

Lord Northcliffe asks you this question:

"Can you imagine the boys in the trenches surviving a week if we had to cut down their pork and beans and the various things they have to eat" (a).

Mr. Lloyd George has well said that:

"The line which the British Empire holds against the Germans is held by those who work on the land as well as those who fight on land and sea" (b).

Mr. Hanna is not less peremptory. He says:

"Is famine to be the arbiter of the war? Our kinsmen in Great Britain and Ireland, our Allies in France, Italy and Belgium are not on the farms. Women, children and old men have taken their places doing what they can to fight famine. Our kinsmen and our ALLIES ARE FIGHTING FOR US. WE CAN AT LEAST FIGHT FAMINE FOR THEM" (c).

"The fighting efficiency of the Allied forces will be impaired unless Canada awakens to the seriousness of the food problem. There rests upon us a tremendous responsibility —perhaps for the very issue of the war" (d).

"Germany is trying to starve our Mother Country and your boys at the front.

What are you going to do about it"? (e)

"Britain looks to Canada to shatter Germany's threat of starvation" (f).

Senator Watson, a practical farmer from Manitoba, in a speech in the House last session (August 15) said:

"At the present time the farmer is working to the limit, and is paying as high as \$50 a month for a man for the whole season. Even with that labour employed, he is not able to keep under cultivation the land he has broken at the present time. So, until there is more labour available, there is no use in breaking the land."

"Within the last week I have seen thousands of acres that were once cultivated and which are now covered with noxious weeds, the seeds of which are being blown all over the surrounding country, and the land is in worse condition than if it had never been cultivated" (g).

(a) *Ibid.*

(b) "Food Service," p. 12.

(c) *Bulletin*, No. 2, p. 11.

(d) *Bulletin*, No. 3, p. 1.

(e) "Food Service", p. 9.

(f) *Ibid.*, p. 12.

(g) *Hansard*, pp. 694, 693.