

NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dean L. S. Klinck, Secretary of the British Columbia Branch of the National Committee on Food Resources, has sent the following report: "Miss Olive E. Hayes has been engaged to act as provincial demonstrator in war time economy. Arrangements have been about completed by Mr. Gibson for the organization of classes of provincial explainers as requested by Dr. Robertson."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Secretary of the New Brunswick Branch of the National Committee on Food Resources, telegraphs: "We are assisting the Department of Agriculture in a campaign for greater production, especially of wheat. This month we are visiting the County Councils at their annual sessions soliciting their co-operation with the Provincial Government in the financing and distributing of seed grains. The work of conservation is being carried forward along the lines already established."

QUEBEC.

Mrs. Henderson, Organizing Secretary of the Women's Food Economy Committee of Montreal, telegraphed the following report: "The plans for our Household Pledge Campaign in Montreal provide for sermons in the Churches on Sunday, January 20th. The Church Societies will form units bringing in their own pledge cards. The city is divided into electoral wards with fifty organizations to make home canvass in these wards for ten days. We shall also have publicity in the newspapers and a publicity committee is arranging for the schools to be addressed during the campaign."

QUEBEC'S WHEAT CROP.

Two million bushels more than normal harvest last year.

Prof. James Murray, of Macdonald College, says:—

"To meet the needs of her population Quebec requires over 11,000,000 bushels of wheat per year. In normal times she grows less than two million bushels and imports the balance from other parts of Canada,—mainly the Prairie Provinces. Last year, through a notable increase in acreage she harvested nearly two million bushels more than usual and thus released for export to Europe a like quantity of western-grown

wheat. There is immediate need for a still greater expansion in the wheat acreage. It can be done without seriously interfering with any farmer's calculations,—those who have been growing no wheat may well grow from two to five acres and those who already produce five acres might grow seven or eight. Concerted action on the part of Quebec's 150,000 farmers is all that is required."

ORGANIZATION IN TWEED.

Mr. C. S. Bootes, Secretary of the Food Economy Committee, Tweed, Ont., has sent an interesting report to the Food Controller. The Tweed committee was organized following an address by Mrs. Muldrew, Domestic Science Expert of the Food Controller's Office. Mr. Bootes asks for certain literature and continues:—

"I have received information from the Fish Committee and have already got in touch with one of the distributors and expect to have a regular supply coming in very shortly.

"We have also started a campaign for the use of brown bread two days a week. Mrs. Muldrew's visit has already borne fruit and the committee is working splendidly. We propose to inaugurate a progressive educational campaign with a house-to-house canvass and are confident that most of the citizens of Tweed will willingly do their part."

MEETINGS WITH BAKERS.

Professor Harcourt has just returned from a tour of the West where he held conferences with the bakers of the various centres and surrounding territory. His itinerary included Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Everywhere he went, he found that the bakers were willing to co-operate with the Food Controller in every possible way. In some instances they had been experimenting by mixing the flour of other grains with wheat flour and the results had been satisfactory. The general opinion among the bakers was that a good quality of bread could be made with ten or fifteen per cent of the flour of other grains taking the place of wheat flour. Professor Harcourt leaves almost immediately for a tour of the Eastern Provinces and will meet the bakers of St. John's on January 14th, those of Halifax on the 16th, and those of Montreal on the 21st.