

That much attention is now being given to this important subject is shown by the large and increasing demand for improved varieties of seed. The free distribution of improved sorts for test which has been carried on by the experimental farms during the past seven years has placed, in response to requests, 125,000 three-pound samples in the hands of about 70,000 farmers, and the results obtained from these samples have done much to awaken a general interest in the subject, but the possibilities indicated by the facts and figures submitted in this bulletin call for greater and more general effort so that Canadian farmers everywhere may the sooner reap the reward of increased crops and more remunerative employment offered by this line of improvement. Any increased productiveness obtained by the use of better seed would be nearly clear gain. It would add nothing to the cost of preparing the land or of seeding and but very little to that of harvesting or threshing.