

crop this year will grade No. 3 Northern and lower. If this is so it is surprising, not to say alarming, to note the high percentage of wheat grading Nos. 1 and 2 Northern at present passing inspection at Winnipeg. Since the new crop began to move in any quantity fully 21 per cent. of inspected wheat has been No. 1 Northern, 25 per cent. 2 Northern, 16½ per cent. No. 3 Northern and 9½ per cent. No. 4. The balance, 28 per cent., consists of the lower grades. These facts might well suggest that the amount of low grade wheat in the country has been over estimated because, with prices so high, farmers might naturally dispose of their poor grade grain now on a favorable market saving the easily saleable high grade grain for a later date. However this may be, there may be a shortage of good seed grain in many localities in Western Canada. In the grain growing states to the south the situation is so serious that special legislation is being asked for to provide for the purchase and distribution of seed. Several United States seed houses have today agents thru the Western provinces buying seed grain. The Dominion government has appointed a commission to assist rural municipalities in locating and securing any seed required. With sufficient seed in the country it will be unpardonable neglect to allow it to be bought either by millers or outside buyers, and thus impair the possible crop yield next year.

Now is the time to arrange for seed. If it has to be bought, special seed grain rates are in effect on all railroads. Besides being bright, clean and weighing well, all grain kept for seed should be tested for its germination quality. Already disappointing results have been obtained from a great many samples of the 1916 crop, so that appearance alone is not sufficient where seed grain is concerned. Every farmer fortunate enough to have any quantity of desirable seed should overcome the temptation to sell his grain that is held out by exceptionally high prices just at present,

while those who are less fortunate should lose no time in arranging to obtain enough of this grain to sow their land next spring.

A SPLENDID IDEA

In revenge for the investigation of graft in the public buildings in Manitoba, the Winnipeg Telegram hints that the Ottawa Government may investigate the record of the late Laurier Government. We are heartily in favor of such an action. If each Government will make a habit of exposing the corruption of its predecessors and putting all the grafters in jail it will clean up public life probably faster than any one method of reform that is proposed.

The general opinion is that trade competition will be doubly keen after the termination of the war. This being so, manufacturers ought to prepare now to meet this increased competition. They have no right to expect consumers to pay more for their commodities in order that their present profits shall continue, because increased prices will inevitably result if the present agitation for increased protection is allowed to succeed. On what basis other than superior service should any trade be able to exist, either at home or abroad? Efficiency, not protection, must be the principle that will make Canada's prosperity permanent.

Responsible farmers ought to have no difficulty this fall in obtaining all the breeding or feeder cattle they require. The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture has had an expert cattle buyer at the Winnipeg stockyards for some weeks whose duty it is to buy, test and ship back cattle for any farmers who can make the necessary financial arrangements to obtain them. Now the Dominion Department of Agriculture thru its livestock branch has made arrangements to pay all reasonable

transportation and travelling expenses of farmers to and from the market who buy cattle for breeding or feeding. The banks are co-operating in this effort to keep the breeding and feeding stock from being shipped out of the country. Full information can be obtained from all local banks. If you can handle some cattle, go in and talk the matter over with your local bank manager.

It is reported the Germans are spreading the germs of tuberculosis among the allied prisoners, and that already 50,000 French as well as many British have fallen victims to the white plague that science has been doing its utmost to stamp out for a generation. It hardly seems credible, but the Germans have proven equal to anything.

The world's consumption of white flour is said to be growing at the rate of 100,000,000 bushels per year and the world's wheat production seems to be keeping pace with it, having gained over 800,000,000 from 1910 to 1915. Some European countries consume the equivalent in flour of over seven bushels of wheat per capita, while United States uses almost five and a half and Canada about six.

A farmer from Oklahoma coming into Canada a little while ago brought with him a pair of overalls which he purchased in the States for \$1.00. When crossing the lines the Canadian Customs Officials compelled him to pay 45 cents duty on the overalls. This is supposed to be one way of building up a prosperous farming community in Western Canada.

Rusted straw has been found to be in no way injurious to livestock, tho the presence of rust reduces the palatability of the feed to a certain extent. On the other hand, the straw of rust affected grains contains more protein than undamaged straw and hence has a higher feeding value. Feed some cattle this winter.



CONSIDERING A COLD DIP

Note—It is rumored that the Dominion government is planning to call a general election before New Year's.

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