

NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

MANITOBA.

Professor Reynolds telegraphs as follows from Winnipeg: "All members of the Winnipeg committee are actively at work. A strong committee has been organized in Brandon with Miss Kelso as secretary. All our representatives throughout the province—at Roland, Dauphin, Portage, Boissevain, Manitou, Russel, Stonewall and other points—are reporting educational committees organized and pledge card campaigns under way."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Dr. W. C. Keirstead, Secretary of the New Brunswick Branch, has sent the following report:

During the past month our Pledge Card Campaign has been pushed in the rural districts through the medium of the public schools. Teachers have given hearty co-operation in instructing their pupils, and in circulating the pledges in their localities. In some cases the teachers visited the parents and secured signatures.

The work of the local committees has been gratifying. In Fredericton public meetings have been held at which Miss Peacock, of the Normal School, gave addresses on food values. War recipes have been tested out by lady members of the Committee, and the results obtained were published in the newspapers. In Moncton the Daughters of the Empire are living up to their pledge, not only individually but in their patriotic tea room, and Chapters in other places are rendering excellent service. In Campbellton, the Committee has secured the exclusion of foods from public socials or gatherings, and in St. John and elsewhere considerable is being done to reduce the consumption of sweets and other foods. The local Committee at Chatham has carried on organization work and held public meetings in centres near that town.

The Women's Institutes are doing good educational work in food values, and a strong public sentiment in the province in favour of food conservation is being created.

A loyal group of Red Cross workers is undertaking our work at Rothesay, and this organization is helping in many places. Mr. Schofield and myself recently addressed a public meeting at Rothesay. Other addresses have been given at teachers' associations and conventions.

The local Committee at St. Andrews has circulated the following pledge in addition to securing signature to the household pledge card:—

SAVE BEEF AND BACON EAT FISH AND CLAMS

I agree to take a pint of shelled clams every Thursday from now until the end of March, 1918, for which I will pay in cash at the rate of 20 cents per quart, delivered at my house.

Our Committee is co-operating with the Department of Agriculture for increased production. Arrangements are being made for our members to visit County Council sessions in January in order to enlist their co-operation in a campaign for increased production in wheat and live stock. The Agricultural Department is securing fertilizer and seed grains for the farmers and efforts are being made for increased production another year.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Mr. F. H. Auld, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, has telegraphed the following: "On December 12 and 13, conferences of officials of rural municipalities and Agricultural Societies in Saskatchewan were held at Regina and Saskatoon, respectively, to further the organization of the pork production campaign. The needs of the situation were clearly outlined by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Hon. G. W. Brown and Dean Rutherford and the conferences unanimously resolved to do all in their power to increase pork production. Municipal officers are being employed to facilitate the distribution of surplus sows to farmers who desire to purchase. Members of the Staff of the University of Saskatchewan are addressing meetings of Agricultural Societies and Municipalities are calling meetings of the ratepayers in order that the facts may be presented for the serious consideration of the farmers. We are looking for a big response to the call for greater production."

CHINESE FARM LABOURERS.

Should be Imported Under Indent System, Says Committee.

The California State Committee on Farm Labour has reported that Chinese are fitted for farm labour, and, in order to meet the present critical need of greater food production, has advocated the importation of labour of Oriental or other nationalities under the indent system, that is, for specific and well-defined lines of work. The committee also urged that prisoners of war be shipped to America and put to work instead of being maintained in idleness in Europe.