

conditions as nearly right as possible. With a normal yield of beans, at present prices, there is not a more profitable cash crop to grow. The growing of beans also furnishes one of the most effective means of adding to the food supply of the country and reducing the cost of living. They can be grown profitably on a large or a small scale, whichever is more convenient to the grower.

VARIETIES OF BEANS.

The varieties of field beans grown in Nova Scotia comprise the following: Yellow Eye (including the ordinary Yellow-Eye and Improved Yellow-Eye), Pea beans (including Snowflake Field bean and California pea bean), the Soldier bean, the Early Yellow Six-weeks, a large white marrow bean and several varieties with local names, or no names except beans. Among the local varieties are a white bean mottled or speckled with dark purple, called sometimes Speckled wax, or Turkey bean, and a reddish brown bean with dark markings on the sides resembling Improved Goddard, but smaller than the Goddard. The former bean is grown in considerable quantities in the Annapolis Valley, the latter quite largely in Antigonish County.

The horticultural classification of beans includes four types,—pea, medium, marrow or marrowfat, and kidney. For the purposes of this article beans grown in this Province are divided into early, medium early, and late, according to the length of season required and the time of ripening. Early beans are represented by such kinds as Early Yellow Six-weeks, and the reddish brown Antigonish bean, medium Early by the early Yellow Eye, Soldier bean, and Snowflake Field bean and other white pea beans, late beans by the Improved Yellow eye. For the Annapolis Valley and parts of the Province with similar soil and season any one of the early or the medium early varieties is safe.

For most parts of Eastern and Northern Nova Scotia, except a few specially favored sections, one of the early maturing varieties of the first group should be chosen.

The Early Yellow Six-weeks includes two strains, a kidney-shaped bean of pale yellow color and somewhat flat in shape and a bean of the same color but shorter and more nearly round, called locally Six-weeks Round. Both strains of the Six-weeks ripen in a short season and seem to be well adapted to all sections of the Province.

The ordinary Yellow Eye, is a white bean with a yellow area around the seed scar and belongs to the marrow or marrowfat group of beans. It is extensively grown in the