Rye straw

The value of rye straw as feed is rather small and is not improved to any extent by its bitterness and hard texture. It is preferable to employ it as litter and chopped to make it more absorbent.

Fall rye as green fodder

Fall rye should be grown on a larger scale in this Province, particularly in view of feeding same to milch cows as green fodder in summer time. Fall rye cultivated for this particular purpose may be fed to animals three or four weeks sooner than any other fodder or mixture sown in the spring for the same object. It might be advisable to add that if fall rye is sown to be fed as green fodder, it shall be sown thick in weel-manured soil, so as to obtain a fair volume of fodder.

Rye as pasture

In several districts of Ontario, animals are allowed to feed on fall rye when it is 8 or 10 inches high, and when grazed, it is given another apportunity to grow and ripen its grain which is afterwards harvested in the fall; thus pastures are rather poor and lacking early in the season.

Rye-Description

Rye is a cereal whose stalk and grain much resemble those of wheat. The stalk is generally a little longer and thinner than that of wheat. As to the grain, it is separated from its glume by thrashing as wheat; it is more slender and longer than the latter, and has a striking resemblance to a bare grain of oats.

Spring Rye and Winter Rye

As previously given to understand, rye may be sown in the spring and in the fall. Fall rye is grown chiefly in