

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

1. The trade in grass and clover seeds is an exceedingly fruitful medium for the dissemination of noxious weeds.
2. The relative market prices of Timothy, Alsike and Red Clover seed, are not determined by their actual value. Competition in the seed trade has been too largely confined to prices without due attention to quality.
3. Too many local dealers dabbling in the seed trade, are incompetent to safeguard their customers from the dangers connected therewith. Under the present conditions it is advisable to purchase seeds direct from seed firms that are known to be reliable.
4. Ignorance on the part of farmers, as well as ignorance and a lack of progressiveness on the part of seed merchants, are responsible for most of the abuses connected with the seed trade. Ignorance is an environment in which fraud flourishes.
5. Many of the most noxious weed seeds cannot be separated from grass and clover seeds by mechanical processes, therefore it is highly important that seed growers should thoroughly clean their fields of weeds before the crop is harvested.
6. As long as Canadian farmers are content to use cheap, low grades of seed, without having any definite knowledge of their real worth, so long will the best quality of our home grown seeds be exported to countries where the seed trade is conducted on a more businesslike basis.
7. There is a great need for wise measures and energetic and persistent efforts to protect Canadian farmers and their fields from the far reaching and long continuing damages which arise from the sale of seed containing noxious impurities.
8. Much permanent improvement may be accomplished by disseminating information regarding the conditions of the seed trade, among seed growers, seed merchants and seed consumers, through the medium of newspapers, bulletins and agricultural meetings. This process of education, however, is necessarily slow and will need to be supplemented by other measures, if the evils connected with the seed trade are to be checked in the near future.
9. It is not unreasonable to ask seedsmen to test their seeds, to grade them as to quality, and sell them accordingly; and it is not too much to require seed merchants to furnish a statement showing