

to be based solely upon the proper distribution of Canadian labor resources.

The first step, therefore, was to create machinery to obtain and distribute this available labor supply. This machinery has now been created, at little additional cost to the Province, by linking together the Ontario Government Public Employment Bureaux and the branch offices of the Department of Agriculture, which are now to be found in every county in Ontario.

Zone Offices Named.

The plan, therefore, embodies a Province-wide scheme of employment bureaux, rural as well as urban. It will follow to a considerable extent that of the British Labor Exchanges. Zone offices will be established at present in six centres—namely: Toronto, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Fort William, and Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie. These offices will report daily to the Provincial Labor Exchange in the Labor Building, 15 Queen's Park, Toronto. Sub-bureaux will also be maintained in some of the smaller cities, such as Brantford, St. Thomas, Kitchener, etc., each reporting to a zone bureau.

Connected with these zone offices, as mentioned above, will be the branch offices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, which are to be found in forty-five towns and smaller cities in the Province. This use of the branch offices, under the district representatives, is an entirely new departure, and promises to be of great value in any successful scheme of employment bureaux for the Province. The linking up of the District Representatives in this way places a live representative of the Public Employment Bureaux in every county.

Draws Upon Whole Province.

Through this close connection the whole labor forces of the Province can be drawn upon to meet the urgent need of labor on the land, and it is hoped to utilize the Provincial system of employment offices to the utmost to secure this adequate labor force. The plan as outlined above will enable the Ontario Government Public Employment Bureaux to be in close touch continually with every opportunity for employment in all the urban and rural centres of Ontario.

The Colonization Branch of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines has established offices in the States bordering on Ontario for the purpose of bringing in farm laborers. The men on their arrival in Ontario will be turned over to the Ontario Government Public Employment Bureaux and placed on farms through the Branch offices of the District Representatives who are in charge.

Every facility afforded by these bureaux is available to every citizen without cost—whether employer or employee. The urgent need of the hour, however, for greater food production makes it imperative that the labor requirements of the farms shall have the first claim upon the services of the Employment Bureaux.
