

particular kind of seed arises. Lines of seed, particularly of white clover, have been imported into New Zealand and placed upon the market which are totally unfit (by reason of their feeble germination-capacity and high percentage of extraneous seeds) for use in New Zealand agriculture. It may be said, in fact, that the spread of weeds in New Zealand is affected to a very large extent by the demand for cheap seed, which means the utilization of those imported lines which, in their country, were difficult or impossible to sell. The difficulty of selling such lines in their native countries is undoubtedly due to the seed legislation governing the sale of seeds in these lands, and the possibility of selling such lines in New Zealand arises equally from the absence of such legislation in this country.

It is conceded that few countries are so well adapted for high-class seed production as New Zealand. This fact was brought prominently into notice at the Panama Pacific International Exhibition, San Francisco, where the seeds (other than wheat) grown in New Zealand and exhibited there not only secured the highest awards in the different classes, but also received high commendation from the International Jury of Awards, being described by them as being unequalled by any other country.

In conclusion, I may say that I cannot speak too highly of the extreme courtesy extended to me by all persons with whom I came in contact both in the United States and Canada, and the readiness with which information on all points was given by the heads of departments and experts.

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