

AIRMEN HELPING TO GATHER CROPS, MORE AID NEEDED

Experienced Men By the Week Farmers' Most Urgent Requirement

Experienced men for hire by the week are urgently needed by farmers in this district. R. L. Hyslop, of the Ontario Farm Service here, said to-day. For next week, especially, he said, there are many farmers asking for help for threshing, stooking and hauling in grain.

One of the encouraging features of the farming situation is the help given by R.A.F. men on furlough, Mr. Hyslop said, and the fact that men from industries are offering their help while they are on holidays.

R.A.F. Helps

A lot of help has been received from the Mount Hope R.A.F. station and yesterday three R.A.F. men from Kingston came into the office and were sent out onto farms. They are willing and eager to help and most of them have had experience, which, while it may be somewhat different to the type of farming done here, makes them very useful and able to quickly pick up the methods used in this country. In addition most of them are husky specimens of manhood and their training in the air force has kept them in fine condition.

Two R.A.F. men were sent out to the Biggs farm in West Flamboro yesterday and several more from Mount Hope are being sent to other farms on Saturday and more on Monday.

A number of men from industries, who are experienced, are proving a big help as their knowledge of farming is a great help. Yesterday 11 of these men signed up for one week.

In some cases where men not brought up on farms have volunteered they have been used with good effect and quickly turned to at their task, for these men go out with their heart in the job, even if they are a little less in the pink of physical condition than others. Mr. Hyslop reported that a farmer near Copetown stated that the man he got had done a good job even though he found it a bit hard on his hands, which were not hardened by toil.

Weather Great Help

The weather has been a big help to the farmers in this area, Mr. Hyslop reported, and has enabled a lot of them to make great progress with the harvesting. But continued weather of this kind will make increased demands and that is why many are being sought for next week.

Reports he has received from the fruit growing district indicate that so far only the early peaches have been in and the real rush has not yet started, but when it does, there will be a great need for fruit pickers, especially those experienced in handling peaches.

The only eager workers that cannot be placed, Mr. Hyslop said to-day, are the girls who want to go on a farm for one week to help. Most of the farms are not able to take these and the only places for such girls are in the fruit pickers' camps, which are nearly well filled at present.

AUG 9 - 1944

HAMILTON SPECTATOR

028-006-006

149
WAR
EUROPEAN
1939
CANADA

Robert
AGRICULTURE
SOLDIERS