

FODDER AND PASTURE PLANTS. By Geo. H. Clark, B.S.A., and M. Oscar Malte, Ph.D., with water colour illustrations by Norman Criddle. Available at the office of the Superintendent of Stationery, Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa; price 50 cents.

This admirable work is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of fodder and pasture plants in Canada. It has been several years in preparation and may be described as a companion volume to "Farm Weeds in Canada," a work which, upon its appearance several years ago, called forth very favourable comment because of the excellence of the matter and the effective method of its presentation.

In "Fodder and Pasture Plants," the authors have succeeded exceptionally well in treating a technical subject in language intelligible to the general reader. Without sacrificing scientific accuracy, they have presented, in a popular way, the essentials in the successful production of fodder and forage crops adapted to general growing in Canada. The information relative to these crops has been presented in concise, yet sufficiently comprehensive, form. The practices advocated by the authors have behind them the sanction of accepted good farm practice, supplemented by the results of recent experimental research.

In addition to containing forty coloured drawings of the seeds of grasses and legumes of greatest economic importance in Canada, the volume contains twenty-five full-page illustrations, in natural colours, of the principal crops under consideration. These artistic reproductions are from the work of Mr. Norman Criddle and contribute much to the attractiveness and value of the text. With the exception of the root systems represented, the illustrations are remarkably true to life.

The quotations from early agricultural writers are, in the main, apt. In a work of this character, the wisdom of quoting so freely from such sources leaves room for difference of opinion. Since, however, the arrangement of the plates determined the paging of the text, this departure is perhaps justifiable.

This publication has been issued under the direction of the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion. Copies may be had from the Superintendent of Stationery for the nominal sum of fifty cents. Farmers, students and teachers alike will find in this excellent work much valuable information relating to fodder and forage crops the value of which, in the economy of general farming, agriculturists have been slow to appreciate.

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