

*By Mr. Stephens:*

Q. Is it an expensive seed ?

A. No, we have distributed in sample bags of 1 pound each, thousands of pounds of it through the North-west, sending it to every one who asks for it. We grow large quantities of the seed every year on the experimental farms at Brandon and Indian Head for the purpose of helping the distribution of it. We have had some of it sent down here, and I shall be glad to send a sample bag to any one who may desire to try it. The samples sent are sufficient to sow about one-twelfth of an acre. If the experimental farms had done nothing else but introduce that grass to the North-west their existence would have been justified. It would be difficult to estimate its value to that country.

*By Mr. Wilson:*

Q. How long will it grow till it runs out ?

A. We find it best to take off three or four crops of hay and then pasture it for a year or two. It grows well for three or four years and by that time the roots of the grass thicken so much that it is better then to pasture it for a year or two before ploughing it up. When ploughed under it is a valuable grass for the reason that it supplies a large amount of fibre to the soil, giving a condition like the first breaking of the prairie.

*By Mr. Richardson:*

Q. Is it a heavy grower; is it coarse ?

A. It grows from 2½ to 3 feet high, and more in some cases. It is leafy, but not coarse.

Q. And makes good hay ?

A. It makes excellent hay for horses or cattle.

Having read the foregoing transcript of my evidence of the 11th, 12th and 13th March, 1902, I find it correct.

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*Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms.*