

OTTAWA, April 5, 1916.

The Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture,

Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your approval, the manuscript of Bulletin No. 28 of the Second Series, entitled "Flax for Fibre: Its Cultivation and Handling," which has been prepared by Mr. John Adams, Assistant Dominion Botanist.

The possibilities of producing flax for fibre in Canada have already been proved to be very considerable. It would seem wise, therefore, to do anything possible to encourage the growth of this industry in districts suited thereto at this time, when unusually high prices will serve as an impetus to its development and extension.

The accompanying brief bulletin on methods of growing and handling this crop will, I believe, be of much use to our farmers in this connection, and I have therefore to recommend that it be published at an early date.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRISDALE.

*Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.*

The DIRECTOR,

Dominion Experimental Farms,

Ottawa, Ont.

April 3, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith a manuscript entitled "Flax for Fibre, its cultivation and handling," which has been prepared by Mr. John Adams, M.A., Assistant Dominion Botanist.

Mr. Adams, from many years of intimate association in Ireland with the flax industry, and from his technical and scientific ability, has been in a position to prepare a very clear and comprehensive account of the principles of successful cultivation and handling of flax for the production of fibre which will be found most useful at this stage of enhanced interest in an industry where certainly is a wide scope in suitable localities in the Dominion of Canada.

I beg to recommend the publication of the manuscript as a bulletin of the second series of the Experimental Farms.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. T. ESSOW.

*Dom. Bot. Inst.*