

Famine and World-Hunger Are On Our Threshold



"In the nation's honour, heed! Acquit yourselves like men. As workers on the land, do your duty with all your strength!"
—Lloyd George.

THE CRISIS

France, England and Italy in peace times did not depend upon America but on Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria for most of their breadstuffs. With these sources closed the crisis of the hour demands that we see that our soldiers and the Motherland are fed.

Everyone in Great Britain has been put on limited rations: meat is prohibited one day a week and the making of cakes and pastry has been stopped. Further restrictions are anticipated.

Bread has gone to 28c per four-pound loaf in England, for the first time since the Crimean War.

Lord Devonport, British Food Comptroller, proposes taking authority to search the houses of Great Britain to prevent food hoarding.

Forty million men, less the casualties, are now on active service.

Twenty million men and women are supporting them by service in other war activities.

In the last analysis, the land is bearing this burden.

One million tons of food-carrying ships have been torpedoed since February 1st, 1917.

Germany's hope for victory is in the starvation of Britain through the submarine.

Canada's sons will have died in vain if hunger compels the Motherland's surrender.

The land is waiting—the plough is ready—will we make the plough mightier than the sword?

Will we help the acres to save the flag?

World-Hunger Stares Us in the Face

David Lubin, representative of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture—maintained by forty Governments—reports officially to Washington that the food grains of the world on March 31st, 1917, showed a shortage of 150,000,000 bushels below the amount necessary to feed the world until August, 1917. He declares it is beyond question that unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there will be WORLD-HUNGER before the 1918 crop is harvested.

The failure of the grain crop in the Argentine Republic, which is ordinarily a great grain-exporting nation, resulted in an embargo being placed, in March, 1917, upon the export of grains from that country to avert local famine.

The United States Department of Agriculture, in its official report, announces the condition of the fall wheat crop (which is two-thirds of their total wheat crop) on April 1st, 1917, to be the poorest ever recorded and predicts a yield of 244,000,000 bushels below the crop of 1915. The 1916 crop was poor. Even with favorable weather, the wheat crop of the United States is likely to be the smallest in thirty-five years, not more than 64% of the normal crop.

Under date of April 10th, Ogden Armour, executive head of Armour & Company, one of the world's largest dealers in food products, stated that unless the United States wishes to walk deliberately into a catastrophe, the best brains of the country, under Government supervision, must immediately devise means of increasing and conserving food supplies. Armour urged the cultivation of every available acre. The food shortage, he said, is world-wide. European production is cut in half, the Argentine Republic has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up!



Hunger Tightening His Grip
—New York Evening Mail

People are starving to-day in Belgium, in Serbia, in Poland, in Armenia, in many quarters of the globe. Famine conditions are becoming more wide-spread every day.

On these alarming food conditions becoming known, President Wilson immediately appointed a Food Comptroller for the United States. He selected Herbert C. Hoover, to whom the world is indebted as Chairman of the International Belgium Relief Commission for his personal direction of the distribution of food among the starving Belgians.

Mr. Hoover is already urging sacrifice and food restrictions, for, as he states, "The war will probably last another year and we shall have all we can do to supply the necessary food to carry our Allies through with their full fighting stamina."

The Problem for Ontario

The land under cultivation in Ontario in 1916 was 365,000 acres less than in 1915.

Consider how much LESS Ontario produced in 1916 than she raised in 1915:

	Year	Acres	Bushels	1916 DECREASE	1915
Fall Wheat	1916	704,867	14,912,030	105,315	9,794,961
	1915	811,185	21,737,111		
Barley and Oats	1916	529,886	12,388,369	24,432	7,504,160
	1915	552,318	19,892,129		
Peas and Beans	1916	95,512	1,243,979	31,401	799,070
	1915	126,913	2,043,010		
Corn	1916	258,332	12,717,072	51,441	9,043,424
	1915	309,773	21,760,496		
Potatoes and Carrots	1916	139,523	7,408,429	34,411	5,858,594
	1915	173,934	13,267,023		
Mangel-Wurzels and Turnips	1916	42,793	9,756,015	8,006	15,600,308
	1915	50,799	25,256,323		

Other crops show as critical decline.

Reports from Ontario on the condition of fall wheat for 1917 are decidedly discouraging.

As there is an average of not more than one man on each hundred acres of farm land in Ontario, the prospects indicate even a still smaller acreage under cultivation in 1917 unless extra labor is supplied.



—Photo from London (Eng.) Bystander.

A 15-year Old Girl at Work

Miss Alexandra Smith, one of the thousands of British women workers on the land. She recently won an All-Comers' Champion prize for plowing.

Food Production is the Greatest Problem the World Faces To-day

Owing to destruction by submarines, ocean ships are scarce.

It is much easier to protect shipping between Canada and England than on the longer voyages from India or Australia.

One vessel can make twice as many trips from Canada to Britain as from India, and four times as many as from Australia.

Therefore, every ton of food stuffs grown in Canada is worth to the Motherland two tons grown in India or four tons grown in Australia.

