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Seed Control.

During the last few years I have had occasion to travel through the chief farming sections of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and have had an excellent opportunity for studying the conditions which affect the production of farm crops in those districts. While continually meeting and conversing with farmers, I very frequently heard, and as far as possible investigated the cause for complaints about common farm crop seeds that had been bought in good faith from seed dealers, and which had in many cases turned out worse than useless. In most cases—but not in all—I found just cause for complaint.

Although we have quite a number of reliable and well established seed houses under the management of men who would not knowingly permit deception in the marketing of their goods, it is quite certain that

there are others who are less scrupulous, and who either through carelessness or design profit by the ignorance of the less intelligent farmers.

The question of how the trouble caused by the continued sale of impure and dead seed can best be overcome is one which—though quite new in Canada—has been carefully and effectually dealt with in most European countries. The quality of commercial seeds in the markets of Great Britain, Germany, Austro-Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and to some extent in France is largely controlled by the voluntary united efforts and progressive spirit of their most enterprising seedsmen. The maintainance of their seed testing stations, which are usually connected with State experiment stations, does much toward encouraging the marketing of