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The following notice has been sent to all secretaries of Farmers' Institutes in the Province by W. G. Scott, Deputy

Minister of Agriculture:

Soils and Crops Division, Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7, 1915.

Re Seed Grain.

Distribution of Corn and Alfalfa for Co-operative Tests.

Will you kindly notify the members of your Institute that the Department will make a distribution of one pound each of three varieties of corn and five pounds of alfalfa, to members of Farmers' Institutes during the coming season of 1915. The distribution will be governed by regulations similar to, if not identical with, those in force last year. Definite announcement will be made as soon as prices and a satisfactory source of supply are secured. Blank requisition forms will be provided in due course. Until definite announcement is made, no applications for seed will be considered. Make this point plain to your members, and avoid disappointment.

II. Sale of Registered and High-class Seed.

The Department have taken steps to secure the following seed for sale: Twenty-five bushels Minnesota No. 13 corn; 25 bushels Northwestern Dent corn; 10 bushels Quebec No. 28 grown in British Columbia; 2,000 lbs. Danish Sludgstrop mangel; 2,000 lbs. Northern grown variegated alfalfa; 1 carload registered American Banner corn.

At present, negotiations for the purchase of this seed are under way, but prices are not available at time of writing. Full particulars will be sent to the Institutes as soon as possible. In the meantime no applications will be considered.

The Department is endeavoring to secure the very finest quality of seed possible, of a strain that would seem to best suit our own conditions. The Danish Sludgstrop mangel is worthy of special mention. This mangel has been grown in limited quantities in this Province for the past two years, and has shown marked superiority.

No seed will be supplied to applicants this year unless the money accompanies their order.

Address communications to the Soils and Crops Division, Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

WM. E. SCOTT,

Deputy Minister, and Superintendent of Institutes.



Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.