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### A USE FOR SWEET CLOVER.

An editorial in the Globe the other day directs public attention to the extraordinary way in which sweet clover has spread over the country, until it has become a pest to the farmers in Ontario and Quebec.

This plant grows rankly, and at present its only useful purpose is to provide honey for bees. The Globe suggests legislation for eradicating this weed, but the Canadian Journal of Fabrics has shown that sweet clover can be turned into service as a material for binder twine. Some samples of the fibre made from

sweet clover stalks were sent to this office two or three years ago, and these samples were sent to M. B. Perine & Co., the well known twine manufacturers of Doon, Ont., who reported that they could utilize any quantity of the fibre, provided they could get it at a favorable market price. As sweet clover may become a great pest if not turned to account, we would suggest that the authorities of the Experimental Farm, at Ottawa and the Departments of Agriculture of the Provincial Governments should this season make experiments in curing a quantity of the stalks to be manufactured into twine at the binder twine factory at Kingston Penitentiary and at the factory in the Central Prison, Toronto. This has been a favorable year for the growth of sweet clover, and if it can be gathered and cured economically our farmers can turn into a profitable crop what will otherwise be a mere nuisance. Enough of the plant could be gathered this year to supply binder twine for the whole Dominion, if the industry were established on a commercial basis, and experience will probably show that if it can be manufactured on a commercial scale into binder twine, it can also be made into cheap twines for trade purposes, such, for instance, as lath ties, bale ties and parceling twines.

### AN IDEAL MILL TOWN.

What one enterprising and philanthropic person can do for a town is illustrated in the case of Adams, Mass., which is spoken of as the ideal mill town of New England. One family has made it so largely. Twelve years ago H. J. Plunkett operated the only mill in the place, employing about 100 operatives. When he died his possession passed into the hands of his sons, W. B. and C. T. Plunkett. From a single factory has sprung a series of large establishments. Beautiful cottages, each with its own bit of ground and garden patch, sprinkle the hillsides and gentle slopes which encircle the town, and it is here that dwell the folks who people the long rows of mills by day and work the looms and shuttles and weaving machinery that line the miles of factory aisles. Matthew Borden, after a visit to Adams, said: "Would that my city (Fall River) were like this and its people so happy and contented. This indeed is the model of my ideal, a town well named after the first dweller in the garden of Eden."

When a man settles in Adams he is looked out for.