Why the Call to Canada is So Urgent

If this country does not raise a big crop this year, not only will the people of Canada suffer but the Motherland and her Allies will suffer and their military power will be weakened if not paralyzed. Therefore, the right solution of the present war problem comes back to the farm, as to a foundation upon which our whole national and international structure must be built and maintained.



The Second-Line Trenches

—McCoy in The New York American.

The farmers know that they are the last reserve, and that the soil on which crops are grown is the strategic ground, on which wars are decided. To their care is entrusted the base of supplies.

To enable the farm to do the work two factors are essential. The first is Time. Whatever we are to do must be done at once. Nature waits for no man. The second is Labor. Many farmers cannot plant the acres they would because they cannot get the necessary help. Many are afraid to increase their acreage because they fear they would not be able to cultivate and harvest an unusual crop after they have raised it. If they are to do the work that is essential for them to do, the last man in each city, town and village must be mobilized at once.

Every man not on Active Service can help. In every city, town and village are men who, by their training on the farm, or by their present occupation, can readily adapt themselves to farm work. These can render no greater service to the Empire at the present time than by answering the call of the farm. Capable men and boys willing to learn should not allow their lack of farm experience to stand in the way.

Can the employer render a more signal service in this crisis than by encouraging these men to help the farmer to cultivate every available acre, and by making it easy for them to go?

Ontario's farm lands are waiting—the implements are ready—the equipment is complete—the farmer is waiting—all he needs is labor.

So short is the world's food supply that without increased production many in Canada must go hungry, and even with enormously increased production we cannot expect cheap food. The world is waiting for our harvest.

If peace should be declared within a year, the food conditions will be no better, for the accumulated hunger of the Central Empires must be met. This will absorb a large part of the world's supply.

We do not know when this war shall cease. It is endless—its lengthening out has paralyzed the thought and conception of all men who thought about it and its possible time of conclusion. Three months—six months, we said; nine months, a year, we said; and yet two years and eight months have passed their long dreary and sanguinary length and there is no man who can tell how long this gigantic struggle may yet last.

Lloyd George, in a letter addressed to farmers throughout the Empire, said:

"The line which the British Empire holds against the Germans is held by those who WORK 'ON THE LAND as well as by those who fight 'on land and sea. If it breaks at any point it 'breaks everywhere. In the face of the enemy the 'seamen of our Royal naval and mercantile marine 'and the soldiers gathered from every part of our 'Empire hold our line firstly. You workers on land 'must hold your part of our line as strongly. Every 'full day's labor you do helps to shorten the struggle and brings us nearer victory. Every idle day, 'all loitering, lengthens the struggle and makes defeat more possible. Therefore, in the nation's 'honour, heed! Acquit yourselves like men, and as 'workers on land do your duty with all your 'strength!'"

So, for the honor of Canada's soldiers in France—and for the glory of our New-born Nationhood—let it be said of Ontario's citizens that, in the hour of our greatest need, their response was worthy of their sons.

We owe a great debt to those who are fighting for us.

Organization of Resources Committee, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Chairman: His Honour, Sir John S. Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O. Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; Vice-Chairmen: Honourable Sir William H. Hearst, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Ontario; N. W. Rowell, Esq., K.C., Leader of the Opposition; Secretary: Albert H. Abbott, Esq., Ph.D.

Holstein Leader

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Bride of Palmerston, a former teacher here, visited Mrs J Mathew over the week end.

Miss Susie Haas, is again visiting her cousin Miss Edna Haas.

Dr T Dixon of Chicago arrived Monday to visit his parents Mr and Mrs J Dixon.

The Agricultural Society placed a Bell piano in the Hall last week.

Miss Mary Tucker of Toronto is visiting her sister Miss S Tucker and other relatives at Bromore.

Mrs Patric spent Sunday in Durham at the home of her cousin Mr Brown.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church spent a very sociable and pleasant afternoon at the parsonage on Tuesday.

Mrs Jas Allan, Varnes spent Thursday at the home of Mrs Baird.

Mr Jas Meyers has sold his residence to Mr Ed Hoy.

Miss R Geddes has received word that her brother John J Merchant has been wounded while on duty in France.

Mr Mullen from the west visited Mr J Dixon and others over the week end.

Misses Jean and Agnes Black of Hopeville spent Sunday with Miss R Geddes.

Many from the village attended the funeral of the late Wm Allan, on Tuesday.

The Epworth Leaguers were favoured on Tuesday evening by an address from Capt Martin of Palmerston.

Mr M. Bealey of Standard Bank, Harrison and Pte T Padfield of the 24th were at the home of Mr Chas. Drumm on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Mickleborough were unexpectedly presented with a Victrola on Friday evening, it being a gift from their family.

The fishing season opened Tuesday. Many of our fishermen were contemplating some early morning sport, but owing to the very disagreeable weather they found it much more comfortable in the house than sitting out in the rain waiting for the fish to bite.

Dr Mair went to Mitchell on Saturday to get his car. On Tuesday morning he and J Queen left for Toronto.

