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in the nation's honor, heed ! Acquit yourselves like men. As workers on the land, do your duty with all your strength !"

- Lloyd George

THE CRISIS

France, England and Italy in peace times did not depend upon America, but on Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria for most of their breadstuffs. With these sources closed, the crisis of the hour demands that we see that our soldiers and the Motherland are fed.

Everyone in Great Britain has been put on limited rations ! Meat is prohibited one day a week, and the making of cakes and pastry has been stopped. Further restrictions are anticipated.

Bread has gone to 28c per four-pound loaf in England, for the first time since the Crimean War.

Lord Devonport, British Food Comptroller, proposes taking authority to search the houses of Great Britain to prevent food hoarding.

Forty million men, less the casualties, are now on active service.

Twenty million men and women are supporting them by service in other war activities.

In the last analysis the land is bearing this burden. One million tons of food-carrying ships have been torpedoed since February 1st, 1917.

Germany's hope for victory is in the starvation of Britain through the submarine.

Canada's sons will have died in vain if hunger compels the Motherland's surrender.

The land is waiting-the plough is ready-will we make the plough mightier than the sword? Will we help the acres to save the flag?

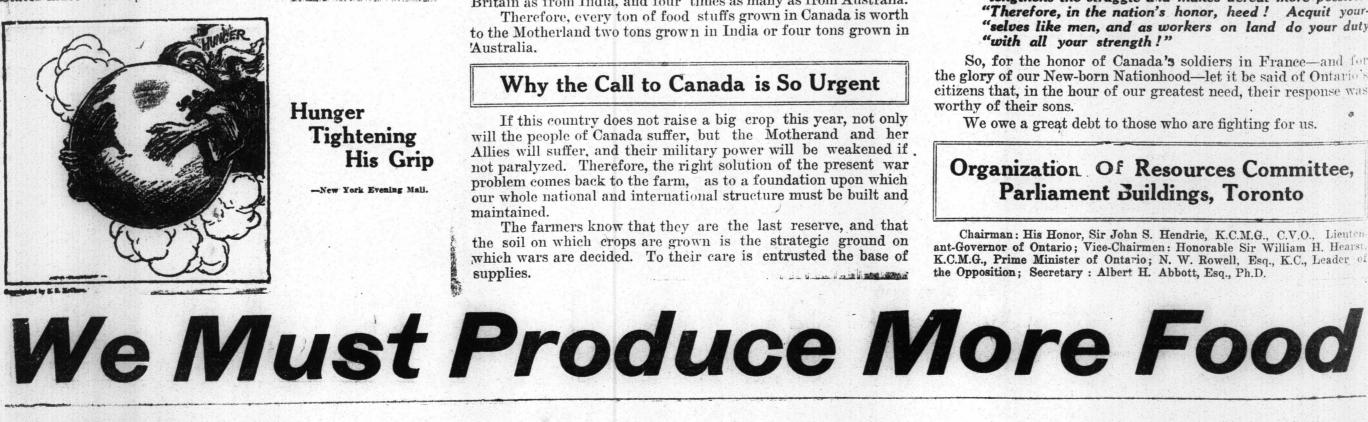
World-Hunger Stares Us in the Face

David Lubin, representative of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture-maintained by forty Governments-reports officially to Washington that the food grains of the world on March 31st, 1917, showed a shortage of 150,000,000 bushels below the amount necessary to feed the world until August, 1917. He declares it is beyond question that unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there will be WORLD-HUNGER before the 1918 crop is harvested.

The failure of the grain crop, in the Argentine Republic which is ordinarily a great grain-exporting nation, resulted in an embargo being placed, in March, 1917, upon the export of grains from that country to avert local famine.

The United States Department of Agriculture, in its official report, announces the condition of the fall wheat crop (which is two-thirds of their total wheat crop), on April 1st, 1917, to be the poorest ever recorded, and predicts a yield of 244,000,000 bushels below the crop of 1915. The 1916 crop was poor. Even with favorable weather, the wheat crop of the United States is ikely to be the smallest in thirty-five years, not more than 64% of the normal crop.

Under date of April 10th, Ogden Armour, executive head of Armour & Company, one of the world's largest dealers in food products, stated that unless the United States wishes to walk deliberately into a catastrophe, the best brains of the country, under Government supervision, must immediately devise means of increasing and conserving food supplies. Armour urged the cultivation of every available acre. The food shortage, he said, is world-wide. European production is cut in half, the Argentine Republic has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up !



in Armenia, in many quarters of the globe.

Famine conditions are becoming more widespread every day. On these alarming food conditions becoming known, President Wilson immediately appointed a Food Comptroller for the United States. He selected Herbert C. Hoover, to whom the world is indebted, as Chairman of the International Belgium Relief Commission, for his personal direction of the distribution of food among the starving Belgians.

Mr. Hoover is already urging sacrifice and food restrictions, for, as he states, "The war will probably last another year, and we shall have all we can do to supply the necessary food to carry our Allies through with their full fighting stamina.

