

PREFATORY NOTE.

In sending out the *Canada War Thrift Book* to the teachers and pupils in the Public and High Schools of Ontario the Minister of Education wishes to commend to them most heartily the principle of thrift which the book so well emphasizes as well as the plan which it outlines for the investment of money in War Savings Stamps. Children require to learn many lessons not contained in the ordinary text-books; of these lessons one of the most important is the practice of thrift. Most people in this country have lived extravagantly; money which comes easily is usually spent thoughtlessly. But persistent extravagance brings its inevitable penalty. Now is the time for economy. Although hostilities ceased after the signing of the armistice on November 11th, 1918, the cost of the war is still to be met, war's ravages must be repaired, and for these purposes money must be saved by all citizens, children as well as adults. In sacrifice and in self-denial, in resisting the allurements of unnecessary pleasures, in saving rather than in spending, comes the true development of character—the stalwart, rugged, honest character which overcomes all obstacles.

And the money saved should be put to good use. True patriotism and sound business instincts demand that every citizen's savings be lent to the Government of Canada to be used for the nation's needs. These needs will be tremendous for many years to come; the help of every man and every woman, of every boy and every girl, will be urgently required. A pupil who saves twenty-five cents and buys a Thrift Stamp is doing something which is at once patriotic and personally profitable—profitable in an educational as well as in a financial sense. If every pupil in the Ontario schools will economize sufficiently to buy a Thrift Stamp every week during the year 1919 (and some can do better than this), the aggregate of these savings will be a magnificent sum.

Realizing the numerous duties which the teachers of Ontario perform so faithfully as part of their daily tasks, the Minister is anxious to avoid the suggestion of additional burdens. But these are days when every true patriot is doing more than ever before. Because the teachers of Ontario have responded so cheerfully and so zealously to every patriotic appeal, the Minister feels certain that they will do all they can to encourage their pupils to save