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"THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY"

"The Twenty-fourth of May, is the Queen's birthday. If you don't give us a holiday, we'll all run away."

This we would shout, Back, some forty years about; Lots of money and time was spent On this great event.

The villagers would waken All sleep from them shaken, By the Blacksmith's anvil-gun At rise of sun.

Then games and races, Picnic parties to some place, Band, and Calithumpian parade, Plenty of pink lemonade.

At night in the Hall, A concert or ball; While outside fireworks and crackers, Oh, Boys! Some whackers!

Jarvis was in gay array, On the Twenty-fourth of May; Time changes all things, they say, It's now Victoria Day.

To me it appears, Now I'm getting on in years; Though I may just as loyal be, It's different to me.

—F. L. Turner.

FARMER'S WEEK AT GUELPH, ONT.

Farmers, you are invited to visit the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm at Guelph during Farmer's Week, June 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Take a day in June for a holiday and visit a farm and college that is being maintained for the benefit of Ontario agriculture. Fine live stock, fine crops, modern methods, science as applied to Agriculture.

Tuesday, June 8th—The counties of Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland, Norfolk, Kent, Essex, Elgin and Haldimand.

Wednesday, June 9th—The counties of Halton, Waterloo, Dufferin, Perth, Huron, Grey and Bruce.

Thursday, June 10th—Brant, Peel, Simcoe, York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland and Eastern Counties.

Friday, June 11th—Oxford, Wellington, Middlesex, Lambton, Muskoka, Victoria, Peterboro and Eastern Counties.

Saturday, June 12th—Alumni and Alumnae Day, Old Boys and Girls and their friends from all counties of the Province. Lunch at noon, crank up your car, load up the family and come—all are welcome. See or phone your Agricultural Representative for information as to the arrangements being made for your county.

Notify the Agricultural Office, Cayuga, not later than June 4th if you intend to go to Guelph on June 8th. An organized excursion will not be conducted from Haldimand County; therefore the people may arrange their own parties.

SOUTH-EAST CORNER

SCOTCH BRIAR

"What brand o' barica are ye smoking, Peter?"

"I dinna ask him."

THESE STYLES

"Yes, she's an angel—so sweet and so modest!"

"Yes, very modest. She shows rather what she lacks than what she has!"

LEAVE IT TO BROWN

"I have a notion," remarked Brown, "that we might live in our sedan this summer."

"Don't be foolish!" said his wife. "We couldn't receive guests in our sedan."

"That social phase would not be entirely absent my dear. Plenty of traffic officers would leave cards."

THE WORST STORY WE HEARD ON MAIN ST. TODAY

"I want a room," demanded the tired traveling man.

"My dear sir—" began "Morg."

"Never mind the formalities, I want a room and want it d— quick," growled the traveler.

"I was just going to say—" protested "Morg" firmly.

"What!" cried the salesman, getting warmer.

"That you can't have a room."

"What! Why can't I have a room?" bellowed the drummer.

"There's no use of your debating with me about it," calmly put in the greeter.

"Why not? I guess I can argue with you about a room if I want to," he said savagely, beside himself with rage.

"Because there's no room for argument," explained "Morg." "We're all filled up for the night and cannot accommodate another person."

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PLANNING CROP ROTATION

By G. L. Almersend

Every farmer should understand that he cannot continuously grow any crop on the same ground and secure maximum results. To obtain the greatest returns from the land a definite rotation of crops should be planned. If one particular crop constitutes the main source of income, rotation should be mapped out to improve the yield of that crop. Certain crops grow best when preceded by certain other crops and these others in turn are benefitted if judiciously rotated. For example, barley, wheat, oats and small grains will follow sugar beets to good advantage, whereas these latter do best when preceded by potatoes, beans, peas or other leguminous crops.

Governing factors that determine the most advantageous rotations are the condition of the soil, tendencies of the crop to absorb certain elements and restore others, types of roots, and control of insect pests and plant diseases.

