THE TRADE IN REGISTERED SEED.

Registered seed, that is, seed which represents the progeny of Elite Stock Seed and which has been grown according to the regulations and has passed the inspection of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, has been in greater demand during the past spring than during any other year in the history of this organization. This demand was due primarily to the fact that, owing to the very unfavorable season of 1912, the crops produced on many farms were rendered useless for seeding purposes, thus necessitating the purchasing of seed by the growers. Where formerly many of these growers would have been content to purchase "just seed," the spring of 1913, thanks to the educational propaganda which has been prosecuted by the Dominion Seed Branch and the many provincial agencies, found them anxious to invest only in seed of the purest kind and of the very best quality and breeding. Unfortunately the supply of registered seed was inadequate to meet the demand, many purchasers having to obtain seed from sources not equipped to provide a first class article in all practical particulars.

The superiority of registered seed over ordinary seed in regard to such matters as yield, purity, and uniformity of growth and maturity has everywhere been demonstrated during the past season. In order to obtain definite information showing how these two classes of seed compare in regard to the points mentioned, a special letter was sent

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