of the Canadian Department of Finance in raising War Loans.

Mention should be made of the very extensive War work carried on in the schools and by the teachers after hours. If an adequate record could be compiled of the