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as the Germans have been for the past four years and as we might have been if Germany had only built a larger fleet of submarines before she declared war, the value must be assessed in some other way. Let us inquire, therefore, how many persons 100 acres of land will feed for a year if put under different crops.

RELATIVE VALUES OF PASTURE AND ARABLE CULTIVATION.—First, as regards grass. We have in this country grass of varying quality, from the hill pasture producing 2 or 3 lb. of mutton per annum to the rich grazing pasture on which a bullock may put on 34 cwt. of live-weight per acre in the season. If we take very poor lowland pastures worth from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per acre for grazing, it will be found that they yield about 20 lb. of lean meat per annum; a medium pasture, rented at from 15s. to 20s. according to the district, may be expected to produce about 100 lb. of meat, while a first-rate fattening pasture, rented at from 30s. to 40s., may produce as much as 200 lb. per acre per annum. If we take the produce of 100 acres of land of each description and assume that the meat produced is used skilfully in combination with other foods, and if by this method we calculate the total number of persons who could be supported on the produce of 100 acres for one year, we get the following figures:-

From the poor pasture..... 2- 3 persons. From the medium pasture. .14-16 From the rich pasture.....25—40

Now how do these figures compare with the produce of tillage land? Let us assume that we have 100 acres growing an average crop of wheat, that the tailings and damaged grain are used in cattle-feeding, and that the balance of the crop after providing seed amounts to about 29 bushels per acre. The produce of 100 acres of this wheat, if milled to 80 per cent. would yield food for 230 persons for a year, and if the milling were reduced to about the pre-war standard it would provide food for 200.

Making similar estimates for average crops of barley and oats, we should find that they provide food for from 160-180 persons per 100 acres

Potatoes, which, by themselves, would be quite an unsuitable food, but which, in combination with a limited amount grain and meat, are quite capable maintaining a population in perfect health, are even more valuable from the standpoint of maintenance of a large population than the cereals. An ordinary 6-ton crop, after allowing 15 cwt. for seed and 10 per cent. for waste, should provide enough to feed 400 persons per 100 acres of land. We may next compare with these figures the value, as human food, of such crops as mangolds and meadow hay. These cannot be used direct but must be employed in producing meat or milk. Assuming that they are used in meat production, a 20-ton mangold crop would produce food for 40 persons per 100 acres and a 30-cwt crop meadow hav would sin for 14 persons. It will thus be seen that there is a wide range in value between our different farm crops when value is estimated in terms of production of human food.

It is not practicable or at least under ordinary farming conditions it would not be practicable, to grow cereals and potatoes continuously. The crops of our tillage land are arranged in rotations which vary from district to district. I have estimated that if we averaged the rotations practiced in the United Kingdom before the War and used the tillage crops partly for human food, partly for stock-feeding as was then our custom, the produce of the ploughed land of the country maintained about 84 persons per 100 acres. Similarly, I have estimated that before the War the grass land of the United Kingdom, which was partly used for milk production, partly for meat production, partly for other purposes, such as the maintenance of horses and the growing of hay, was providing food for about 20 persons per 100 acres per annum. In time of war, therefore, when the production of human food is the prime object of the nation, there

PRODUCTION OF MEAT AS COMPARED WITH WHEAT. - But in time of war it is of land. We must also have regard Toronto, Ont. to the shipping required for provisions,



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POWERS have been granted to the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada by Order in Council of the 11th of February, 1919, to purchase land to be re-sold to qualified returned soldiers who desire to make farming their permanent vocation.

To assist soldiers in settling in any suitable district in which they may wish to locate, the Soldier Settlement Board desires to have filed in each of their Provincial Offices a select list of farm lands available for purchase in each district of the Bastern Provinces, with full description and lowest cash prices of the same. Purchases by the Board will be paid for in cash.

The public are informed that this land is for purchase by returned soldiers, and must be of good agricultural quality, and reasonable price, making possible the success of the soldier as a farmer. It should be within seven miles of a railway, open, free from weeds, water supply assured, and of moderate price. In giving particulars, mention nearest market and school. In comparison with the vast supply of vacant lands, the number of farms immediately required will be very limited. Owners, therefore, will kindly assist the Board by offering for the present only land which fills the above requirements.

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All communications concerning land in the Eastern Provinces should be addressed to the Provincial Supervisor of the Soldier Settlement Board for the province in which the land offered for sale is situated, a list of whom is given below:—

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