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"First of all they considered the question of timber that I have already alluded to. Then there is the

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# STEPS TO INCREASE

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when the comes to cutting up his past- COMES TO QUESTION grade ore it did not pay as a com- ure. He has been caught twice with mercial proposition to dig it. It was too much arable land, and caught heaper to get the better class of ore very badly, in 1880 and in 1890. Those years had given the British from Spain armer a fright.

#### PROBLEM OF GETTING UTMOST PRODUCTION

"But this is not a commercial

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are mines, I am told, in Lancashire, mement the war is over. Every farmer we have appealed to has all producing excellent ore, and I am told that if we could increase the must get over that, otherwise he will here mostly, and the price is deter-labor in those mines we could aug-Labor in those mines we could ang-ment by millions of tons a year the quantity of ore which can be pro-duesd in this country. It would have gone to al-are going down immediately after are going down immediately after in this country. It would have gone to al-most any price because the potato crop was a great failure here. Lord here for the community, and what-ever befalls it will never again be neglected by any government. The

Again Need Skilled Labor. Again Need Skilled Labor. "Here again you require skilled labor. I want to make a special ap-peal to both classes. Skilled labor is only available in the stone and slate quarries of North Wales and in some of the collieries where at the present moment the mines are is not solve to skilled labor. Marking two or three important facts. Germany after the war will be a greater purchaser than ever, because her land has been let run slate quarries of North Wales and in some of the collieries where at the present moment you begin to interfere with overlooking two or three important be a greater purchaser than ever, because her land has been let run down, and that is true of the whole of Europe. The crop-raising land of Europe will not raise as much per in some of the collieries where at of Europe. The crop-raising land of the present moment the mines are burdle will not raise as much per not working full time. There are, acre as it did before the war. The land has been impoverished and berow the usual results; it was all right to cut down prices, and the farmer on the other hand was probably equally right in trying to get as good a harvest-raising on price as he could. At any we take make it as good a harvest-raising and or the matter has hear four for this one to use the matter has hear four for the matter has hear for the matter has he

in these cases the saving can only come fairly late in the year.

# FOOD SUPPLIES AND

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All that must necessarily produce, 1 "Now I come to the third, and think, high prices for some time perhaps the more . important, di- after the war. Must Persuade the Farmer.

"But this is not a commercial question of setting rich ore: it is a question of getting rich ore: it is a question of getting ore at all and getting it without using up our toanage. It increasing of the number of our blast furnaces. That means more labor for building ind carrying on the work. And there is a very limited supply, in fact no margin of supply of highly skilled me who work these blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the labor for our blast furnaces. We have protected them against recruiting for months. In spite of that fact we are short of the moment the war is over. Every is the short again of supply of ore? There is a shortage of potatoes.

ment of anything of the kind.

To Ensure Cultivation.

the war. I think the farmer is Devonport was bound to interfere, neglected by any government. The

able to spare a few miners for this purpose. In those two directions we might be able to secure the ne-cessary number of skilled men, and for unskilled me we must trust the people of this country to place their services at the disposal of Mr. Ne-ville Chamberlain. Unfortunately in these cases the saving can only neutral tonnage as well, because prices, and, on the whole, we have there is a far greater percentage of managed to satisfy the farmers as

#### loss amongst the neutrals than there well. is amongst us, because we are pro MEANS OF PRODUCING tecting our ships by means of guns. GUARANTEES WHICH

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6d per 336 pounds. That is higher [ I than the minimum price which we

Itary age engaged anywhere. All the cultivators of the soil are engaged in defending the soil, and there the farmer is dependent almost endering the greatest obstacle to taking upon farms, and upon substitutes. But the greatest obstacle to taking concy is the timidity of the farmer, to enforce cultivation in time concess to cutting up his past- comes to cutting up his pastvation. It is obvious that it is an in-justice and concess to cutting up his pastvation. It is obvious that it is an in-justice to the community that a man should sit on land capable of pro-time site y considerable quanties. The pota-should not be risked in the carings. STO QUESTION OF FIXING PRICES Scotland and Ireland; and therefore there will be an opportunity of con-sultation before prices are fixed reading the converse of the land there is the ele-nent of the weather, the weather for ploughing, sowing, ripening and

backs into it. We are having ex- us until the harvest. Begging for More Ships. cellent reports from Scotland, from

Ayreshire, from Lanarkshire, For-

Ayreshire, from Lanarkshire, For-far and other counties. They are cutting up pasture on a very consid-erable scale to sow oats and plant potatoes. Although it is now very late the former service were service on the serve here en the serve here potatoes. Although it is now very laten interest as only just the same errand. Sary risk, because the nation can do now, by hundreds of thousands of We ourselves are short of tonnage without them during the war and if ons, the food of this country this rear, and thus they can help to de-beat the grimmest menace that ever nage, not in the summer time, not "War is a grim business. We have

