

The above figures are for the year 1910, the latest year for which the census gives the statistics. In 1917 the area in beans in Nova Scotia was estimated at 1,000 acres or more. The Province may be divided into two parts. (1) The part comprising those counties in which 1,000 bushels or more of beans per county are produced each year and (2) the rest of the Province where the yield per county is a few hundred bushels or less. In the first area the problem of growing ripe beans presents no serious difficulties. If reasonable attention is given to cultural details any one of several varieties can be grown with success. In the other part of the Province it is necessary to give more attention to the choice of suitable varieties and to the selection of the soil, its preparation and cultivation.

One of the most important matters is to obtain a supply of good seed. Home-grown seed, if well grown and free from disease, is better than imported seed, since it is more likely to be of a variety suited to local conditions. There is now an abundance of this seed for sale in the bean growing sections of the Province. In order to insure a supply of the early varieties for sections of the Province with short seasons the Horticultural Division of the Agricultural College has bought a number of bushels to sell at cost to planters wishing these varieties next spring. At the end of this circular will be found a partial list of those who, in addition to the usual trade, have seed beans for sale.

Every one who intends to grow beans next year should provide himself with a supply of seed as early as possible. Seed beans are likely to advance in price before planting time in 1918. Seed merchants now say that there will be a shortage in the supply of seed beans next season. One large seed firm states that their seed growers this year report a yield of only 15 to 25 per cent of a full crop of beans, due to early fall frost. The important point is not to delay in getting your seed beans. Buy now and be ready with the best seed when planting time comes.

With some families baked beans in the past have formed a regular article of diet twice a week, Saturday night and Sunday morning. In the lumber camps and where men are engaged in hard, physical, out-door labor they are served oftener than this, constituting one of the most important parts of the rations. When beans of the right variety are chosen and cooked as some good cooks know how to do it and served with brown bread and butter, they not only constitute a wholesome food but a delicious treat, something to be looked forward to.