

# MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AID UNEMPLOYED

## Provincial and Dominion Immigration Authorities Are Both Busy

### MANY MEN BEING PLACED

### Latter Office Sends Twenty a Day to Farms; Former Appeals to Farmers

Ernest efforts are being made by both the Dominion Immigration authorities and the colonization branch of the Agricultural Department of Ontario to find positions for unemployed men and women on the farm and in domestic service.

At the Dominion Immigration office, Mr. William Banford, who is in charge of the branch, which supplies positions for applicants, stated to The News that about twenty men a day were sent to fill positions in rural districts throughout the Province. The applicants for positions, however, greatly outnumbered the requests for help. Farmers, he said, generally asked for experienced men—men who have walked behind the plough and know how to milk. There were also some requests for young men willing to learn to farm. The pay averages \$20 a month with board and lodgings.

#### Foreigners in Large Numbers.

Many of the applicants are of British stock, but they do not predominate, as the foreigners out of work at the present time, are very numerous. The Dominion authorities find many men who really do not care to go on farms, but there are more than enough applicants ready to do any kind of work so that no jobs have to go begging.

One difficulty Mr. Banford has found is in securing domestic help. He has many requests from hotels for domestics, and is not able to supply the demand. Frequently, also, the girls who do accept positions stay only a short time.

The Ontario Agricultural Department is vigorously carrying on a campaign amongst the farmers of Ontario urging them wherever possible to take on help for the winter. Hon. James Duff, Minister of Agriculture, in conversation with The News to-day said that so far the response to the department advertisements in the newspapers had been steady, but not large. The farmers, Mr. Duff pointed out, were very busy at this season and had little time to think of anything but getting their fall ploughing done. When they are freer and have the time to look over the situation Mr. Duff thinks they will play their part. They may not be able to pay a high rate of wage. Probably in many cases the sum will be very small. But he expects that many farmers will be only too glad to give men who are willing to work their board and keep for the winter, with a small monthly wage. They will also be able to accommodate domestic help, which in the past their wives have found it almost impossible to secure.

#### Receive Applications From Men.

Meantime the Government is accepting applications for employment from men who are willing to take farm work. Mr. H. A. Macdonnell, Director of Colonization, with offices at the Parliament Buildings, is in charge of this branch of the work and applications should be made to him. These will be filled as quickly as opportunities present themselves. In addition to the advertising which the Ontario Government has done, they are issuing 40,000 circulars to be sent broadcast amongst the farmers throughout the Province, asking them to inform the Colonization Department if they could take on any extra hands at the present time. The letter points out the grave necessity of everyone helping to alleviate the distress from unemployment which promises to be prevalent this winter. A form is included which the farmers are asked to fill in showing whether or not they wish experienced men or girls, or whether they can accommodate inexperienced help and married men with their families. It is expected that there will be a generous reply to the personal appeal.