

NO SHORTAGE OF FARM HELP

State Takes Every Step to Secure Farm Laborers—Schools to Aid.

North Dakota, "the bread basket of the world," will not find a scarcity of farm laborers this year, is the belief of state officials.

The nation, because of the international situation, cannot take any chances on the seeding and the harvesting of the biggest crop in history and it is believed that the federal government will take every action possible to secure the laborer. If necessary, the federal government, it is believed, may place its soldiers in its fields so that the men in the trenches and the dependents at home as well as the non-combatants can be fed.

North Dakota itself is taking every step possible to care for the big crop. Governor Frazier has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the state to plant every available acre to grain or other produce.

State Superintendent of Instruction Macdonald has issued a "call to service" to the school officers and teachers of the state urging them to aid in every way to secure a large crop and advising that the schools not be opened in the fall until October 1 so that the crop can be harvested. He also advised that a spring vacation of four or five weeks be given and the schools kept open in June and July when there is less and cheaper farm work to do. This would make available for farm work with a minimum loss of school time, some 5,000 of the older boys at a time when labor is usually scarce and wages high.

Attorney General Langer has issued an opinion in which he holds that the compulsory education law, because of the international situation, need not be enforced when children are kept from school to work on the farms as the farm work is dependent upon them.

Seeding is already far advanced, conditions are good, indications are that the state will raise about 125,000,000 bushels of wheat and North Dakota will feed the armies of peace and war.