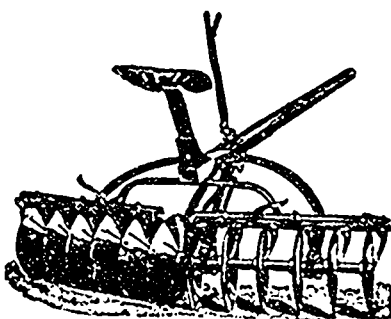


grass plots here were over three feet high by the 1st of June, and when cut at that time a second crop may be cut by the 1st of August. Canary reed grass grows wild in all parts of Canada, and the seed, which resembles rather small, gray canary seed, might be collected in small quantities by almost anyone who wished to try the grass. It is a perennial grass, which spreads rapidly from the root but does not seed freely. The well-known ribbon grass of gardens is a variegated form of the canary reed grass. Although this grass spreads rapidly by the root, it roots near the surface of the soil, and is not a difficult grass to get out of land.

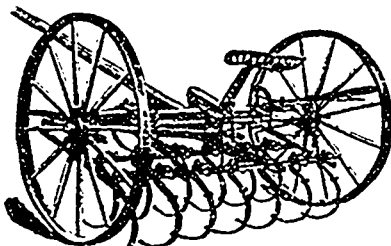
(2) The other grass referred to is known as Canada Blue-joint (*Dequexia canadensis*). This also, like the last, is a denizen of low, wet lands. It produces a large crop of fine leafy stems, which make excellent hay. Like canary reed grass it grows in every part of Canada, is well-known and highly-esteemed, but is seldom cultivated, and the seed is seldom offered for sale by seedmen. A stock of this grass can only be obtained by the farmer who wishes to try it as a cultivated crop, collecting a small quantity of the seed and then saving seed from the plants. If planted in autumn or early the next spring the plants will bear seed the second year. Both of the above-named grasses, although growing naturally in wet land, will thrive on any moderately moist soil.

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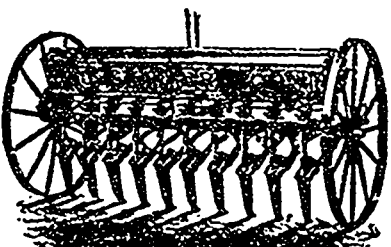
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