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Nov. 9, '03.

Wheat Growing in Western Canada.

Western Canada wheat has an enviable reputation in foreign countries. Says Mr. G. H. Clark, Chief of the Seed Division, Ottawa. It is in demand for American milling centres, as well as those of England and Scotland, because it is rich in gluten of exceedingly good quality. The crop of Western Canada ten years hence will reach, it is estimated 600 millions of bushels. In view of the rapidly increasing production it is important that its present good reputation be maintained or improved in order that it may continue to grow in favour in foreign countries, where it must find a market.

But the high standard of excellence has already been appreciably lowered through the introduction of wheat of inferior milling quality. Through carelessness these mixtures are allowed to yearly increase, while in other districts inferior varieties have been grown, that depreciate the value of the total crop.

The advantage of growing only un-mixed wheat may be judged from the difference in price between "No. 1 Hard" and the next two grades, as this difference is most commonly due to the prevalence of soft, starchy grains in the lower grades. "No. 1 Hard" invariably has a high percentage of translucent grains indicating a high percentage of a good quality of gluten, as it is the quality quite as much as the quantity of the gluten that lends value to the superior wheat.

Red life is the standard variety and the hardest wheat grown in Western Canada. It will survive late spring frosts that are sufficiently severe to kill out most other varieties. Its milling qualities are not excelled.

Preston wheat is a bearded variety that has grown in favour among farmers in districts where red life has frequently been injured by early frost. It is from two to five days earlier than the Red Fife. If the weather be unfavourable at the time when ripening takes place it may ripen even ten days earlier than the latter variety. Some Canadian Millers claim to have made careful milling tests of Preston wheat and openly condemn it as much inferior to the Red Fife. Results of tests carried on under the direction of Dr. Saunders, who originated the variety, indicate that it is only slightly inferior to the Red Fife.

The comparative productiveness of varieties differs with localities and conditions of soil and climate. Again there may be quite as much difference between two strains of seed of the same variety as between two distinct sorts, so far as their capacity to yield a large yield of grain is concerned. Whatever varieties are selected, they should be grown separately and each kept reasonably pure. On account of careless practices, in the matter of seed selection, mixtures of undesirable sorts have increased in the standard wheat of the west. These impurities consist chiefly of earlier maturing varieties that shell more readily than the Red Fife, thus having a larger proportion of seed from them to come as "volunteer wheat" in the next succeeding crop.

It is of much importance to the country, as well as to individual wheat growers, that these conditions be overcome. It is clear that even farmers who are careless about keeping their seed pure are willing to pay fancy prices for ten, twenty or fifty bushel lots of good pure seed of wheat, oats and barley. But the supply of high class seed is limited. Although the demand for it is great, but little effort has been made by farmers to meet the demand. Appeals have been made to the Dominion Department of Agriculture, to establish farms at various points for the purpose of growing pure seed of wheat, and other cereals, for distribution to farmers at the cost of production. That would entail a large expense and would be undertaking work that farmers are quite able to do themselves. The Department of Agriculture is willing to grant such assistance as may be necessary to encourage private enterprise in an endeavour to cope with the situation. In matters of this kind the best results are obtained from organized effort.

With a view further to encourage the production and more general use of seed of the best quality, an announcement was made in the spring of 1903, inviting farmers, who had been giving some special attention to the growing of seed grain, to unite and form an association of the growers. Rules governing the association and standards of perfection for ped-

grees seed will be controlled by an advisory board composed of representative men from the various branch associations. There are now thirty five seed growers who are members of the Western Canada Association. There work is supervised and inspected by a superintendent. Records are kept of the amount and pedigree of seed produced by them. According to the rules of the association, each member is required to give a definite guarantee as to the purity, vitality and freedom from seeds of noxious weeds, with all lots of seed sold by him. The association certificate will show the pedigree of the seed—the number of consecutive years during which hand selection has been followed.

Farmers of Western Canada, who have farms that are free from noxious weeds and otherwise suited to growing good seed of wheat, oats, rye, barley and other grain, are invited to become members of the association and make seed growing a special industry in their farm operations. They may commence by sowing a plot in the coming spring with the best obtainable seed. There will be a ready market for all the seed that can be produced by members, at prices that will pay handsomely for the extra trouble in producing it. There is now an annual demand for 75,000 bushels of seed wheat alone.

Yours very truly,
W. A. CLEMONS,
Publication Clerk.

Hutton Hill.

Miss Hattie Hutton returned from the Millinery Openings in Toronto.

Miss Hannah Lawrence is spending her Easter holidays at her home here.

Mr. Sandy Hopkins has moved on his uncle's farm here, which he has rented for some time.

Mr. L. Hutton visited friends at Chesley one day last week.

Mr. Will Hargrave has rented a farm at Glenmont. We are sorry to lose Will from our neighborhood, for he was a jolly, fine fellow.

Mr. G. Cuffe made the purchase of an organ recently.

Miss Margaret Hutton is home spending her Easter holidays.

Mr. W. D. Hopkins left Saturday for Markdale to begin work in the brick yard.

We are glad to hear of the recovery of Mrs. T. G. Hutton, after an attack of erysipelas.

