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## *The Work of the Organization of Resources Committee*

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THE Great War has shaken and is shaking society into new activities practically unthought of before August 1914. To carry on these activities new organizations have had to be formed. In the Province of Ontario there have been many such. Their names denote their purpose: The Canadian Red Cross, the British Red Cross, the Patriotic Fund Committee, the Home Guards, Recruiting Leagues, Patriotic Leagues, Speakers' Leagues, Preparedness Leagues, Win-the War Associations, War Auxiliaries Returned Soldiers' Committees, Field Comfort Clubs, Soldiers' Tobacco Clubs, Letters to Soldiers' Clubs, War Production Clubs, Gardening Associations, Farm Help Committees, Leagues, and Labor Bureaux. There is hardly a village or a township in Ontario that has not one or more of these organizations represented with its burdens. Where the organization is not formally represented by a Committee of its own, it will be generally found that its special work is being carried on nevertheless by some of the older established organizations which were in existence before the war, such as the Women's Institutes, Church societies, Town or Township Councils, Daughters of the Empire, and Horticultural Societies. The person or the community in Ontario that has not been

stirred into some war-time activities during the past three years, must be very isolated, very unpatriotic or very selfish.

CREATED BY AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Organization of Resources Committee came into existence as an expression of our Legislature's conviction that the Province of Ontario should make the greatest possible contribution to winning the war by co-operating with the Federal authorities and by maintaining the agricultural and industrial production of the Province. The law creating the Committee was passed in April 1916. By an amendment to the act in 1917 the objects of the Committee were defined as follows: "To aid in securing the conservation, utilization and organization of the resources of Ontario for the successful prosecution of the war, and to secure the maintaining and increasing of the agricultural and industrial production of Ontario and the better development of the natural and other resources of the Province during the war and thereafter."

The committee is strictly non-partisan. Both sides of the Legislature are represented in the *personnel*. The Lieutenant-Governor is Chairman, Premier Hearst and Mr. Rowell are Vice-Chairmen. In addition to the nine members selected from the