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## Rust on Wheat

What rust on grain has cost the Canadian farmer in cold cash through startling reductions on yield, and what, in turn, the consequent cut in spending power has meant in hardship to the wage earners in eastern Canada who produce goods western Canadians buy, can probably not be calculated. But no two representative grain growers or manufacturers would hesitate to declare the cost to Canada as one expressed in terms of hundreds of millions of dollars. So anything tending to lessen the power of this curse to the grower of grain is certain to work out to the general advantage of Canada. And, it appears now that there is good reason for optimism among those who have been actively in solving the problem and so increasing the effectiveness of Canada's food contribution to the Allied cause, and the base of prosperity of Canadians from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"Many people, indeed, foresee the utter extinction of the rust menace in Canada of the barley plant, and in the development of Seager Wheeler, the Luther Burbank of the Canadian wheat world, of a variety of the great essential cereal that matures some ten days earlier than that generally grown in the Western provinces.

It seems to have been proved absolutely that the decorative barley-except the chief cause of the propagation of rust trouble, and already in the spring wheat belt in the United States and in Canada, an organized campaign is working for the eradication of the barley in all sections likely to infect the growing grain. It was brought out in Congress in Washington by the Hon. George Young of North Dakota, that the settlers in the colony of Massachusetts in 1755 were aware of the intimate relations between the Barberry plant, and rust on wheat, and that a law was passed thirty years ago providing for the rooting out of the shrub in that jurisdiction. Denmark, however, has begun the modern crusade, and the Hon. Mr. Young says that, rust has practically disappeared from the wheat fields of that progressive Scandinavian country since the carrying into effect of the campaign against the innocent appearing barberry.

Apparently this plant is "host" for the rust, which is carried on the winds as far as two or three hundred miles. That is how rust in Canada may have come via air route from the United States, or how rust in the Dakotas or Montana or some other state in the Republic may have been carried from plants in Canada. When the climatic conditions are suitable it fastens to the wheat, and then, to complete the cycle the parasite returns the Barberry which preserves it in health during the winter. Almost invariably, high-erto, there has followed a sharp reduction in yield wherever the ordinary spring wheat has been attacked. That is where Seager Wheeler enters as a factor in the future of Western Canada grain growing.

For the past eleven years, on his farm near Rosthern on the Canadian Northern Railway in Central Saskatchewan, he has been breeding a strain of wheat that matures early. In itself that should be of value as a guarantee against rust. But there is the added significance that by the time the rust usually develops on wheat in the west, his wheat has developed to the point where it can do practically no harm.

While little has been said in public in Canada, the leaders in Canadian agriculture have been closely watching the rust evil in all its ramifications. Now, Dean Kutherford, of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, points out—

"The people of Saskatchewan are fully aware of the fact that rust can come to us from Dakota or from any of the states to the south and gets started when our conditions are favorable to the propagation and spread. For instance, in 1916 the rust wave from the States to the south gradually pushed up in a north-westerly direction far past Saskatoon. The states to the south were waging war against the barberry. Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and I think Alberta, have included the barberry bush amongst their noxious weeds on account of it being a host plant for the rust. Steps are being taken to have it destroyed in all gardens and hedges."

And further: "Conferences have been held already in Western Canada for the purpose of discussing ways and means of preventing rust. One of the matters that received consideration was that of the barberry and it was recommended that this plant be destroyed. The barberry has not been used extensively in Western Canada yet, probably more of it can be found in parks and large public grounds than anywhere else. As these are under governing bodies, either Municipal or Government, it will be a very easy matter to have this plant eradicated. The Dominion Department of Agriculture is interesting itself in this important question and has under way carefully planned investigations with reference to it."

And Seager Wheeler says of his new "breed" of wheat:—

"Red Bobs comes up to all my expectations in practically every respect, more so than I could reasonably expect. I personally consider it a perfect wheat to suit our conditions in the west in point of earliness to reasonably escape damage from early fall frosts and rust. These two points alone make it a very promising sort, as frost in every season gets of the crops, and in 1916 the loss from rust, alone, in Canada amounted to \$135,000,000.