Certain crops tend to extract more of some elements of the soil than do others, hence crops should be rotated in order to counteract this effect. By this means the expense of adding commercial fertilizers, especially if a crop of clover or alfalfa is occasionally plowed under in the fall, is eliminated. Plowing under a field of clover has the effect of returning to the soil properties stored in the leaves and stems of the green plants. Deep rooted crops which extend below the average level and bring up elements in the sub-soil, should be planted as they reach down to plant food that would otherwise be unavailable. Some crops demand frequent and thorough cultivation, much more so than others, but these should not be excluded because of the extra labor involved, as the cultivating exposes plant food to the action of the elements, thereby rendering the mineral material available for the succeeding crops. As important as any ruling factor, however, is the effect of crop rotation has in the control of blights and insect pests. The majority of these destructive agencies cannot exist or prosper on a variety of crops; hence a properly studied rotation will starve them out or reduce them to a minimum.

The farmer is naturally anxious to produce those crops which will provide the most profits, so it is his interest to consider carefully an entirely beneficial scheme of rotation in this respect. A correct proportion of live stock kept in conjunction with his agricultural efforts will materially solve this problem, for he can provide plentiful supplies of food for his stock and incidentally aid the fertility of the soil. Alfalfa shows a profitable return if hauling distance is not too great or if the farmer's own live-stock is sufficiently large to dispose of it. Alfalfa is a soil improving crop as well as a direct producer and may be best followed by small grain, or like non-cultivated crop, corn, and then sugar beets. This latter crop makes a wonderful stock feed especially suitable for cattle. When sugar beets are correctly included in the diet of dairy cattle, approximately one tenth of the total rations is a proper proportion, the production of milk is increased 10 to 15 percent.

The sugar beets act as a conditioner for the cows and will not only increase the flow of milk but, unlike other stimulants such as brewery grains, will keep it up without detrimental effects. Sugar beet cultivation benefits the soil to a considerable degree, being deeply rooted, a light consumer of that valuable element, nitrogen, and is also a remover of alkalies. The rotting leaves and manure of sugar beet fed cattle make excellent fertilizers. Wheat, barley, rye and oat crops are improved about 25% when preceded by a sugar beet crop.

Alfalfa and sugar beets then are two crops that should be worked into a crop rotation plan, due to their direct commercial value, their adaptability as stock feed, and their general aid in increasing the fertility of the soil. The balance of the rotation may be made up of staples such as corn, wheat, potatoes, beans, peas or small grain. By planning out some such rotation scheme the farmer will find his crops in general increasing in size and quality with consequent increase in his earnings.

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TOMATO IS POPULAR

POINTS TO SECURE SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION.

Wide Range of Choice Both With Reference to Soils and Fertilizers—Pruning and Harvesting.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Tomatoes are grown extensively as a truck crop, as a market garden crop and in the home garden. The field acreage grown for canning in Ontario has reached many thousands of acres.

The tomato does well on a wide range of soils. However, for the early crop light sandy or gravelly loams are preferred, while for a heavy yield, later crop, the rich sandy loams or clay loams are preferred.

Fertilizers and Manures. General recommendations at best can only be a guide for the use of fertilizers and manures with this crop. The character and treatment of the soil, along with what may be the ultimate use of the crop, together with the length of season for the district, all help to suggest what treatment is needed. It is generally recognized that the tomato crop requires a soil in a high state of fertility.

Fresh manure should not be applied just previous to the setting of the plants, far better if applied the previous autumn, or with the previous crop. Tomatoes will do well following clover, ploughed under the previous autumn. Of the commercial fertilizers, those bearing relatively high quantities of available phosphorus are most generally satisfactory. Sometimes a light application of nitrate of soda applied just when early plants are getting a start is useful to help them on after the shock of transplanting from frame to field. Since early fruiting and ripening is important with this crop, too much nitrogen will prolong the growth at the expense of early fruiting.

