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Our Supply of Some Foreign Grown Seeds.

The following article is from the pen of Mr. G. H. Clark, B. S. A., Chief of the Seed Division, Department of Agriculture. If the farmers of Canada were acquainted with the sources of supply of their root crop seeds, and the avenues through which they pass before reaching them, they would be a great deal more particular when making their purchases.

Practically all the seed for our root crops is grown in foreign countries. However important it may be that the seed for such crops be grown in the country where it is wanted for sowing, the cheap labor in those European countries, which have become the seed gardens of the world, has made the seed growing industry unprofitable to Canadian farmers or seed specialists.

Our supply of foreign grown seeds is bought and imported principally by our larger seed firms. They may make their purchases either by paying a commensurate price to reliable European seed growers, men who grow seed from selected pedigreed stock or, they may buy seed at a much lower price—seed that is grown by men whose chief aim has been to produce a large quantity, independent of the quality of the crop it will produce. In the former case, the seed is grown from selected plants—from roots which have an ideal size and form and are known to be true to name.

For instance, an ideal turnip is one having a small neck, and top growth. Such a root when planted will produce a comparatively small growth of stalks, and consequently a small amount of seed, but the seed from such a root is apt to produce a crop like the mother root which was planted. On the other hand a small turnip having several root prongs, and an excessive growth of top coming from two or three separate neck growths, will transmit its like through the seed to the next crop. Seed can be grown from such roots much more cheaply than from selected roots, because, in the first place the mother roots are culls, and are not as valuable for feeding, and secondly, they will produce a much larger quantity of seed.

During the last ten or fifteen years the seed trade has, to a great extent, been passing from the hands of seedsmen who devote all their time to a study of seeds and the seed trade, into the hands of local dealers. Unfortunately, fair competition in the seed trade, is practically impossible, since the appearance of most commercial seeds is but a slight indication of their real value. The competition has been, and is too largely confined to prices alone. Farmers continue to patronize the local dealer who is able to quote a low price for his goods. The local dealer demands a low priced seed of the wholesale firms, and in turn there has been a growing strife among wholesale seed firms in the buying of cheap goods, with which to supply local dealers.

It is well to mention, however, that through the progressive spirit of some reliable seed houses a limited trade of the best stocks of root crops seeds has been fostered, and there is little difficulty experienced among intelligent farmers, in getting the best quality of seeds provided that they go the right way about it, and are willing to pay a commensurate price. But much of the root crop seeds sold in Canada are retailed to the farmer at a price quite as low as our Canadian seed houses have to pay reputed European seed growers for the best seed from selected pedigreed stock.

Appeals have been made, both by seedsmen and farmers, to place such restrictions on the seed trade, as will serve to withdraw the responsibility connected therewith, from the hands of incompetent dealers. With root crop seeds, this aim may be reached by allowing only reliable seed houses or seed importers the right to place such goods on the market: by allowing them to place goods in sealed packages, each package to be properly labelled, and to bear the name and consequently the reputation of the seed house: in the hands of local dealers to be sold on commission only. Official interference in the seed trade may have objectionable features. Perhaps the most striking example of where legislation has been applied to improve the conditions under which commercial seeds are sold, is in the State of Maine, where all seeds sold must be accompanied with a statement, showing the percentage of pure and vital seeds. They have extended to their seed trade a modification of the act which is used in Canada to regulate the quality of commercial fertilizers, and the results have clearly demonstrated that, whatever evils may accompany an enforced guarantee system in connection with the seed trade, it is an effective way to improve the quality of commercial seeds, especially of clover and grasses, of which a great deal is sold in some districts in Canada, that contains large quantities of noxious weed seeds and is a decided injury, not only to the farmer who buys it, but to the locality where it is grown.

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The Origin of the Loving Cup.

The loving cup is very common nowadays, and we see it everywhere. But many years ago there were no such things as these queer three handled affairs, and the following story tells how they first happened to be made:

Once upon a time centuries before us, there lived a great and powerful king, who was extremely fond of hunting. He was one day in a forest pursuing a stag, but it was so fleet and clever that it eluded him and his band of followers, and led them entirely out of their way. After wandering about in a hopeless fashion they finally came upon a little hut, and the king himself dismounted and rapped smartly upon the door.

A young girl answered his knock, and soon showed the men the right path. The king was about to go, when he saw a well near the house, and at the sight of the clear water immediately felt thirsty, and, going back, asked the girl for a drink. Without hesitation she went into the house and came out with an earthen jug filled with the well water. But, instead of offering his royal majesty the handle, as most people would do, she held that herself, and handed him the cup the wrong way.

The king said nothing, thanked the girl, and he and his band soon found their way out of the wood.

But when he reached his palace he determined to reward the girl for giving him the water and at the same time to teach her a lesson in politeness.

Sending to his jeweler, he bade him make a silver cup, with two handles, and deliver it to the young girl, without a word as to whence it came.

Perhaps a month after this the king again hunted in that same forest, sought the hut and asked the girl for another drink of water.

This time she entered the house and came out with a beautiful silver cup, full of the sparkling water. "Now," thought the king, "she has certainly learned a lesson." But never was he more mistaken, for the poor, ignorant girl took a handle in each hand, and for the second time offered her liege lord nothing save the side of the cup.

The king rode away deeply perplexed. He resolved to teach the girl the polite way to hand a cup without directly rebuking her, and many were the hours he spent in cudgeling his brains for some way in which to do it. At last a bright idea struck him, and he sent for his jeweler a second time. "Make me," said he to the man, "a silver cup, heavily chased, and with my royal crest, and put three handles on it." The jeweler, much surprised—for remember, no such thing had ever been heard of up to this time—did as he was told, and soon the mug was finished. As before, the king had it privately sent to the girl who lived in the little hut.

One day not long after this for the third time he rode into that forest, and, taking the now well-known path, soon reached the cottage. Dismounting, he knocked at the door and asked humbly for a drink of clear water.

The girl immediately came out with the beautiful three-handled cup, and, taking two of the handles in her hands, she offered him the third.
So the king rode away well pleased with his strategy and, reaching home, ordered three-handled cups to be made in every sort of ware, and they became so popular that we now have them in all our shops and stores.

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"Your Excellency," replied his cook, "I should say it was a prime minister."—[Household Words.

Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresolene—they breathe it.

The Retort "Choateous."
On a certain occasion our present ambassador to the Court of St. James, who found one of his pressing cases on the foot of the docket of the New York County Court, took a change of venue to Westchester County.

His opponent was a Westchester attorney who, in his speech before the jury, referred caustically to his "learned brother so famed for his Chesterfieldian urbanity."
In replying, states the New York Times, Mr. Choate touched upon the gibe in this sly fashion:

"I cannot repudiate the compliment of the counsel for the other side when he refers to my Chesterfieldian urbanity, for it comes from one no less celebrated for Westchesterfieldian suburbanity."
Had the county been Queens, for example, this addition to "Choateiana" could not have been made, but that does not dim its sparkle.

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