Mr. Thos. F. Mighton gave his hand a severe cut. Hope it will be all right in a few days. No blood poison has set in yet.

Mr. A. C. Hopkins, who has been in very poor health, is improving since the weather became warmer.

Mr. Alex. Morton has rented the farm recently occupied by Mr. Geo. Mighton. This is leap year, girls! Wonder who will be the lucky one?

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BAKED APPLES.

The Way to Make a Convenient and Delicious Dessert.
The difference between apple sauce stewed quickly over the fire and that baked slowly for several hours in a moderate oven is so great that one could easily believe that different fruits had been used. Each method, if carefully followed, produces a delicious result, and, while some persons have a strong preference for one or the other, to my mind it is difficult to decide which is the better way. Therefore it is well to use both methods, cooking the first apples that come in midsummer by stewing, and later, when the cool days of early autumn make a fire less objectionable, trying the baking.

The dish for baking is as important as that for beans baked properly and also for Indian puddings, and should be the same in style and material. Cut the fruit (and you may use in this way any kind of apples or pears which are too green or hard to use uncooked) into quarters; then remove the cores and skins. Allow one cup of sugar and one-half cup of water to two quarts of fruit. The amount will vary with different apples, and it is important not to use too much sugar, for the long cooking seems to develop the natural sweetness of the fruit. Cover them closely and cook in a slow oven four or five hours or until they have a deep rich red color. If they cook too fast, the steam will cause them to burst and run over the edge and result in a mushy sauce, but a moderate heat, long continued, will leave each quarter distinct in the clear sirup. Let it cool in the pan and turn it out without any stirring of the fruit. This may be poured at once into sterilized jars and sealed the same as canned fruit, if you are not likely to use it all soon. As a sauce for a breakfast or dinner it is acceptable; with cream and hot biscuit for supper it is delicious, and as a filling for pastry shells it is convenient.—Home Science Magazine.

THE CAVE OF GHOSTS.

This is One of the Wonder Places of New South Wales.
One of the curiosities of Oakley creek, N. S. W., is a cave which very few people care to enter. It is of the usual order of stalactite and stalagmite shapes and figures, but in order to get inside the visitor must crouch down and squeeze himself through a narrow opening and grope his way in the inky darkness for a few yards till he can stand erect and light a torch. As soon as he has done this he sees faintly the weird shapes assumed by the water dripping from the limestone and he hears a whirring noise. He feels inclined to make his exit at once, but he hears something moving all round him, and presently something touches him. He concludes that there are uncanny spirits about, and this sensation is multiplied many times in intensity when on turning to retrace his steps he finds himself confronted by a tall, ghostly figure. If the visitor has a strong nerve or has been forewarned, which is not always the case, he recognizes that the ghostly figure is a senseless block formed by the dripping from the limestone, and that the moving creatures are bats.

There is one part of the cave which no man has dared to explore. It is called the blowhole. One adventurous visitor was about to squeeze himself through this narrow aperture when it occurred to him to throw a stone through. He did so, listening for the stone to touch bottom, and the dull sound that finally reached him convinced him that there was a sheer drop of 200 feet on the other side of the blowhole.

Condensed For Four Days.
"There was a good old lawyer of the good old southern type," said a judge, "who had a most eloquent way of pleading. His brief for three days had been a marvel of classical allusion and legal erudition. "The judge, however, became a trifle impatient and, as gently as he could, intimated that the docket was somewhat crowded, and it might be to the client's interest if the lawyer could contrive to end his plea. And, do you know, the old barrister declared that the last four days of his argument were a marvel of condensation."

Critics.
A party of composers and printers from the country, up for a day's outing in London, visit the National gallery and pause in front of Turner's "Ulysses."
Foreman (to his companions, both lost in admiration)—"It's marvelous! All done by hand too!"
Second Composer and Printer (enthusiastically)—"Why, it's every bit as good as color printing!"

Born Diplomat.
The famous portrait painter threw down his brushes with a sigh. "What is the matter?" asked his elderly blossom of a customer. "It's no use!" he cried. "I can never reproduce your loveliness."

Inference.
Dorothy—What Frank Werser ever could have seen in Bessie Brown is past my knowledge.
Bella—Why, Dorothy, I didn't know you cared so much for Frank.

Marriage.
"Marriage is like a besieged city."
"In what way?"
"So many of the people are trying to get in and so many to get out."

To be a consistent hypocrite is the craft of a very fine artist.—Schoolmaster.

WEAKNESS

PECULIAR TO MEN AND WOMEN

It is sad to contemplate the unfortunate condition of so many men of our day and generation. At 30 they feel 50; at 40 they feel 60, and at 50 when they should be in the very prime of life, they are almost ready for the grave. The fire of youth has gone out, the fountain of vitality is exhausted. Premature old age! No matter what produced it, whether evil habits in youth, later excesses, or business worries, the one thing for you to do is to get back the vim, the vigor and vivacity of manhood. Don't lose your grip on life. There are yet many happy, golden years for you if you only get help. We can and will not only help you, but cure you to stay cured. Curing diseases and weaknesses of the nervous and sexual system has been our exclusive business for the past 30 years, during which time we have cured enough fallen men to make an army. OUR NEW METHOD TREATMENT will restore to you what you have lost.

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