

PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

There is little or nothing in this bulletin that is new or original. It is intended to present a digest or summary of information concerning the growing and marketing of flax in so far as that information affects the farmer growing the crop in Saskatchewan. It is felt that at the present time in this province there is more need for a simple bulletin on this subject presenting in plain language facts than facts to be known to many persons but are certainly unknown to many. It is not for a more pretentious and learned publication. On the part of homesteads in the western and south-western portions of the province men are commencing to farm with little or no knowledge of their work, the soil, the climate or those laws of nature and plant life with which they must work in harmony if success is to reward their efforts. The first crop that most of these men will attempt to grow is flax. It is to assist in some measure these newly arrived settlers that this bulletin has been prepared and it is not intended to be a comprehensive treatment of the subject.

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