

THOUSANDS ARE NEEDED

Farm Labor Situation in Ontario More Acute Than Ever.

The shortage of farm laborers is declared by officials of the Department of Agriculture to be more acute this year in Ontario than last season. Farmers are paying from \$35 to \$40 a month for men and cannot get the number required for harvesting operations. Although 500 farm hands have been brought into Ontario from the United States by the department, they have scarcely been a drop in the bucket. Before the war, Ontario would have annually depended upon 3,000 newly-arrived farm hands from the British Isles, but immigration being practically at a standstill, that source of supply has ceased.

Perhaps five thousand additional farm hands could be given employment in the Province at present, but are not to be had.

It is not believed there is much hope of getting harvesters in Ontario this season to garner the crops of the Western Provinces, despite the big wages offered. To draw these harvesters from the munition plants of the East is regarded as a feat incapable of accomplishment.