

TO GROW MORE FOOD.

Federal and Provincial Governments will Co-Operate in Efforts.

The general basis of plans for cooperation between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board on the one hand and the Departments of Agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in an extensive and intensive campaign for greater production in 1918 were agreed upon at the recent Conference of Provincial Ministers of Agriculture at Ottawa.

The Provincial Objectives.

Dr. Jas. W. Robertson was appointed by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board to cooperate on their behalf with these provincial Governments. Definite plans of organization are now in process of completion and application. Ontario has set for itself an objective of 1,000,000 additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops and also the greatest possible production per acre on all cultivated land. Quebec will do her best to pass her objective of 600,000 additional acres. The three Maritime Provinces are depended upon for increased crops to the extent of 400,000 acres or an increase of five acres per farm on the average.

One of the methods of procedure in carrying out the general plan in each province is to form a Greater Production Committee in every township or parish. The members of these committees will be leading and influential farmers who will personally visit their neighbors in the township or parish to secure their earnest cooperation. It has been proposed that in every Province the Lieutenant Governor will issue a proclamation calling for the observance of a week solemnly dedicated to preparation for the crops of 1918, in order to avert dire privation and threatening famine. During this week dedicated to preparation the plans for the season's crops on each farm will be reconsidered with a view to increasing the acreage to the utmost, the seed will be made completely ready and all machines, tools and harness will be put in order to avoid loss of time when the Spring work begins.

In the Maritime Provinces.

Dr. Robertson has now left to arrange with the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for earnest cooperation in carrying out the plans for production to the largest possible number of acres and bushels.

TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

Hon. C. A. Dunning, Director of Production on the Canada Food Board, in his message to the Grain Growers Convention, announced that the Allies require from every farmer in Canada at least 10 acres of wheat in 1918 for every 7 acres grown in 1917, on the basis of average yield. "The difficulties", he added, "are great but it must be done if the war is to be won."

To enable the Allies to maintain even their present restricted rations, Canada must raise for export at least 180,000,000 more bushels of wheat in 1918 than we did last year.

FORTY THOUSAND FARM HELPERS.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Kingston Industrial Agricultural Society, Dr. W. A. Riddell, Superintendent of the Trades and Labour branch of the Ontario Government, made the statement that Ontario would require 40,000 additional persons on the land if there was to be a genuine increase in production this year.

PROGRAMME IN ALBERTA.

The programme for increased production in Alberta as outlined by Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, provides for the establishment of provincial labour registration bureaus in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer. Employers in cities will be approached, on the question of releasing labour for farm work during the period that it is most needed. Boy labour will be secured wherever possible.

100 MORE FARM TRACTORS.

It is the intention of the Ontario Government to add 100 farm tractors to the 127 which are now on hand. These will be put to work as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

EARNING THANKS OF THE KAISER.

Every time you eat greedily you earn the thanks of the Kaiser and Hindenburg; waste at home weakens the defences in the battle line.