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not more than 20 per cent. of damaged seed and weigh fifty pounds to the measured bushel.

Rejected Manitoba Flax Seed—Flax seed that is immature, musty or containing more than 20 per cent. damaged seed, and not too damp for temporary storage, shall be "rejected."

No Grade Manitoba Flax Seed—Flax seed that is warm, mouldy, very musty, too damp or in any wise unfit for temporary storage, shall be classed as "no grade," with the Inspector's notation as to quality and condition.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. N. BELL,
Secretary.

The Secretary was in Ottawa shortly after the above letter was forwarded, and discussed the matter with the Minister, when it was discovered that owing to amendments made to the General Inspection Act, at the last session of Parliament, the Governor General-in-Council was no longer authorized to make additions to the schedule of grains to be inspected. It was, however, arranged by the Minister that Inspectors of Grain might grade any flax seed presented to them, at the request of the persons concerned, and thus act as an arbitrator between the seller and buyer to determine the correct quality of the seed according to the proposed grades recommended by this Board to be established. This arrangement has been taken advantage of quite extensively, about 75 car loads of the 1899 crop having been inspected at Winnipeg up to the 31st December.

The Minister gave assurance that at the coming session of Parliament he would introduce legislation to make the grades of flax seed, and inspection of the seed, legal.

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