

Legislature, there are fourteen other members chosen to represent agricultural, industrial, commercial and financial interests. Dr. Creelman, Commissioner of Agriculture and Mr. William Dryden, the well known stock farmer of Ontario County, represent the Agricultural interests. A small Executive Committee, meeting frequently, looks after the carrying out of the General Committee's policies. Sub-Committees have been organized to carry out special lines of work. There are four of these, viz: Organization, Thrift, Poultry and Fish Committees. For carrying out special work through women's organizations a Women's Auxiliary was organized recently.

THE SECRETARIAL STAFF.

To attend to all the details of the many interests involved and the great amount of correspondence, a large office staff has been found necessary. At the head of this staff is Dr. A. H. Abbott, a member of the Faculty of the University of Toronto, who has been loaned by the University for the time being to act as Secretary. In the field during the summer months, six Field Secretaries were active in organizing branch Committees. Mrs. Gurnett, formerly editor of the Women's Department of the Mail and Empire is Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary. Two other Assistant-Secretaries act under Dr. Abbott. The offices are located in the Parliament Buildings.

ACTIVITY IN PROMOTING FOOD PRODUCTION.

Although the Committee was organized in the spring of 1916, its work did not become generally known until the following winter. The increased activity of German submarines in February, 1917, in sinking food-ships and the great world-shortage of food

threatening, brought the Organization of Resources Committee forward to lead the Province in a campaign for increased food production. By advertisements in the public press, by the publication of a plain statement of the seriousness of the situation in a widely distributed pamphlet called "The Crisis," by appeals waged through the pulpits, by stirring Boards of Trade and Municipal Councils to action, the County was thoroughly aroused. Everywhere there was a fine response. Farmers increased their acreages of grain crops, and farmers' wives increased their gardens and their flocks of poultry. Townspeople organized to grow as large a part of their foodstuffs as gardens and vacant lots would yield. Manufacturers put in large acreages of potatoes for their employees. Town Councils plowed up parks, vacant lots, and cemeteries for community plots. Boards of Trade offered prizes to successful competitors in gardening schemes. Groups of men combined to put in large fields of beans, buckwheat and potatoes. Church Societies, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Rotary Clubs, Bank Staffs, Bowling Clubs, Horticultural Societies and Women's Institutes answered the call and "went in" as the saying is, for greater production. And great has been production! And great has been the organized co-operation! Ontario has, through this activity, learned valuable lessons on patriotic and productive team-play. For these results the Organization of Resources can claim a share of the credit.

SECURING FARM HELP.

In another phase of the food situation, the Organization of Resources Committee took an active part. Early in July the reports received from all parts of the Province showed that the labor shortage for haying and harvest-