"Red Bobs matures a week to ten days

earlier than even Marquis. While it is not altogether rust resistant it is practically immune owing to its stage of ripening at the time rust begins to develop, so that rust cannot do any damage to the grains as it will be filled before rust makes any headway in the crop.

"Of other good qualities its great strength of straw enables it to be grown on land and stand up where other sorts would (except Kitchener) lay down owing to excessive soft growth in rich land. Another good quality: the heads fill completely, where in other sorts many heads have empty spiklets. Red Bobs is being grown this season in many districts in the three prairie provinces and will be put to a severe test, but I am confident that it will make a good showing."

In a broad sense Canada must regard Red Bobs wheat as a good gift from Australia. Out there, under the Southern Cross, in 1905 a farmer "crossed" a wheat without a name with a barley called Ne-paul. A hard beardless good milling wheat was the result, but, it was unmarketable because it was white. Some samples came to this country and experiments with it were made during a period of several years. But it remained white. Then Seager Wheeler in 1907 began his experiments with it, by dint of great care and patience he has gotten the "Red" Bobs. It gave it that name because he is a great admirer of "Bobs" the soldier, and because he thinks one day it will be a great factor in the prosperity of the Dominion, a development in which the beloved Field Marshall would have taken pride.

## COURT SCANDAL RECALLED.

Favorite of Francis Joseph Dies in Vienna.

German newspapers announce the death in Vienna of the actress, Katharina Schratz, for years an intimate of the late Emperor Francis Joseph and to whom he left \$250,000 in his will. She was one of the most lurid figures in the scandalous life of the old Emperor.

Katharina Schratz first met Emperor Francis Joseph in the early 80s, when she had won considerable reputation at the Stadt Theatre in Vienna as a mimic, and soon became known as "the woman behind the Austrian throne." Mme. Schratz, however, lived to see the day when permission was refused her to view the Emperor on his bier.

At the time of her first meeting with Francis Joseph the young actress was the wife of Nicholas von Kiss, a Hungarian, who died in 1890. Court gossip had it that the Empress Elizabeth, who had been known as the most beautiful Princess in all Europe, was first to call her royal consort's attention to the young woman's loveliness of face, and that the next day Katharina Schratz was appointed court actress of the Hofburg Theatre. Throughout the remainder of the Empress' life she befriended the actress, and apparently encouraged the intimacy between her and the Emperor, about which the country soon was gossiping.

Katharina Schratz was described as an extremely handsome woman of the brunette type—tall and classically formed. Her eyes were large and blue, and she had a wealth of dark hair. She was possessed of such personal magnetism, and her manners were said to be charming.

The actress remained on the stage for many years as leading lady of the Hofburg Theatre. She occupied an establishment near the palace, and nearly every morning Emperor Francis Joseph took breakfast with her.

After the Empress Elizabeth was assassinated in Switzerland in 1898 Mme. Schratz wore the deepest of mourning. The Emperor more and more sought her companionship, and she was appointed "official reader" to amuse him with books. He caused to be published in the State paper of Vienna the following paragraph:

"The perfectly innocent character of the relations between the monarch and the actress are known to every one here who has the slightest acquaintance with Austro-Hungarian court life."

Katharina Schratz, the actress, then became a participant in affairs of State, playing behind the scenes but wielding an influence over the aged Emperor that made Austro-Hungarian statesmen eager to gain her counsel. In politics she was at first an opponent, and then a partisan of the Hungarians, who desired greater legislative privileges than the dual monarchy permitted. It was the actress who persuaded Emperor Francis Joseph in 1905 to receive in audience Francis Kosuth, son of the great Hungarian patriot and radical leader.

Mme. Schratz's career as a political power ended with the death of Emperor Francis Joseph in November, 1914.

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