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THE FERTILIZERS ACT, 1909.

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Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I beg to hand you a report upon 182 samples of Commercial Fertilizers sent in as standards to represent the different brands offered on the Canadian market during the season of 1909. This is in accordance with the requirements of section 3 of the Fertilizers Act of 1890.

This will be the last issue of a Bulletin of this description. The Fertilizers Act of 1909 comes into force with the beginning of 1910; and renders the publication of standards unnecessary. In order to give as wide distribution as possible to the new Act, it is published in full in this bulletin.

One of the reasons for discontinuing the publication of standards is the practical impossibility of securing the necessary data in time to be of service to intending purchasers of fertilizers. Reference to the date of registration of the samples now reported will illustrate this.

It will be seen that, with very few exceptions, the samples sent in by manufacturers fully meet the claims made for them. This is as might be expected, and is a matter of much less importance to the farmer than that the samples *as offered in the market* should come up to the claims made for them. By filing with the department a sample containing less fertilizing material than claimed on the label, the manufacturer incurs no penalty, since he does not effect any sale by his action. Of course it is only by unintentional oversight, or by error in mixing that a manufacturer fails to send this department a sample fully up to his guarantee.