

**REMEDIES.**—Since great numbers are moving off the beet fields on to the grass, furrows should be plowed with the steep side next the grass. The worms will find it difficult to climb up and will turn and crawl along the furrow, and if small pits about 6 inches deep are dug every 20 feet or so great numbers of them will be found every morning when they can be destroyed. Rubbish and heaps of refuse and weeds in the vicinity of the fields should be removed or destroyed and in the early spring the greatest benefit will be derived from the sowing of the Paris green and bran mash, which has already been found so efficacious by some of the beet growers.

The bran mash is made by moistening 50 pounds of bran with sweetened water and gradually dusting in a pound of Paris green, stirring the while. It is sown on the surface of the ground and some good might be done even at this season by the use of this mash as the creatures are very fond of it.—Department of Agriculture, Alberta.

#### OAT REQUIREMENTS.

Anyone who knows anything at all about oats beyond the ordinary knowledge of them to be obtained at school, must know that oats to be rich in the fats which are an essential for the production of oatmeal, of the most nutritive quality, must be grown where the climate is such that they will have all the time they require to extract from the earth and store up in themselves the fats which are necessary to their becoming of the greatest value to either man or beast, but especially to those subject to the same or more rigorous conditions of climate: that oats need a long, cool summer to grow and mature in, and that the climatic conditions of foreign countries where the heat in the summer or growing months is excessive, are not such as will allow for the growth of oats of the quality required for the production of first-class oatmeal: that excessive heat ripens oats before they have had time to store up in themselves the flavoring and nourishing fats, and produces oats of a steely and fibrous nature that no art of the miller can make or manufacture into palatable oatmeal for those who know what oatmeal ought to be, or into oatmeal at all that would hold the public taste. The climatic conditions of the northern parts of the United Kingdom, however—that part called Scotland pre-eminently so—are just what they ought to be for the perfect growth of oats for perfect oatmeal production—given a perfect system of milling and millers such as Scotland undoubtedly possesses—and I defy mankind to produce outside the United Kingdom oats of the quality that are required for such perfect production. That being so, Scotland, Ireland, and the North of England should be producing oats to supply the world's oatmeal, and would have been doing so had the right men, of which there are plenty about, been always in the right places, and had as much encouragement been accorded to home agriculture as discouragement has been accorded it in the interests of Colonial expansion, or, rather, of what depends upon it for continuance, and what follows in its train.—MILLSTONE.

[Northern Alberta can just duplicate Scotland in oats, climatic conditions and all.]

#### TELEPHONE TROUBLE.

Users of the telephone in this district have for some time complained of the delay entailed on the trunk line service, and the Norwich Chamber of Commerce last month called a meeting that the mercantile community might take action to secure some improvement, but the Postmaster-General took the hint, and sent a letter to the President, which was read at the meeting, with the result that the revolt movement was stayed by a gratifying announcement that new trunk lines are to be provided from London to Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich and Yarmouth, while arrangements were in hand for a swifter service between smaller towns like Wymondham, Aylham, Harleston, Diss and Eye. Under such circumstances the proposed compulsory resolution that had been drafted was not proceeded with, and the actual resolution adopted expressed appreciation of the efforts of our postal



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