

winter in underbrushing and chopping trees into cordwood and other valuable products and during the spring time in burning the brush off and planting the new land with potatoes, turnips, and other valuable crops. The average yield of potatoes in Northern Ontario per acre is about eighty per cent. greater than that of Old Ontario.

Extensive operations could be carried on during most of the year in breaking up prairie land or in clearing and cultivating our wooded land so as to furnish amply remunerative work for our own citizens and at the same time furnish comfortable farm homes for thousands of the brave Belgian refugees and our fellow citizens out of work in Great Britain.

WHAT MINNESOTA DOES

The State of Minnesota, under Chapter 367 of its general laws for 1911, has cleared some ten or fifteen acres on each homestead and is now offering same to settlers, terms fifteen per cent. cash and balance at end of forty years with interest at four per cent. per annum.

In Great Britain some of the golf links are now being cultivated so as to increase the output of food stuffs for 1915.

During the present depression in Europe, which will probably continue for many years after the war, we can, under such a policy, secure many of the best farmers in Belgium and France, who have been ruined by the present war, to settle in Canada.

At the close of the war many of the brave soldiers now fighting the battles of the Empire would be glad to take up farms in Canada if this assistance were rendered to them by the Dominion of Canada.

The larger rural population we have in Canada, the better chance there will be for our soldiers to return to their former occupations if they prefer same to farming.

This policy would secure the clearing and cultivating of thousands of acres for market gardening and dairying in the vicinity of our towns and cities in Northern Ontario, and would enable the owners to have the work done at a very low cost and also furnish remunerative employment for thousands of our unemployed in the cities at the present time, and for all succeeding years in market gardening and other intensive farming.

Capital is now so scarce that every possible dollar should be spent on reproductive improvements. Every dollar spent on clearing land will probably each and every year thereafter bring back a dollar's worth of farm product.