Planting. Tomato plants are tender and should not be set out into the field until after danger from frost is over. Previous to setting out they should be well watered and as much of the soil and roots be moved with the plant as possible. It is well to choose a dull day or else delay planting until late afternoon.

The usual distance of setting the plants is four by four feet. Various methods are used to facilitate the work of setting—some growers plough out furrows, others mark their fields and dig the holes, while the most common method with the small grower is to use a trowel in setting the plants. It is good practice to set plants somewhat deeper than they were growing in the pot or box. Firm the soil well around the roots of the plant, this is important.

Cultivation. Cultivation should be frequent. Keep all weed growth down. As the plants develop the tillage should become more shallow, as finally ceased when injury to the roots is noticed.

Growing Staked Tomatoes. Many commercial growers produce a crop of tomatoes from plants supported by stakes and pruned to a single stem. This is an excellent way to grow the home garden crop.

Training. Plants may be set from twelve to eighteen inches apart in rows that are three or four feet apart. Individual stakes of wood or iron may be used to support the plants or such may be supported by tying to wires. Raffle is the most satisfactory tying material, used as a loop around the plant stem and attached to the support.

Pruning. In order to produce a single stem plant, all side shoots and suckers must be pinched off as soon as they appear.

Harvesting. Tomatoes allowed to ripen on the vine have a superior flavor, so fully colored fruits only should be pulled. The eleven-quart basket is the most popular marketing package used in Ontario at the present time. Firm, sound, well graded, clean fruits only should be packed for market.—Dept. of Horticulture, O. A. College.

ALFALFA

Food Reserve and Ability to Withstand the Winter.

Chemical analyses of the roots of alfalfa plants, from which the hay was cut when all plants were in full bloom, have been made to determine the amount of carbohydrates and both soluble and insoluble nitrogen present. The roots of plants that were allowed to come to full bloom showed more than twice as much reserve foods as did the roots of plants that were cut in the bud or on the tenth bloom stage. It has also been noted that plants that are harvested when the bloom is full come through the winter with less loss. The more vigorous condition of the root, as indicated by chemical analysis, for the plant that is allowed to come to full bloom and harvested only twice in the season, is a big factor in carrying the plants over winter.

Many alfalfa fields are ruined by late September and October cutting—the roots are left in a too weakened condition to stand the rigors of winter.—L. Stevenson, Director of Agriculture, O. A. College.

A fourth laboratory analysis and test of the commercial product known as "Soligro" at the O. A. College, has been made. The results of this test tallied with those that have previously reported by the Department, and were to the effect that this product, which retails at six dollars per ton, is of no benefit to alfalfa.

SANDUSK

(Too late for last issue)

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bush and Vera and Frank Whitford, spent Sunday last at W. H. Deal's, Port Dover.

We are pleased to note that Grace Lofthouse is recovering after an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pond and children spent Sunday evening at J. W. Bush's.

Mrs. H. Lindsay and son Jack, of Hamilton, and Mr. Gordon Forsythe, of Toronto, spent a couple of days last week with their sister here, Mrs. Wm. Mattice.

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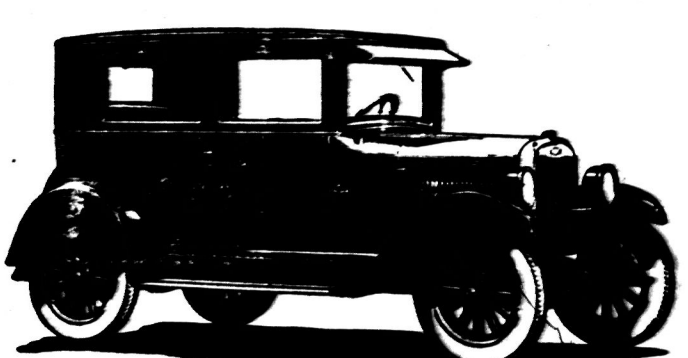
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