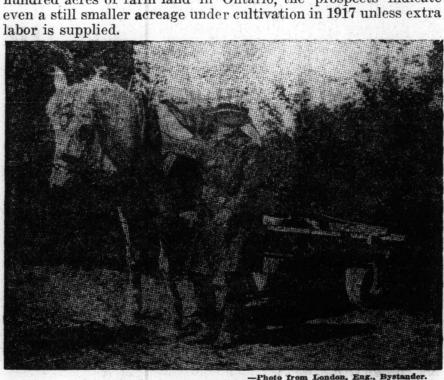
The Problem for Ontario

The land under cultivation in Ontario in 1916 was 365.000 acres less than in 1915. Consider how much LESS Ontario produced in 1916 than she

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Fall Wheat	1916	704,867	14,942,050	105,315	9,794
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Barley and Oats	1916	529,886	12,388,969	G 41,104	7,504
		552,318	19,893,129		
Peas and Beans		95,542	1,243,979	31,401	799
"	1915	126,943	2,043,049		
Corn		258,332	12,717,072	OT'III	9,043
"		309,773	21,760,496		
Potatoes and Carrots		139,523	7,408,429	01.111	5,858
	1915	173,934	13,267,023		
Mangel-Wurzels	1916	42,793	9,756,015	0.000	15,600
and Turnips	1915	50,799	25,356,323		
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Other crops show as critical decline. Reports from Ontario on the condition of fall wheat for 1917

are decidedly discouraging. As there is an average of not more than one man on each hundred acres of farm land in Ontario, the prospects indicate



A 15-year-old Girl at Work Miss Alexandra Smith, one of the thousands of British women workers on the land. She recently won an All-Comers' Champion prize for plowing

Food Production is the Greatest Problem the World Faces To-day

Owing to destruction by submarines, ocean ships are scarce. It is much easier to protect shipping between Canada and England than on the longer voyages from India or Australia. One vessel can make twice as many trips from Canada to Britain as from India, and four times as many as from Australia.

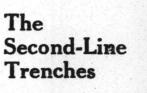


shels 4,961 4,160 9,070

13,424 8,594 0.308







-McCay, in The New York American.



To enable the farm to do the work two factors are essential. The first is Time. Whatever we are to do must be done at once. Nature waits for no man. The second is Labor. Many farmers cannot plant the acres they would because they cannot get the necessary help. Many are afraid to increase their acreage because they fear they would not be able to cultivate and harvest an unusual crop after they had raised it. If they are to do the work that is essential for them to do, the last man in each city, town and village must be mobilized at once.

Every man not on Active Service can help. In every city, town and vilage are men who, by their training on the farm, or by their present occupation, can readily adapt themselves to farm work. These can render no greater service to the Empire at the present time than by answering the call of the farm. Cap. able men and boys willing to learn should not allow their lack of farm experience to stand in the way.

Can the employer render a more signal service in this crisis than by encouraging these men to help the farmer to cultivate every available acre, and by making it easy for them to go?

Ontario's farm lands are waiting-the implements are ready -the equipment is complete-the farmer is willing-all he needs is labor.

So short is the world's food supply that without increased production many in Canada must go hungry, and even with enormously increased production we cannot expect cheap food. The world is waiting for our harvest.

If peace should be declared within a year, the food conditions will be no better. for the accumulated hunger of the Central Empires must be met. This will absorb a large part of the world's supply.

We do not know when this war shall cease. It is endless-its lengthening out has paralyzed the thought and conception of all men who thought about it and its possible time of conclusion. Three months-six months, we said ; nine months, a year, we said; and yet two years and eight months have passed their long, dreary and sanguinary length, and there is no man who can tell how long this gigantic struggle may yet last.

Lloyd George, in a letter addressed to farmers throughout the Empire, said :

"The line which the British Empire holds against "the Germans is held by those who WORK ON THE "LAND as well as by those who fight on land and sea. If "it breaks at any point it breaks everywhere. In the face "of the enemy the seamen of our Royal naval and mer-"cantile marine and the soldiers gathered from every part "of our Empire hold our line firstly. You workers on land "must hold your part of our line as strongly. Every full "day's labor you do helps to shorten the struggle and "brings us nearer victory. Every idle day, all loitering, "lengthens the struggle and makes defeat more possible. "Therefore, in the nation's honor, heed ! Acquit your-"selves like men, and as workers on land do your duty

So, for the honor of Canada's soldiers in France-and for the glory of our New-born Nationhood-let it be said of Ontario's citizens that, in the hour of our greatest need, their response was

Chairman: His Honor, Sir John S. Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Lieuten ant-Governor of Ontario; Vice-Chairmen: Honorable Sir William H. Hearst. K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Ontario; N. W. Rowell, Esq., K.C., Leader of

TREASURE

With Reference Affairs Also Figures Whi gressed

There was a very go at the Rotary Club dir the Brantford Club ye absence of Mr. J. dent, Mr. Scott, pied the chair. The address wa

K. Bunnell, city tre for his subjec tration." and gave most interes regard to Brantfo fairs. At the close he ceived the hearty cor all present. He spoke Mr. President and. F of the Rotary Clui

I appreciate selected as the first of bers to address th Noonday luncheon, an lowed to express th is a happy augury the Brantford Bran Club, the fact that he discussed, namely istration and Finance most important matter

engage its attention Municipal Adminis more closely the eve each person in the dealing as it does with fecting the well being and erty of every rate payer fact of every resident, than o Government of the Provin the Dominion

Municipality is a modern now used for a City, County Township which is organized elf government under a Mut Corporation, and also stands for name of the Governing Body The word comes to us fro Roman, and was the term appli-



