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## Seed Sowing and Early Care of Vegetables

(Experimental Farms Note.)

The time of sowing the seed and the early care of vegetables are very important factors in the successful growing of them. The seed of some kinds of vegetables will germinate at a temperature and under certain conditions of moisture at which other seeds will not germinate and will sometime rot.

Seeds of beets, carrots, lettuce, onions, parsnips, peas, radishes, kohlrabi, garden cress, salsify, spinach, parsley and leeks can be sown as soon as the ground is dry enough in the spring so that it will work well. The seeds germinate at relatively low temperatures and the plants will stand considerable frost without serious injury. Other vegetables such as cabbage, cauliflower and celery will also stand frost but these are usually started in a hotbed in order to save time in the field.

Vegetables which require higher temperatures than the above in order to grow well and which are injured by light frosts are beans, corn, cucumbers, melons, potatoes and squash.

Seed of late cabbage is not sown until late in May but it will endure frost, and seed of Swede turnip should be sown late when required for the table.

In order to obtain plants subject to light frosts, which are well advanced before being set out and to save considerable time the field, melons, egg-plants, peppers and tomatoes are usually started in hot-beds.

Frequently lack of germination of seed is blamed on the quality of the seed planted or to the rotting of the seed in the ground when certain kinds of seed have been sown too early. Small vegetables seeds are often planted much too deeply. For the smaller seeds one-quarter of an inch for the smallest to one-half of an inch for those a little larger is deep enough. If planted much deeper the seed may germinate but the shoot does not reach the surface of the ground and the tiny plant dies. Peas corn and beans are planted about two inches deep. In very loose soils, the surface of which dries down more than those fairly compact slightly deeper planting may be necessary.

When the seed has germinated great care should be taken to ventilate hot-beds carefully. When the young plants come up, the frame should be kept sufficiently aired by raising the back or higher part of the sash to prevent the plants from getting spindly or weakly, when they are apt to damp off. When young plants are grown in a window in a house they are often very thick in the pot and if in the sun and with the surface soil wet, they are very liable to damp off or scald. They should be thinned out and transplanted as soon as possible. Great care should be taken when ventilating a hotbed when the wind is high in cold weather as cold wind blowing directly on the plants will injure them. A board should be put at the end of the sash to break the force of the wind.

Plants which have been growing in a hot bed or cold frame or in the house should be exposed to the open air for several days before they are set in the field, protecting them as usual at night, as if set in the field without hardening off in this way they are much more liable to be injured in cold or windy weather.

## Potatoes - Seed And Time of Planting

(Experimental Farms Note.)

The yield of potatoes throughout Canada would be very much increased if every one who grew potatoes used seed of the strongest vitality, free from disease. While the variety used is important, the quality of the seed often makes much more difference in the yield than the variety.

Seed potatoes from a crop which grew vigorously until the tops were cut down by frost in autumn usually give much better returns than those from a crop where the tops dried up in the middle of summer. There are parts of Canada where the former conditions obtain, as a rule, and it is from such places that the most vigorous seed is usually obtained.

In 1918 the best seed of the Green Mountain potato yielded at the rate of 337 bushels per acre while the poorest seed yielded only 57 bushels per acre at Ottawa. In the case of Irish Cobbler, the best seed yielded at the rate of 616 bushels per acre while poor seed yielded only 26 bushels per acre, a remarkable difference has been obtained in other years.

Each grower of potatoes should have a full stand of plants in the field and to have every plant a vigorous and healthy one. There is often a large proportion of misses in potato fields and a still larger proportion of weak and diseased plants which lessen the yield enormously.

Experiments have been tried in different parts of Canada to determine the best time to plant potatoes for highest yields, and from these experiments and the experience of the best growers, the following dates are suggested as being the best: Prince Edward Island, June 1-7; Nova Scotia, June 1-15; New Brunswick, June 1-15; Quebec, May 15 to June 15, depending on what part of the province; May 1 to June 15, depending on what part of the province; Manitoba, May 10-15; Saskatchewan, May 10-24; Alberta, May 10-24; April 1 to May 15, depending on what part of the province. The tendency

has been in most places in Canada to plant later than is desirable for highest yields. From results obtained, the following general recommendation is made:

Where the spring is early and autumn frosts early and summers are dry, plant early. Where the spring is late and autumn frosts are late, early planting is not so important. Where the spring is early and autumn frosts are early, plant as soil is dry enough.

The splendid big game field known as the Hudson Bay Region is fully described in Rod and Gun for April, which is now on sale. Bonnycastle Dale, the well known sportsman, tells in his own graphic style of the Trapping Season of 1918 at Rice Lake. Mr. Charles S. Landis, the editor of the Guns and Ammunition Department of the magazine and the best informed firearms man in America, has his life story told by J. R. Mattson. "A Morning at Constance Bay" will be read with interest by all young Canadians. It is a story of a splendid outing held by the Ottawa Boy Scouts. In addition to numerous other articles and stories of merit the usual Departments are included in this splendid number. W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, publishers.

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Gen. Baron Yasunara Fukushima died in Tokyo on Feb. 15th, as the result of an attack of apoplexy. Gen. Fukushima, who was regarded as one of the ablest, best-equipped men who had ever been at the head of the military affairs of Japan, was born at Matsumoto in 1853, in the Shinano Province, his family being very poor Samurai. He began life for himself as a drummer boy in a regiment of his prince's clan, having learned to drum in a modernized military school established by the Shogun. To qualify himself for a post in the newly organized Imperial Department of the re-established Central Government of the Emperor, young Fukushima studied modern languages assiduously. He was employed in that department only one year, 1874, as the next year he was transferred to the General Staff office. While a clerk there he added a special proficiency in geography to his other attainments. In 1876 he was despatched to the United States for inspection of military affairs, and in 1887 became Military Attache to the Japanese Legation in Berlin. In the Sino-Japanese war Fukushima was chief of staff of the 5th Division, and then of the First Army under Gen. Yamagata. During the Boxer trouble in 1900 he gained international fame as commander of the Japanese contingent and staff officer of the allied troops in Peking. In the Russo-Japanese war Fukushima was on the staff of the Manchurian army under Marshal Kuroki. At the conclusion of this war he was made a vice chief of the General Staff, and in 1912 was appointed Governor-General of Kwangtung. He was promoted to a full generalship in 1914, and later was placed on the reserve list. Gen. Fukushima was created a Baron in 1906, in recognition of his meritorious service to the state during the Russo-Japanese war.

Gen. Fukushima in 1912-13 made a perilous ride across Siberia. Accompanied only by an orderly, he made a trip of 10,000 miles across Siberia from Moscow to Vladivostok, traversing the almost untrodden wilderness when very little was then known about the region. During the trip the then Major Fukushima succeeded in climbing the highest peak of the Altai Mountains, in Mongolia. Arriving at the summit, he addressed the mountain as follows:

"I, Yasunara Fukushima, major of the Imperial Japanese army, now stand on your summit. Lo and behold, I have now conquered you, and stand even higher than you." It was as a result of this trip that Fukushima, then virtually unknown, became famous. Songs extolling his exploit were composed by Japanese musicians, and were long used in barracks and schools. The Emperor promoted him to the rank of colonel before he reached home. Gen. Fukushima spoke English, French, German, Russian, and Chinese with equal facility.

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