

## A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION.

What is the country going to do with the unemployed? That is the question that is burdening our Governments. There is land a-plenty, more of it than can be worked. In Germany the paternal government lays out a plan and the people do the rest. They ask no questions. They have great faith in their Government. They feel that they have no right to question its wisdom. That is the result of their training. The German idea will not grow and develop in Canada, but something of Germany's application and efficiency can be copied.

Premier Scott, of Saskatchewan, has the most comprehensive scheme of using the unemployed. He believes that Canada must sooner or later — and the sooner the better — have a great scheme by which all the immigrants, all in the country and all who come to it who are agriculturally inclined, may be interested in the cultivation of the land. But the Governments must co-operate as they have never done before. They must save their resources in immigration expenses. They must study the men who come to Canada and place them where they can do the most good. They must do more than point the way to farm life, or indicate the Province or part of the Province where a "location" can be had. They must see these people comfortably settled and started in home and nation building. Hence they must be assigned to land, given the seed and implements with which to work, and the instruction or inspiration which will start them off with some hope of winning out.

The Hon. Mr. Scott is right. Canada has overdone its civic life and undertaken to build up the industries they must have in order to give to the people employment, and it has borrowed capital for municipal and industrial enterprises to such an extent that the annual tax in interest alone is about \$140,000,000. This burden is more than the people can carry reasonably. Too much attention has been given to civic life and all that it implies, and not enough attention to farm life; and the soil is the source of the greatest wealth. To it the masses must look for profitable occupation.

When will the Governments get together and recognize what the country lacks in this crisis? The question of the hour is, What is Canada going to do with and for its people? One hundred and fifty thousand of its best men have gone to the war. They must be supported. Their places must be taken in the fields and in the shops. The millions must be fed. The land must be tilled. How, and by whom?