

FUTURE COTTON CROPS.

Manufacturers' Record Summarizes Opinions From North and South Carolina On The Prospect.

The Manufacturers' Record, published at Baltimore, in continuance of its discussion of the cotton crop has submitted to the commissioners of agriculture and the presidents of all the agricultural colleges of the South, to several hundred leading cotton manufacturers, oil mill men, commission merchants, bankers, growers and others, the following inquiry:

Is there danger of a permanent decrease in cotton production in the South? If so, is it due

(1) To deterioration of seed by reason of the best seed being sold to oil mills; or

(2) To a decline in the fertility of the soil by reason of bad cultivation under the tenantry system; or

(3) To a lack of farm labor since the industrial development of the South has drawn many hands from the country to the cities, or are all three of these factors to be reckoned with?

The Manufacturers' Record began the publication of replies in last week's issue. Dealing with the replies, it says:

"The letters published today deal mainly with the conditions which prevail in the Carolinas and Georgia. Following these will come next week letters from the far South, in which the conditions may be presented as entirely different from those in the upper South. The letters published show a wide diversity of views, but the predominant note in all of them, with few exceptions, is that scarcity of farm labor will make it difficult for the South to increase its production of cotton. This scarcity is due in part to the tendency of the white tenant farmer to cotton mill employment, most pronounced in the older textile communities, where he and his family secure more profitable work than on the farm, and in part to the trend of more active negro laborers away from agriculture to mining, railroad and kindred work. It is pointed out that this condition, which is becoming more pronounced every year, would make it difficult for the South to pick a larger crop; even if it could be raised. This condition presents an urgent need for immigration to the South to fill in the gap left by the increased employment of whites in the cotton mills and of negroes in mining and in railroad construction, and in the general trend of negroes away from farms to cities.

"With but few exceptions, it is claimed that there is no deterioration of seed, but that, on the contrary, farmers have been careful to use the best seed for planting, though a few writers insist very strongly that there is a deterioration in seed, claiming that the best seed are sold to the mills and that the fertilizers used are not equal to the seed for the maintenance of the fertility of the soil, and that thus the consumption of seed by oil mills is a disadvantage in the long run. Comparatively few admit any deterioration in soil, and where this is reported, it is claimed to be due to the thriftlessness of the negro tenants, who do not appreciate the importance of maintaining the fertility of the land. With scarcely an exception, however, the small crops of the last few years are claimed to be due, not to any of these causes, but to abnormal weather conditions, which cut short the yield. While some think that the South has practically reached, under present conditions, its maximum output of cotton, there are other equally as well informed men who claim that there is scarcely any limit to the increase of the cotton crop of the South. This

side of the case is presented by one of the most careful investigators of the South, who says that there has been no deterioration in the seed and none in the soil, and to this adds:

"We have made two short crops, from causes that have, in the past and will continue to recur from time to time. We may next year make 225 pounds of cotton per acre. The acreage will probably be 30,000,000. This will give us a crop of something like 13,500,000 bales. Manufacturers have taken many people from farms. Those left on farms work better, because of better conditions and rewards. The South is not yet seriously suffering from lack of farm labor, but has reached a point where the labor, formerly much idle, has been absorbed in profitable employments. It is a good time for quite a lot of thrifty immigrants to come South. The range of cotton production per acre seems to be about 150 pounds on the low side to 225 pounds on the high side. It seems to be ranging up and down now, about as in all time past."

CROSS-EXAMINATION

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