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The Organization of Resources Committee was  
created by an act of the Legislature for the pur-  
pose of securing the best possible effort from  
Ontario for war-winning, and for the better de-  
velopment of the resources of the Province after  
the war.

Sun Life Building,

Toronto, April 1, 1918.

To the Clerk of the Municipal Council:

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of  
a Bill which has been duly passed by the Legislature.  
The importance of this Bill will be at once evident if  
it should happen that there is land being held in your  
municipality in an unproductive condition.

Kindly note the provisions of the  
Bill very carefully, and if you believe that an  
increased production can be secured by taking advantage  
of the Bill, the machinery is in your own hands for so  
doing.

Yours faithfully,

*Albert H. Abbott*  
Secretary.

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4th Session, 14th Legislature,  
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BILL.

An Act respecting the Cultivation of  
Vacant Land.

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3rd Reading, 21st March,	1918.

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Sir WM. HEARST.

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# BILL

## An Act respecting the Cultivation of Vacant Land.

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as *The Vacant Land Cultivation Act*.<sup>Short title.</sup>

2. The councils of cities, towns and villages may pass by-laws;

1. For entering upon, holding and using for the purpose only of cultivating it and raising thereon such crops as may be thought proper, any vacant land in the municipality during the continuance of the present war and for selling and disposing of the produce thereof;

2. For granting permits to any person to enter upon, hold and use for the purpose only of cultivating it and raising thereon such crops as may be prescribed any such vacant land for such period not exceeding the duration of the present war as may be thought proper, and for regulating and controlling the use of such land by any person to whom a permit is granted, and for prescribing the kinds of crops which shall be raised on any such land, and for revoking any such permit for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the by-law or of the regulations.

(a) Before entering upon or issuing a permit with respect to any parcel of land notice of the intention of the council to enter upon or issue a permit and fixing a day for hearing any objections which he may desire to make shall be left with the owner or transmitted to him by post to the address of his residence or place of business in the municipality if he resides or has a place of business there, and if he is not resident in the municipality then by post to his address, if known; <sup>Notice to owner.</sup>

(b) The council shall not enter upon or issue a permit with respect to any parcel of land if the owner of it produces proof to the satisfaction of the council that it will be required by him during the current year for building or manufacturing or other revenue-producing purposes;

(c) A fee not exceeding twenty-five cents may be charged for the issue of the permit;

(d) No compensation shall be paid to any owner or other person interested in such land for or on account of the exercise of the powers conferred by this section.