

# An Open Letter—

To the Village Committee and Citizens of Mildmay

Have your citizens organized to increase food production?

If they have not yet done so, We, the Organization of Resources Committee, earnestly ask you to call them together in a Mass Meeting, and lay before them the necessity of immediate and vigorous efforts—the food situation is critical.

It may astonish you to learn that in 1917 Ontario did not grow enough wheat for its own needs. Consequently every Ontario farmer whose land is suitable, has been urged to sow 5 acres more spring wheat this year so that Ontario's demand for wheat shall not be met at the expense of that portion of the Western crop that should more rightfully be shipped overseas.

For this same reason every householder who has a garden or a piece of vacant land is being urged to grow vegetables, because the more vegetables that are grown and eaten in Ontario the less wheat and meat there will be consumed, and, that being so, the Ontario wheat crop should then be sufficient to feed our own people, and leave more Western wheat and other foods available for export.

By intelligent effort, in the cultivation of his own back garden, or from the cultivation of a nearby piece of land, the average citizen can grow, this summer, enough vegetables to support his family through the next winter. And remember, if food restrictions are enforced next winter, a supply of vegetables in the cellar will be very desirable.

If you already have an unofficial or semi-official organization to stimulate food production, so much the better. That will give you the basis for a comprehensive committee.

A plan that has been adopted in many places is here outlined. You should adapt it to the needs of your own community.

1. A General Committee should be formed, representing every important interest of the community.
2. The work should be done by sub-committees. The following list is sufficiently comprehensive for the largest places. You should adapt it to your own community.
  - (a) A sub-committee on Finance. The Organization of Resources Committee is willing to help local branches financially with publicity, public meetings and organization.
  - (b) A Publicity Committee to place local problems properly before the people, supplementing the larger work of the province-wide publicity, by securing pledges, sending out circular letters, arranging for addresses in churches, schools, motion-picture houses, etc., and by supplying local papers with news items.
  - (c) A sub-committee on Vacant Lot and Back-Yard Gardening to include representatives from horticultural societies, school teachers, etc.
  - (d) A sub-committee on Farm Labour, composed of employers of labour, representatives of organized labour, war veterans, etc. Labour is the key to the food production problem. All boy, girl, part-time and vacation labour should be enlisted. Make sure that sufficient labour is ready to meet any demands made by your farming community. This labour should be placed on farms locally through the Agricultural Representatives or the Government Employment Bureaux.
  - (e) A Farm Lands sub-committee, composed of groups of men to cultivate larger tracts of vacant land in the vicinity of cities, towns and villages. Flax growing is profitable and suitable—flax seed and fibre are much needed.
  - (f) A sub-committee on Schools, to enlist all school-children of sufficient age to work either in home gardens, community gardens, school gardens, or on farms.
  - (g) A sub-committee of women on Conservation to deal with the problems of food-saving in the homes; the more broadly representative it is of women's activities the better. Existing women's organizations should not be interfered with, but since conservation is one of the greatest problems, there should be a women's committee in each community to deal with this problem alone.
3. An Executive Committee should be appointed, to include the chairman of the general committee and the chairmen of the sub-committees. This committee should meet frequently.
4. A Secretary to the committee should be chosen, for his knowledge of the situation, who would be free to devote considerable time to the work.

**Lack of food threatens the battle-line and we must deal with the situation.**

## TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN

If you have not yet decided to plant a vegetable garden make up your mind to do so now. You will not regret it. There is still lots of time. Potatoes and beans may be planted up to June 1st and these are the best substitutes for wheat and meat.

For good, practical advice upon how to lay out and cultivate a Vegetable Garden, write for a free copy of the booklet entitled: "A Vegetable Garden for Every Home." This has been prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the guidance of citizens who will respond to this call for increased production.

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## As The Lawyers Express It.

If a man were to give another an orange he would simply say, "I give you this orange," but when the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to put in writing he adopts this form: "I hereby give and convey to you, all and singular, my estate and interests, right, title, claim and

advantages of and in said orange, together with all its rind, juice, pulp and pits, and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, cut, suck and otherwise eat the same, or give the same away with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp or pits, anything hereinbefore or hereinafter or in any other deed, or deeds, instrument or instruments of

whatever nature or kind so ever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

To grow potatoes and other vegetables on every vacant and suitable plot and to rear pigs by feeding them on the kitchen refuse of the neighborhood—these are two ways of really helping to increase the national food supply.

Belmore Women's Institute sent the following bales to the Red Cross Society being the result of the Red Cross Drive held the last week of March:—4 dozen pyjamas; 1 doz. cotton shirts; 1 doz. bed socks; 17 stretcher caps; value \$89.25. Field comforts to France—1 doz. housewives; 16 flannel shirts; 24 pair socks; value \$79.60.

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### Aged Bachelors To Go First.

Those Walkerton bachelors between the ages of 35 and 45, who imagined that as young married gents would be colonels by the time they got over to the fight, will be startled to read in the daily press that class three, which means them, is to be called up before class two, which is us. Those old fellows have been enjoying bliss just a little too long, and it now looks as if they are soon due to have bullets, instead of confetti, thrown at them. If they are as successful in dodging the Kaiser's henchmen as they were Cupid's darts they will come home again, all right, all right, otherwise they will be helping poppies grow in Flanders. —Herald & Times.

Beginning June 1, the banking hours in Canada will probably be made 9.30 to 2.30 instead of 10 to 3 o'clock as at present, the proposed change being based on the shortage of man power in the banks and the necessity of doing something to facilitate the clearing up of the day's routine. However, an amendment to the Bank Act will be necessary before the change can be made, as the Act fixes the hours at which the banks must remain open for the public convenience.

On Tuesday, Chas. W., son of Mr. C. Schreiber, of Egremont, met with a peculiar accident. He was at work in the sap bush when he tripped over a stick and fell forward, his left hand striking the blade of an axe leaning against a tree. The result was a gash in the palm of the hand that required seven stitches by a doctor.

A Government bulletin tells us not to kill snakes as they kill more mice than cats do. The bulletin claims that the rattler is the only snake that is dangerous.

Casualties in Paris from the long range gun for one day were eight chickens. They could be described as, fricasseed after the encounter.

### Cargill Hero.

Dr. Norman R. Sullivan, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sullivan, of near Cargill, has been given the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States navy, and when he goes overseas shortly he will be head surgeon of the ship on which he sails. Dr. Sullivan graduated from the University of Illinois. Shortly after he was sent by the United States Government to Japan and the Philippines to study conditions in the Orient. Returning to the United States he was appointed head surgeon at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, near Chicago. While serving at this station he asked to be sent overseas. He was home on last leave before going overseas.

About twenty boys of the Walkerton High School have offered their services for farm work in the big production drive that is being staged this spring. The prices offered by the farmers are ranging all the way from \$15 per month down, and as one student says that forty-five plunks and part of his examination allowed looks good to him he is strong for growing more food and is an enthusiastic "Son of the Soil." There is nothing that will help production and encourage the boy like putting something in his way that looks good.

Willie Wilken of Hanover, 6 years old while playing with fire crackers the other day, burned his hand and arm rather badly. The fire caught his sleeve and he endeavored to put it out without success by rubbing it in the grass, but with persistence of mind rushed into the house and plunged his arm into a pail of water.

About 40 friends and neighbors gathered at the residence of Adam Eichholz, Carriak, on Monday night, the object being a farewell to his son, Arnold, who was leaving as a soldier on Tuesday. Arnold was presented with a Testament and a purse of \$10.