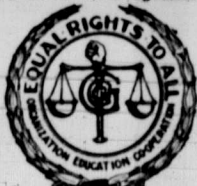


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SEAGER WHEELER'S CROPS

The illustration on this page shows samples of wheat, alfalfa and clover grown by Seager Wheeler this year on his farm at Rosthern, Sask. These samples were taken from the field on June 19. The development of all these plants is remarkable since the weather has been far from favorable for growing crops in the Rosthern district all spring. Concerning general conditions, Seager Wheeler says: "All these plants were grown under disadvantageous conditions. We have only had one good rain on May 14, since the snow went away. Conditions here may be termed droughty. We have had five different frosts during June and these did not assist crops at all. But for the cool weather conditions would be getting serious. Lots of rain has fallen in the Prince Albert and Saskatchewan districts, but we are out of the track at present. Regarding crop conditions, in the immediate district frost did not do any serious damage. West of Rosthern on low lying land, at Laird and Waldheim, around Duck Lake and east of the river, the grain was frozen badly. Many fields are brown and will have to make a fresh start again. Rains that fall from now on will encourage a good growth, but will delay maturity. Whereas crops were, at the end of May, two weeks earlier than usual, they are now at least ten days to two weeks later and unless very favorable weather from now on occurs there may be danger of a late harvest. The wheat I am sending is not average by any means. It is exceptionally good and cannot be duplicated in this district."

The grain in the centre, which is fully headed out, is winter wheat. It came from small plots planted by Mr. Wheeler last fall and the seed is from some individual strains of his own selection. By comparing this wheat with the rule in the photograph it will be seen that it measures well over four feet. There are two sorts, bald and bearded, both of which originated on the farm, and it is hoped that they will prove profitable and hardy strains. On the left of the winter wheat is a sample of Marquis wheat. It measures just about 24 inches long. This wheat came from a hand selected quarter acre seed plot. The grain on the right is "Red Bobs," an early wheat of Mr. Wheeler's own selection. As can be seen, it is almost bursting into head. The Cossack alfalfa on the left is over three feet tall and the Red Clover on the right is a very fine specimen indeed.

The splendid development of these plants clearly demonstrates that the cultural methods employed by Seager Wheeler are correct and highly successful. As has already been announced, The Guide has made arrangements with Mr. Wheeler for a number of articles describing his farming methods, which will be published during next fall and winter.

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