"War is a grim business. We have threatened our country. I do no in the harvest, but we must save no right to delegate our sacrifices, believe they will fail us. Substitutes toanage now and save it on a con- We must share them as far as we

women are working now on the land, and I hope the farmers will assist to make the best of the labor which is available. They need not ests to the state. The country is mined by what you have got in this country. It would have gone to alwar has taught us one lesson, that the preservation of our essential Industries is as important a part of the national defences as is the mainte



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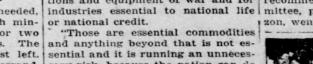
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"What are the essential commodi- bensable imports. They knew the sider was the question of paper,

sultation before prices are fixed. reaping the corn; so that even at ties? Let us cut down ruthlessly tonnage we had to save. That was which absorbs a good deal of ton-"Now I come to the question of rices. In 1915 the price of wheat is used to commandeer for inational purposes. In a solution before prices are fixed. The price of the state to commandeer for inational purposes. In the summer. It is the summer is the summer. It is the summer. It is the summer. It is the summer is the summer. It is the summer is the summer. It is the summer is the summer is the summer. It is the summer is the summer is the summer. It is the summer is the summer is the summer is the summer is the summer. It is the summer is the sum is the summer is the sum is the national purposes. Depends on Farmers. "I hope and trust that with this guarantee the farmers will put their backs into it. We are having ex-Begging for More Ships. "Meanwhile tonnage is needed, industries essential to national life mittee, presided over by Lord Cur-think if men had to choose between (Continued on Page Eleven)

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tion we can assist to enable the country to overcome its difficulties; and that is in the production of him persuaded, and persuaded withand that is in the production of init generation and personance with 1504 pounds. That is the minimum: the Corn Laws were abolished in use going on to argue with him. There is only one way of insuring much wheat as we imported, and immediate action on the part of the 1922, 45 shillings. Then the guarsince then four or five millions of farmer, and that is by guaranteeing antee comes to an end. For oats, cres of arable land have become prices for a definite period of timepasture, and about half the agricul- minimum prices. turel labor population has emigrat-ed to the colonies. No doubt the MUST GARANTEE

state showed lamentable \_indifferaltural industry and to the very life of the nation, and that is a mis-take which must never be repeated.

"No civilized country in the world has spent less on agriculture, or even spent as little, either directly or indirectly are the guarantee of prices. The first is that if the govhas spent less on agriculture, or even spent as little, either directly or indirectly, as we. Between 70 and 80 per cent. of our total food supply has been imported yearly; and at the present moment I want the country to know our food stocks are low—lamentably low—lower than they have been within recol-lection. That is very largely due to the bad harvest. It is not alto-gether due to submarines. It is in the main due to our having about the worst harvest within our re-collection.

Failure of 1916 Crop.

the farmer, and that is that in Mr. "Last year's crops were a failure, and that of course is a very serious fact when our tonnage is absorbed to such an extent by war exigencies and when our tonnage is diminishing. It cultural laborer; and every farmer is essential, therefore, for the safe-ty of the nation, for the maintenance that figure.

ty of the nation, for the maintenance of the nation, for the life of the na-tion, that we should put forth im-mediately every effort to increase production for this year's harvest and the next. The immediate concern is this year's harvest. It would be unnecessary to have done it if we had done it some time ago, but some of the measures we have had to take had to be crowded into a few weeks had to be crowded into a few weeks and I do ask when that occurs that some measure of indulgence should be given to a man who, like the president of the board of agricult- and rents were practically doubled president of the board of agricult-ure, is working under very difficult conditions.

# INDUCE FARMERS TO

"There are only a few weeks in which to sow spring wheat, oats, barley and potatoes. The winter 1 has gone and assary that farmers should luced to increase the area und lvation at once. Otherwise the nation may have to choose between di-minishing its military effort and unler-feeding its population. That is the choice which Germany is tak-ing, the choice of giving too little food rather than diminishing its military power and strength and striking power. That is the choice we wish to avoid, if we possibly can, in this country; and we can do so. What s the main obstacle to inducing farmers to increase cultivation? It is partly the lack of labor. In some es under the voluntary system labor has flocked to the standard and farms were left derelict. Some of these are about the most important corn-producing districts in this coun-

System Was Lacking. "There was no system. When aborer chose to go there was no one to stop him, and there is no doubt at all that a good many districts have been depleted owing to the over-zeal and patriotism of the laborers them. Since the Military Service Act there has been some discrimina-tion exercised. At any rate there are tribunals who have been sitting in judgment in these cases and consid-ering the facts placed before them; and I may say with regard to thirty thousand men called up, out of the sixty thousand whom the tribunals have dispensed with, only ten thous and have really been called up for

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