

## FOOD FROM WASTE LAND.

A short while ago, this was the six thousand acre wilderness of Feltwell Fen, in South West Norfolk where nothing grew save reeds and weeds; scrub land of peat and bog, where floods (more frequently than not) turned it into a vast morass.

But it has taken a war to turn that same waste land into an agricultural gold mine. The Ministry of Agriculture has set to work an army of men reclaiming the idle acres. Across the Fen, roll farming implements, taming the country which has broken the hearts and hopes of many good pioneers.

After 24 years of idleness, the virgin soil in this year producing thousands of tons of potatoes, sugar-beet and grain crops of all kinds. Miles of new drainage works and pumping plants capable of lifting a hundred tons of water a minute from the dykes in time of flood danger, will turn it into a land of plenty.

The Bread and Butter express marks the occasion by breaking one of the barriers across the line that leads to a self supporting nation. Out of a period of waste into a prospect of plenty. This is surely one of the finest things we have done for a long time. The fertile furrows now await the farmsteads and all the signs of civilisation, to make this pioneering project a national monument.