

FERTILIZERS BILL.

A proposed draft Fertilizers Bill to replace the Act now in operation was considered in detail, and approved with minor amendments, the suggestion being made by the Board that the proposals should later be submitted for consideration to farmers' organizations and others engaged in the fertilizer trade.

RABBIT NUISANCE ACT.

The Board decided to recommend that the Rabbit Nuisance Act be again consolidated and amended, as the experience of the Department has shown to be necessary.

WILD WHITE CLOVER.

During the consideration of a paper prepared by the president on wild white clover in its relation to the renewal of pastures, the Director of the Field Division related the result of a series of experimental plots designed to make a comparison of the imported or Dutch white clover with that grown in the Dominion. The result showed that the New-Zealand-grown clover was much superior to that grown from imported seed, and the Board asked that an article be prepared for the *Journal of Agriculture*, giving a detailed account of the experiments, and that leaflets be circulated to the various agricultural and pastoral associations and farmers' unions throughout the Dominion for the information of their members.

DEHORNING OF CATTLE.

This question was further considered by the Board, which decided to report to the Government that in its opinion the time has now arrived for the introduction of legislation to make dehorning compulsory, except in the case of stud and pedigree cattle.

GENERAL.

Other matters which engaged the attention of the Board were:—

- (a.) The extension of the instructional services of the Department;
- (b.) Elimination of lice on sheep;
- (c.) Blackberry and contagious mammitis experiments;
- (d.) All-wool woolpacks;
- (e.) Importation of game birds; and
- (f.) The suitability of Wiltshire Horn Sheep for introduction into the Dominion.

Yours faithfully,

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The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Wellington.

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