

DAKOTA FARMERS MAY RAISE HEMP

**With Cheap Labor to Groom
Products, Farmers Would
Make Large Profits.**

Some North Dakota farmers are investigating the possibility of the hemp industry in this state. There are high fibre values in the crop because of the enormous yields that can be secured in this territory and a second and a highly desirable factor in that it effectually cleans the land of all weeds.

Some experiments have been made which indicate the Red River valley soil will grow from 10 to 15 tons per acre of the straw. This will make from two to three tons of fibre. The latter is such high quality that, when hand broken, it will readily bring from \$100 to \$150 per ton. With cheap labor when the straw could be hand broken in the winter months when there is little employment the crop would be highly profitable. There are hemp breaking machines which produce a high quality of fibre, though not so long and silky as the hand broken.

As a weed eradicator the hemp is in a class by itself, according to those who have made tests. One or two crops will effectually stamp out weeds on the worst infected fields, and make the land doubly valuable for ordinary grain crops.

Hemp grows luxuriantly in the valley. Some tests near Fargo have shown over six feet lengths and practically any of the land will grow it five feet.

The Manchurian hemp for seed could be raised here, but it does not possess the high fibre qualities of the regular fibre hemp nor does it grow in such length