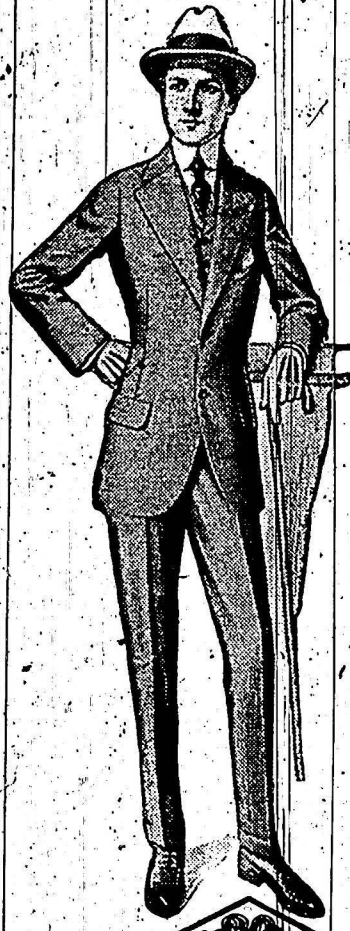


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called upon to put forth her mightiest effort to help stem the tide of destruction, to aid the Empire and to profit herself. In entering upon the campaign in which it is now engaged, the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion has entered upon a task that should do untold good. It is not that our farmers needed altogether to be prompted to benefit themselves, but that perhaps some of them do not entirely recognize the seriousness of the present and the more than probable critical conditions of the future. If the year were to end to-morrow, there would still be need for every effort in productiveness, for many years must elapse before the devastation that has been caused can be remedied or repaired. Unhappily, the probabilities are that the giant conflict will continue for many months yet, in which case the mind of man cannot fathom or foresee the damage that will have been done to every form of industry. To agriculture in particular, by the waste of life, by the wrecking of property and by the spreading of desolation. It is in repairing

the damage others cause that the farmers are called upon to aid. It is their mother country that cries to them. The Agricultural Department is not alone holding conferences at many points in the country, but it is engaged as will be seen by its announcement elsewhere, in distributing large quantities of literature telling how the farmer can best serve the interests of the Empire, display his grateful sense of patriotism, and bring profit to himself. In brief and explicit language, that all who run may read and understand, is pointed out the needs of the situation and how those needs can be met. Above all, the advice is given to avoid waste. Everything can be utilized. Nothing need be thrown away as useless. The economy of production is in saving. The wisest can learn something by reading, and in the Bulletins and Reports prepared and written by experts and men of practical science, farmers will find hints, suggestions and information of the greatest value at this season, and such as will advantage both their

land and themselves for all time. They will also aid them in that duty to the Empire which is such passing and instant importance that to shirk it is to be criminal. Copies of the publications of the Department can be had upon addressing Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. No postage is required on the application.

Cereal Crops on the Experimental Farms.

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Cardinal Facts.

Everybody can do a little. Every man should do what he can. Improved production means increased production. Canada's future depends upon our actions of to-day. In serving the Empire we are serving ourselves. Markets are not created, won and held in a day. Now is the time to prove ourselves the Guardians of the Empire. We have the soil, we have the resources, we must have the energy to use them to the greatest advantage. As we acquit ourselves at this crisis, so will be our prosperity and pride in the years to come. With more than half of productive Europe engaged in war, and large sections decimated, other countries and especially those forming the British Empire, will have to make up huge deficiencies, both of foodstuffs and material. Great Britain imported 51,786,915 bushels of wheat from Canada in 1913. She imported 80,043,879 bushels from the United States. She also imported 12,789,969 bushels from Russia and Central Europe. Great Britain imported 24,148,833 bushels of barley in 1913 from Russia, Roumania, Turkey, Germany and Austria. From Canada she took 5,977,523 bushels, or less than a fourth. Great Britain took 22,451,683 bushels of oats from Germany, Russia and Roumania in 1913, of which one-half was from her bit of the most savage enemy of today. Great Britain imported 185,125,000 bushels of wheat from August 1st, 1913 to July 31st, 1914. Russia exported 152,267,000 bushels and Roumania 15,643,000 bushels in the same time. How far is Canada going to help to make up the deficiency? Great Britain imported from August 1st, 1913 to July 31st, 1914, 44,307,000 bushels of oats. Russia exported 34,757,000 bushels, Germany 25,177,000 and Roumania 2,195,000 bushels. Who is going to make up this deficiency of seventy-seven million bushels.

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Local and General

The New Spring Hats for Men and Boys have arrived at Mr. John Rathbun, of the Sound, Grey County, Clerk, who is selling them at 25c. They're only \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$55.00, \$60.00, \$65.00, \$70.00, \$75.00, \$80.00, \$85.00, \$90.00, \$95.00, \$100.00. See the Men's Suits, at Robins Bargain Store, at 10c. Visitors from the West to drop in to have their photos taken. They're here the most stylish and "luxurious" Suits for Men, leather and new hats, at very low prices. From the West, a new style and color of Suits in stock. The Union Bank awarded the contract for the building of a High School in Thornbury. LIST: On Saturday, a key ring containing a Finder will be received by the same at Standard Office. A. Beattie is offering a fine farm for sale. Will separate parcels. Appraisers of R. S. Markdale. Mr. Thomas F. Brown, County's property, was sold Saturday. School was held at age 76 years. Anyone who has a piece of work to be done, you can get it done at a low price. The Standard School was held on Saturday. The number of children in the school was 11. The children of the school were very happy. NOTICE: Any person who has a piece of work to be done, you can get it done at a low price. The Standard School was held on Saturday. The number of children in the school was 11. The children of the school were very happy. Notice is hereby given that the Agency for the Standard Fire Insurance Company, held by the late W. G. Price, has been taken over by H. W. Priceville, R. R. No. 2.

March Meeting of Presbytery. Credit Sale

The March meeting of the Owen Sound Presbytery held on the 2nd inst. was well attended and important business done. Among the matters of more general interest were the report of the Mission Committee. In the War field a minister has been called and both Bay County and Owen Sound (North) St. Paul's, progress is being made toward self support. Interest in Sabbath Schools seems to be on the increase and arrangements are being made for a visitation of all the schools in the Presbytery during the early summer. The Presbytery Treasurer reported a favorable balance and the rate was lowered to seven cents per church. A member which covers all expenses of Presbytery and Synod. Full consideration was given to the draft of a proposed Revised Book of Praise and it was decided to recommend it in publication, while continuing preparation for the best possible book when it is published. (The resignation of Mr. Royce, minister of Knox Church, on which he insisted, was accepted with great reluctance and deep regret.)

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