

CAN GROW WHEAT.

HOW A CARLETON CO. FARMER RAISES HIS OWN FLOUR.

Charles McCormac, of Somerville, is another eminently successful Carleton County farmer. Along with other lines of produce he is known as a successful wheat-raiser.

Last Saturday evening Mr. McCormac submitted to an interview, and was pleased to impart his ideas with regard to the specialty of wheat-growing. He is a pleasant and easy talker, weighing carefully each sentence. While vehement, he is impressive without being extravagant.

"Do you raise all your own flour?" asked the ADVERTISER.

"I raise," said Mr. McCormac, sufficient flour to supply several families beside my own. In 21 years I have bought but three barrels of imported flour, and would not have done that but for a total failure in wheat one year."

"Do you say you have had but one off year in 21?"

"I do, but some years have been better than others. Twice I have raised 100 bushels off two acres; a number of times I've raised that amount from two and a half acres. Last year was about as unfavorable as it could be, but still I got 100 bushels from three acres—over 33 bushels to the acre."

"What kind of land is required, or which is best for raising wheat?"

"Any kind of soil will raise good wheat if it is properly drained and dressed. Even our swamp land can be made to yield a good crop."

"Preparing the land? The best plan is to grow a crop of potatoes, turnips, beans, or corn, dressing the land with barnyard manure, thoroughly rotted and free from weed seeds. This preparatory crop should be carefully hoed and every weed—all nettles, cockle, thistles, buckwheat, etc.—plucked out and destroyed. With regard to the dressing, it must not be applied too strong because it might prove too rich. Plow the ground in the fall, and do not plow again in the spring, but harrow it well. Plowing in the spring has a tendency to let too much air in at the roots. The seed should be sown early, and frost in the ground will do it good. A fall of snow on the young wheat will also do it good. The seed wheat should be made perfectly free from impurities. Hand-picking it is good employment for long winter evenings."

"Sod land will yield 15 bushels of wheat to the acre. It should be plowed in midsummer, so that the sod will have time to rot; and in the following spring should be well harrowed."

"What about artificial fertilizers?" asked the ADVERTISER scribe.

"Salt is excellent," said Mr. McCormac, "twenty bushels to the acre will increase the yield wonderfully, while it would be difficult to apply to much. If you are going to raise wheat from clay soil you must use lime, or what is better, Tobique gypsum for good results."

Mr. McCormac heartily endorses Mr. Emmerson's ideas about the raising of wheat, and believes every maritime

farmer should raise his own bread. He thinks good flour mills should be established. Concluding he said a farmer must use sense and science. "He cannot expect to sow tares and nettles and reap wheat."

"Do you realize the need of a bridge across to Hartland?" queried the TISER man. This touched a tender spot in Mr. McCormac's anatomy. Springing to his feet he exclaimed: "Bridge? It is disgraceful—that we have none! I would give \$100 this day if there were a bridge across to Hartland." He did not speak flatteringly of our local representatives in their endeavour (?) to get a bridge appropriation. He is strongly of the opinion that at next election a member should be sent from this immediate vicinity.

Mr. McCormac is interested in the board of trade movement and hopes if it is a go that one of the first actions will be to grade oats and butter.

The York Co Agricultural Society have decided to hold an exhibition next fall.

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