

The Extension of Agricultural Production.

Mr. Chairman,
Gentlemen,

At the outbreak of the present war, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught declared at Toronto that these troubled and critical times nations have to go through offer, on the other hand, splendid occasions for happy initiatives and useful developments; that they bring to light astonishing possibilities of promoting general and individual welfare.

Preceding the businessmen of Old England, whose motto is "Business as usual", our Governor General was appealing to the spirit of enterprise and action of the Canadians for the reason that, in time of war, the country that is in a position to keep on operating its agricultural areas and its industries can, if it so wills, develop the volume of its exports, in other words, of its wealth. What a magnificent scope is given to our young country, whose natural resources are practically boundless!

In time of war, certain economic facts are easier to understand, as for instance, the necessity of increasing the alimentary production, when Famine is at the door, as also the pressing need of finding work for the unemployed, when thousands of them threaten to become a menace to public order and property.

Moreover, political passions have declared a truce before a common danger; the minds, stimulated by the instinct of conservation, stand more closely united for a common