

from the top of the sand which covers the floors.

Twenty hens, well bred, well fed, and quarters kept sanitary in this little pen are good for at least two dollars per year net profit above all expense. Their whole day is given up to their individual care, and with all the necessities but for them, all the time is available for making eggs, and with their morning sun bath, and noon sun bath and afternoon sun bath, and free from draft or foul dusty air, they either have to "lay or bust."

"One acre of good fertile soil with plenty of cheap water is all that one family can handle without hiring help. This is one of the most intensive poultry systems in the world, and makes it possible for people with small means to make a luxurious living on a little land, with health and independence."

In speaking of "cheap water," we infer that Mr. Weeks lives in an irrigation district, and that he can grow green feed the year round.

A Battle With Germans

LAST summer a farmer in eastern Idaho had a field of wheat in which there were also growing, throughout the entire field, a few thrifty but scattering weeds. One day he looked the situation over and decided that these weeds were very detrimental to the crop, and that they would be a great hindrance in harvesting, as he wished to cut the wheat with a combined harvester.

Soldiers Producing Food

THE food shortage is recognized as so serious in Europe that the soldiers are cultivating 50,000 acres between the lines in France, 7,000 in Salonica, and approximately 700,000 in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Palestine and Cyprus. In Egypt, Palestine and Salonica the British Armies will this year grow all their own vegetables and a large part of their hay and forage. All the Military camps in England are being cultivated also. At Aldershot where 28 acres were being cultivated 18 months ago, 1200 acres are now under cultivation.

Labor being very scarce, he wondered how he could get those weeds taken out, but that night he met two young boys on the street in town and asked them if they would cut German weeds for him the next day. They replied that they would be glad to, and would get as many more boys as he wanted, all of whom were in the habit of merely rousing the streets. The farmer went to the hardware store and bought a dozen grass hooks, and had them sharpened to a keen edge. Arriving on the scene the farmer said: "Boys, you see the weeds shading in this wheat? We will take the feed strip by strip and will destroy every weed. We are the American army. The weeds are the Germans."

He had intended to give an order to fire, but before he could finish his instructions the boys were all whacking down Germans at a terrific rate. All went smoothly, and thousands of weeds were soon cut down to wither in the hot sun. After a few hours of steady work, however, one brave little fellow rushed a distance ahead of the rest, chopped down one monstrous big weed, and tramped it completely in the earth with his feet. The farmer watched the proceeding closely, and when the boy returned to the crowd he was warned never to leave the army, as it was against the rules, and extremely dangerous, to which the little soldier replied with a broad smile on his face, "Well I have killed



Canada's Registration

Its Purpose and Application

CANADA faces the gravest crisis in her history. Four years of war have taken from the Dominion a heavy toll in talent and labor, yet despite the shortage of man power, our Allies still depend on Canada to maintain her own fighting forces at full strength and to increase her exports of food and war materials, so vital to them, and to the successful prosecution of the war.

Every ounce by which Canada can increase her food production, and every ounce Canada can save in her food consumption, is needed for export to the Allies.

Should the war continue for another year, food cards and a rationing system may have to be instituted. It is the duty of Canada to be prepared for whatever situation circumstances may force upon her.

It is quite probable that before the war is won our Government may have to place restrictions upon the occupations in which men and women may engage. In such an event, the Government wishes to be in a position to render all possible assistance in keeping our population usefully and profitably employed.

Registration Day, June 22nd

These conditions point to the necessity of Canada knowing the exact capabilities of her men and women at home.

All persons residing in Canada, male or female, British or alien, of 16 years and over, will be required to register on June 22nd and truthfully answer the questions set forth upon the registration card.

It is not the Government's intention to conscript labour in any form, but to assist in directing it wisely, so that every available unit of human energy may be utilized to the best advantage.

It is expected that Registration will assist in solving the very pressing farm labor problem, by disclosing who and where are the people who have had previous farm experience.

The information procured through registration will be used—as an aid to the Military Authorities in securing the men necessary to maintain "Canada's First Line of Defence"—to mobilize all units of available labor in the Dominion and direct them from less essential to more essential occupations—to establish and intelligently administer a system of food rationing should that become necessary.

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