

NORTHERN ONTARIO TO SUPPLY SEED TO ENTIRE DOMINION

So Said Mr. Geo. Farmer, of
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at New Liskeard.

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Interest Was Shown in
"Patriotism and Production"
Campaign Meeting.

New Liskeard, April 2.—The first of a series of meetings on "Patriotism and Production" under the auspices of the Agricultural Department was held in the Opera House here, and although the gathering was not a glowing attendance in the way of attendance of farmers, those who did attend were well repaid for their time in the many valuable suggestions handed out by the speakers on the subject of more intensive farming, and many hints were given that were indeed applicable to the Temiskaming farmer and will no doubt be taken advantage of by those who were interested sufficiently in their calling to attend the meeting.

Mr. A. A. McKelvie as chairman expressed himself as being heartily in accord with the movement of "Patriotism and Production." He thought that in the past few years economy had been disregarded, money too easy, jobs obtained with too little trouble, but there was a change coming, things would be different after the war and it was up to Canada to produce as well as conserve.

Turning upon Mr. Nixon, that gentleman said he was an enthusiast in more intensive farming. He did not think the people of Temiskaming were behind in patriotism, but a little stirring up would not hurt. The farmers could show their patriotism by more production, and this meeting would be the means of gaining knowledge and inspiration. The speaker thought the profession of farming was one of the most worthy and noble and that intensive farming was being practiced more every day.

The next speaker, Mr. G. H. Farmer, of Steelton, Ontario, who is not only a practical farmer, but a fluent platform speaker, said that the general question that is being asked in Canada today is "How can I help in this great world fight?" and this was the question which the speaker discussed in his discourse. He said that the increased acreage was not the only object, but rather to increase the production. He compared the average yield of oats in Southern Ontario to that of Northern Ontario, the former being about 25 bushels per acre while the average yield in the north was from 60 to 75 and he referred to the agricultural fair containing Northern Ontario grain which toured Canada assuring the people of the older provinces of the immense productive qualities of Temiskaming. In explaining why increased production was necessary this year, Mr. Farmer reviewed conditions in Europe, of the many farmers' sons who are fighting for their country in the trenches, and the failure of the crops last year, and prophesied a great shortage for the next year or two.

"The food supply to Great Britain's army is a tremendous assistance," said the speaker and showed how the farmers of Canada could do their share by supplying millions of bushels of wheat. In dwelling on the soil cultivation and seed selection, Mr. Farmer advised the farmers to get on the land at the earliest possible moment. Have your implements ready for the work so that no time would be lost at the last moment, assuring his hearers that extra cultivation given to the land was equal to a light dressing of fertilizer, and warned his hearers that too much cultivation was impossible. Referring to wet spots throughout the farm he advised the opening up of furrows and get the water off, and results would be derived by early seeding which means a greater yield and better sample.

Seed Selection.

"You have the best land in the Dominion of Canada, therefore, obtain the very best seed for production." The expert recommended the seed being offered by the Government but in any case do not send to Toronto or other places for seed. Look around among your neighbors, you stand a better chance of getting good seed that will bring results. The speaker urged that seed brought into the district will not give the best satisfaction for at least the first year, and he warned the farmers this was not year for experiments, but it was results that were by far the most needed. He said it was better to use Temiskaming seed if it was mixed with other grain than seed out of the country. "You have the land and the men, and we want Northern Ontario to show the world that we are not behind the production in a year in the harvesting of millions of bushels of grain is of the most vital importance to the welfare of Great Britain.

Mr. Farmer exhibited a chart compiled by the Department of Agriculture, which demonstrated in figures the differences between inferior and superior seeds, in which were shown the percentages of weed seed in the different qualities of grain and advised the farmers not to purchase poor seed for the sake of saving a few cents per bushel.

In speaking of the production of potatoes Mr. Farmer would not suggest any particular variety, being unfamiliar with conditions here, but would advise the growing of same as previous years. He demonstrated a test made by himself in planting two acres of potatoes. One acre the seed was taken from the cellar, cut and put in the ground with a planter. The other acre was planted dropped in the ground by boys and the seed was selected. Both patches received the same care all through from cultivation of the soil to the raising of the crop, and the result was that one hundred bushels more were obtained from the selected seed than from the unselected. In concluding his address Mr. Farmer assured his hearers that the time was coming when the Dominion of Canada would look to Northern Ontario