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BRAN AND SHORTS

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Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.

SIR,—I beg to hand you a report upon 165 samples of Feeds purchased as Bran and Shorts by our inspectors during the months of July and August, 1918.

This particular inspection was made consequent upon complaints received from various sources as to the unsatisfactory character of the classes of Feeds named. Thus, under date 18th June, the Chairman of the Canada Food Board writes:—

"We have for months past been receiving numerous complaints with reference to the adulteration of bran and shorts, and have had samples of the same that certainly justify the complaints. The bran is adulterated by mixing with oat hulls and all sorts of rubbish. Shorts, in many cases, is simply bran, reground so as to make it fine."

The Acting Director of the Central Experimental Farm writes as follows, under date 19th July:—

"There seems to be a great deal of screening adulteration in the case of such feeds as bran and shorts, as sold on the Canadian market. Thus, in buying bran recently from different firms for the Experimental Farm Branch, some of the samples have been found to contain a very high percentage of oat hulls."