

NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

Nova Scotia.

Mr. Arthur S. Barnstead, Organizing Secretary of the Nova Scotia Committee, sends the following report:

"Our sub-committee on fruit and vegetables has been investigating the potato situation. A conference was held recently with a member of the Milk Committee, when questions in regard to milk supply, consumption of ice-cream, and use of oleo-margarine were discussed. Questionnaires have been sent out in respect to milk supply and prices for information of the Milk Committee at Ottawa. Our committee has distributed information to clergymen and heads of committees dealing with the aims of food control. Office circulars have been issued to school inspectors and are now being sent to teachers as well. At several meetings of teachers' institutes recently addresses were delivered on the value of food conservation and the work and aims of the Food Controller."

Prince Edward Island.

Mr. William Kerr, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., secretary of the Prince Edward Island Committee on Food Resources, was in Ottawa on Saturday and conferred with Mr. T. B. Macaulay, Dominion chairman. Mr. Kerr stated that the provincial organization was ready to begin its household pledge-signing campaign at an early date. Various public bodies and all the ministers have pledged their support and assistance. The newspapers, too, are co-operating. It is planned to prepare for the campaign with a lesson in all the schools on a Friday afternoon, followed by an appeal on behalf of food conservation in the churches on Sunday. The actual distribution of the pledge cards will begin on the Monday. Mr. Kerr is confident that the cards will be signed in at least 12,000 out of the 18,000 homes on the island and he is hopeful that the number may run to as high as 15,000. An advertising campaign is planned. The Provincial Committee has been active in various ways. Letters have been sent to all the clergymen in the province requesting their co-operation. At the Charlottetown exhibition recently, a demonstration was given, under the auspices of the committee, of substitutes for wheat and meat.

Later telegraphic advices from Mr. Kerr state that the pledge-card campaign may begin on October 29. The advertising campaign has been arranged for a later date in order to avoid conflict with the new war loan advertising.

Quebec.

Mrs. Huntley Drummond, Chairman of the Women's Food Economy Committee of Montreal sends this report: "The members of our Committee meet every Thursday afternoon in their rooms for conference. The Executive is composed of representatives from the leading women's societies in Montreal. These societies are prepared to distribute the pledge cards when the public has been educated through the publicity campaign. On October 10, Hon. Mr. Hanna addressed the Housewives' League of Montreal and the following day the Committee had an extremely interesting meeting considering the questions which the Food Controller had outlined. The Executive went to Macdonald College on Tuesday of this week to eat a "substitute" lunch and to witness demonstrations. The Daughters of the Empire are organized to cover five wards of the city with the pledge cards; other societies are volunteering. The Women's Canadian Club will bring Miss Arnold of Symond's College, Boston, to speak on American methods of Economy. The Protestant Teachers' Association arranged for the Chairman of this Committee to speak at their Convention."

Saskatchewan.

Mr. G. A. Mantle, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Committee, telegraphs: "When Dr. Robertson was here last week we completed the organization of our Provincial Committee and are now at work organizing local Food Economy Committees in the larger urban centres. The first of these was started at Saskatoon on October 13. Representatives from Saskatchewan have been appointed on the Central Advisory Committees of the Food Controller's office, as follows:

Fruit and Vegetable Committee:—Mr. L. E. Mutton, of Regina; Fish Committee:—Mr. F. N. Darke, Regina; Milk Committee:—Mr. W. A. Wilson, Regina; Local Sub-Committees are now at work in co-operation with the central organizations."

BACON NEEDED FOR ARMY.

In the United Kingdom army requirements of bacon are being given preference and there is talk of requisitioning supplies ordinarily available for civilian consumption.