The first true fish story of the season was that of a fine 10 1/2 inch speckled beauty landed Tuesday morning in the dam by D P Coleridge. 'Twas the first one he pulled out.

Sacramental services will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning next, and on Monday evening the Quarterly Board will meet at 8 p.m.

The Mass meeting on Thursday evening was well attended. Capt Parsons who addressed the meeting, stated existing conditions very plainly and forcefully. Her earnest plea was for more men to reinforce those already in the trenches and thus help end the war. Lieut Yule spoke to the interests of recruiting. Mrs Rogers very ably filled the chair. Mr Philp gave a short address and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Many in Holstein who made the acquaintance of Mrs Capt Minifie when she spent a week here last fall, regretted to hear of her sad death by drowning off the pier in Kincardine last Tuesday. Being in poor health, in an effort to improve it, she accompanied her husband on his tours in aid of Belgium Relief work and while adjusting her veil in a walk along the pier, accidentally stepped off and dropped in the cold waters. Capt Minifie at once jumped in to her rescue, and keeping her afloat, called for help which was soon forthcoming. A rope was thrown to him which he got under his arms and they were pulled out, but with Mrs Minifie life was extinct, the shock being too much for her. Capt Minifie was well exhausted, but after working over him for two hours, the doctors succeeded in his regaining consciousness, thanks to his strong constitution.

The Officers and Directors of Egremont Agricultural Society feel the loss of Mr Wm Allan very keenly. In many ways he was a father to the Society, an agreeable colleague to work with and his advice and counsel always acceptable. Not a little of the Society's success is due to foundations laid by him.

SOUTH BEND

Rev Mr and Mrs Stewart of Drew visited friends here last week.

Mrs George Hunt, OSR visited at Mr J Earig's and J Hunt's recently, Mr George Hunt and son Frank also visited friends here.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Edgar Gardiner on the arrival of a young lady whom we welcome to the Bend.

Mr George Rawn started on Tuesday last week for the Great Lone Land. We wish him the best of good luck.

Farmers are busy and we hope they will bring favorable weather. Autos are already dashing through our Main St; as saucy as ever.

We extend congratulations to Mr and Mrs Orland Bradwin and wish them much happiness.

For Sale.

A beautiful golden Scotch Collie only ten weeks old. Very cheap. Also eggs for setting. Campines best winter layers \$2.00 per setting. Black Leghorns \$2.00 per setting. Rhode Islands R d \$1.00 per setting. apply to T H Abbott, Holstein Ont.

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Mr. Oliver Hunter has sold his touring car to Mr. Jos. Atkinson, Clerg.

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HOUSE TO RENT. - present by Mr. Rabb. Will be y 1st of May. W. Caldwell.

Good clean Oats for Sale - for seed as well. \$5 per bushel. ply to J. Levine, Durham.

Pte. Harry McIntosh of Prices reported wounded in last week. It is a slight head wound.

Messrs Stanley Graham and Large of Bentock have had their furniture in a car prepared to moving to Toronto.

Ontario Cedar Shingles for Sale car expected immediately. Tho need of shingles should apply our prices are advancing. J. N. Mur

FARMERS HELP. - Farmers who use the services of High School for a few months, should commu with Principal Allan of Durham School.

We have a stock of ground wheat on hand that is offering the next few days at \$40.00 per sacks included. If you want feed now, as we have only a limited quantity to offer at this price.

ROB ROY CEREAL MILLS CO.

Mr Anthony Holmes, had the fortune to have three of his flus almost cleared in a machine at Furniture Factory on Saturday will incapacitate him for a wh His wife also is lying very ill at home.

PROLIFIC EGGS - Mr. Jas Hay, P. ton, who was visiting in Durham Tuesday last, had 23 incubus this year from 10 eggs and is raising 20 of the successfully. With lambs about \$1 piece who says there isn't money sheep?

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The Orillia Times to mark the fifth year of its existence has issued a fine illustrated Jubilee number. The iss is attractive and a credit to the publishers, Messrs H. T. and Geo. A. Black stone and F. G. King, editor and proprietor. Naturally it is full of reminiscent lore, is thoroughly up-to-date with present day activities, and even has a Tracy article dated May 1917, anticipating and describing the Orillia of that day and its chief citizens even to incidentally mentioning the fact that its local member was one Premier Rowell's chief supporters. Any of our readers who desire may see the number on calling.

The Ladies' Minstrels who were successful in their concert, Tuesday week, gave as a send off to the Yule and his squad of soldiers of Saturday night last, a supper at Hon. Dr. Jamieson's residence. To say this was appreciated is drawing it mild and the well filled and decorated tables, soon gave evidence of this. An impromptu program followed given by different members of the Minstrel company and a pleasing feature was the presentation of a fountain pen by the 218th boys to Lieut. Yule as a slight appreciation of their regard for him. Lieut. Yule aptly responded and Dr Jamieson also followed with well chosen remarks. Before leaving they were all given gifts from both Pres. Ladies' Aid and Red Cross Societies in the line of socks, shirts and handkerchiefs.

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John Kelly,

We Must Produce More Food