

To the Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval Bulletin No. 4 of Series 2 on 'Alkali Soils their Nature and Reclamation,' which has been prepared by the chemist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, Mr. Frank T. Shutt.

In this bulletin the origin of the different sorts of 'alkali' soils is discussed, also their composition and characteristics, and methods of treatment are suggested whereby the alkali in such soils may be lessened or removed. It is believed that the information contained in this bulletin will be very useful to farmers living in those parts of the great Northwest plains and British Columbia where alkali is occasionally found.

As the alkali here referred to is rarely, if at all, found in Eastern Canada the distribution of this bulletin will be limited to those portions of the Dominion where alkali in the soil is found. Provision however is made whereby copies may be had by farmers in any other part of the Dominion on application to the Director, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

WM. SAUNDERS,

*Director of Experimental Farms.*