

and may safely be dropped in favour of its great rival, Banner. A new variety which cannot show at least one point of decided excellence over the best of the old sorts has no just claim for recognition.

SALE OF SEED GRAIN.

The Dominion Cerealists will be glad to furnish information, as far as possible, to intending purchasers of seed grain, as to the nearest source of supply for good seed. Seedsmen and farmers in any part of Canada having seed grain for sale are advised to send their names, with a statement as to quantities, etc., and samples of the seed offered, to the Dominion Cerealists.

Most of the branch Experimental Farms have seed grain for sale, usually in limited quantity. There is also, frequently, a small surplus of seed at Ottawa after the free distribution has been finished, which is available for sale.

RECOMMENDED VARIETIES OF GRAIN

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Spring wheat.—Red Fife and White Fife are old, standard sorts, which are in the highest class for bread-making. They are, however, surpassed in earliness and yield, as a rule, by some of the new varieties.

Early Red Fife and Marquis are new, early-maturing wheats worthy of trial. They are in the same class as Red Fife for bread-making.

Huron is an early, productive, vigorous sort. It is bearded.

White Russian also gives good yields, but is not of early-ripening habit. The two varieties last mentioned (especially White Russian) are of lower strength for bread-making than the others.

Oats.—Among the best standard sorts may be mentioned Banner and Ligowo. These are white oats. Ligowo usually ripens before Banner, but is somewhat less productive. The black varieties usually give smaller yields than Banner.

If a very early oat is desired, Daubeney or Eighty Day may prove satisfactory.

Barley.—Manchurian, a selection from Mensury, and Ontario Agricultural College No. 21, a selection from Mandscheuri, are two strains of six-row barley which have recently been introduced and are superseding the other sorts from which they are derived.

Among the two-row varieties, Duckbill, Goldthorpe, Canadian Thorpe and Swedish Chevalier may be mentioned as good standard sorts.

Peas.—Arthur is particularly recommended for earliness and yield.

Other good sorts are Golden Vine (small), White Marrowfat (large) and Prussian Blue.

QUEBEC AND ONTARIO.

Spring wheat.—Red Fife and White Fife are good standard sorts but rather late in ripening for northern localities.

Huron, Marquis and Early Red Fife are earlier in ripening.

All the varieties mentioned are good for bread-making, but Huron is not equal in this respect to the others. It is, however, particularly vigorous and productive, and is highly recommended.

In extreme northern districts, Prelude will be found valuable if the soil is fairly rich and the rainfall sufficient.

In southern Ontario, the very late variety, Blue Stem, gives good results. It is rather more resistant to drought than most sorts. Goose wheat is useful in extremely dry localities, though the price of this variety is often quite low, as it is not used for