



WHAT THE SHEEP MUST BE

Sheep breeding is decreasing throughout the entire world, and the province of Quebec is no exception. Our flock once numbered over 1,000,000 heads where it now numbers only 600,000. In 1901 there were 396 sheep per 1000 inhabitants, in 1911 there were only 316.

The decrease is due to different reasons: diseases on poorly drained lands, lack of good fences, destruction by dogs and other animals and the lack of technical advice.

The poorly organised market both for mutton and wool has often discouraged good breeders.

Since the last few years the Dominion and Provincial Dept's of agriculture seem to have made sheep raising more prosperous. The high prices of mutton, wool production facilities of raising, the utilisation of poor dry lands, the destruction of weeds, the production of a rich easily kept manure are reasons which decide the farmer to give more attention to sheep breeding.

First the farmer must find out the type of mutton he must produce. The type of mutton demanded by the market is the one to raise.