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GROWING OATS

in Quebec

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Oat is the crop most extensively grown in Quebec. Its acreage is only exceeded by that of hay.

One might however be permitted to state that 30 bushels per acre, which is the average yield in years of abundance, is not enough for our Province.

The following is a declaration made by Mr. Sydney Fisher, a former Minister of Agriculture in the federal government, at a meeting of provincial breeders, held in Montreal a few years ago:

"Most of the lands are of excellent quality and the soil is most suitable to oat crops, and nevertheless the crops are small because none is sown. All farms capable of producing should yield 40 to 60 bushels of oats every year; this is quite easy to do as the soil is rich and manures are plentiful. One should immediately set to work if our reputation as a producing Province is to be upheld."

Although an average yield of 60 bushels per acre would seem rather high for our Province, it is still true that with a better comprehension of our work and with good farming methods, our oat crops could be increased at least 10 bushels per acre.

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