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### Sheep in Demand.

The Live Stock Branch has been selling a considerable number of sheep to Saskatchewan farmers during recent weeks, indicating an increasing recognition of the fact that these animals are in many respects the most profitable that he can keep. In addition to the Rambouillet rams secured by Professor Shaw in the Western States, all of which have been sold, a fairly large number of pure-bred rams of other breeds have been placed, and also a total of 1,250 ewes. Of the latter, the distribution has been quite wide, as is indicated by the fact that only one large sale of 100 head to a farmer near Langham, was made, and the remaining 1,150 were distributed amongst 39 buyers.

In addition the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association has purchased a large number of sheep which have been placed amongst their membership, while some have been disposed of to farmers as far away as British Columbia. — "Public Service Monthly."

### Seed Testing of Provincial Department to be discontinued.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture, which has for some time maintained a seed-testing laboratory at Calgary, has this year opened another at Winnipeg. Consequently the farmers of British Columbia and Alberta will be able to have their seed tested for germination at Calgary, and those of Manitoba and Saskatchewan at Winnipeg. In view of this arrangement the provincial department will not operate a seed-testing service this year as farmers will be fully as well served by sending samples to Winnipeg. Samples of cereals and grasses should be addressed to the Dominion Seed Analyst, Trust and Loan Building, Winnipeg, Man.— "Public Service Monthly."

### Wheat in the Maritime Provinces.

It is not generally known that the Maritime Provinces grow nearly enough wheat to supply themselves with flour. This is due to the encouragement that the farmers have received during the war. Now it is found that the present milling capacity is not adequate and steps are being taken by the

New Brunswick Government to bonus mills of greater capacity, that will be built to specifications and run for a certain period of time. This will enable farmers to have their own wheat ground at a local mill. It is hoped that this will in a measure help to solve the mill feed problem that faces the Maritime milk producer. Owing to the large millers' policy of giving only a proportion of mill feeds with the flour the scarcity of mill feeds, especially during the war, has made this development necessary.

### Western Seed Distribution.

"There will be no general seed grain distribution by the Government next spring," says the Department of Agriculture in the "Public Services Monthly," of Regina, Saskatchewan. This decision appears to have been the result of the perennial expectation in the minds of many that even if the crop fails, the Government will help out. Good though this system was, there developed a certain class of farmer who seldom did his best under such a condition of expectancy, so that the distribution of Government seed to meet the demand in recent years has been extravagant.

In continuation of the notice; "in lieu of it (the general seed distribution), and in addition to the plan devised last spring, the loan companies are offering to increase their loans sufficiently to all borrowers in good standing, who lost their crops from drought and frost, to enable them to secure seed for next spring.

"At a conference on the grain situation held in Regina a short time ago between the Federal and Provincial authorities (including Alberta) the following working programme was outlined and adopted:

"Rural municipalities will be expected to meet the seed situation within the irrelative boundaries, as has been on the whole so satisfactorily done during the past few years.

"Provincial Government will take care of the seed situation as last year in unorganised areas.

"Federal Government, through the Seed Grain Purchasing Commission, will secure and retain for resale sufficient seed supplies at interior terminals to meet local requirements.

"As in years past, the Federal Government will also finance the seed requirements of entrants for unpatented homesteads and pre-emptions, but applications from all such will be made to the Secretary of the rural municipality or to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, if in unorganised areas."

The general opinion of this conference was also, that the Government should no longer make wards of men, many of whom would otherwise farm successfully. It was further thought that this restriction of the seed distribution although necessarily entailing hardship on some and even reducing the acreage on others, will tend to the great solidity of agriculture. In other works a more diversified farming system will be encouraged rather than a speculation on a wheat crop; and where grain is still grown the farmers will necessarily have to adopt more careful methods.

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