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From: Heloise Parry [<mailto:helapa@bigpond.com>]
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Dear Mr Casimaty.

The farming of Industrial Hemp in Tasmania would be a very welcome industry and is possibly long overdue. I refer to the work of Mrs Patsy Harmsen and would personally endorse all that she has done in this field. I buy hemp clothing because it is as comfortable to wear and to launder as is silk.

Properly planned and managed it could become a very profitable industry and might help to replace existing failing industries.

I imagine that the guidelines or regulations governing the growing of poppies in this State could be applied, at least in the beginning, to the growing of industrial hemp because there would be a number of persons who might mistake it for the smokeable sort and become expensively ill. Or perhaps they might grow the smokeable sort and maintain it is the industrial sort. Or the publicity that would inevitably attached to any such happenings might be too harmful. In any case such possibilities could cause confusion and costs to stop such things happening and might be worthwhile being "nipped in the bud".

It might also be advisable to budget for a comprehensive and on-going education campaign to promote such a new industry. Also, using the experiences of people who wear hemp clothing and use hemp for weaving and other yarn crafts might help. I was surprised to realise how many people wear hemp things where I live, in Cygnet.

Finally you might like to know that members of the Handweavers, Spinner and Dyers Guild of Tasmania also use a fair bit of hempen yarns that are stocked in the Guild yarn store in St George's Church in Battery Point. The Guild address is P. O. Box 163, Battery Point, Tas 7004.
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