

right on his own farm and readily realizes the value of his straw and manure piles.

There is a very important point aside from above advantages which must be mentioned in favor of the adoption of mixed farming and that is the question of hired help. On the grain farm the spring brings its doubts and fears in regard whether a satisfactory man is to be obtained or not. If a first class man is secured, it is disappointing to have to pay him off when the fall plowing is stopped, and it is a matter of conjecture whether he will return to the same farm the following spring. On the other hand, the farmer who has sufficient work to justify the payment of good winter wages is able to have reliable help the year round by inducing a good man to become a permanent worker. This, too, is better for the helper as he is less likely to become unsettled as is the transient worker who changes his job each season, and needs to be more or less broken in to his job. The permanent help, if he is a good man will respond to good treatment and take an interest in his work.

The introduction of mixed farming has brought the growing of fodder corn into prominence. Land that has been raising grain crops and is given a dressing of manure and put into corn gives the farmer the benefit of a summerfallow plus a crop. The corn, if it is a small crop may be used most economically for cattle feed by laying it in straw and letting the straw become impregnated with the flavor of the corn thus making it more readily taken by the cattle together with the corn. Alfalfa is another adjunct to mixed farming. Two cuttings may be

The Ever Popular Potato

It is to be presumed that those who undertook the culture of the potato during the past year will have acquired an interest and experience in the work that will be somewhat of an inducement to take up the work again this coming season. There is a great fascination to the city dweller who has planted an adjacent lot in potatoes, to see the first signs of the green tops emerging from the ground and later on preparing for an onslaught on the moisture robbing weeds.

Potatoes need well prepared land and it should be loose so that they may be permitted to develop under the most favorable circumstances. In lumpy, stiff and stony land the potatoes are forced to assume some very unattractive shapes. Spring plowing for the potato crop is usually recommended. When manure is used it should be very thoroughly mixed with the soil especially if it be light soil, otherwise the manure will have the soil drying out before the potato sets are able to make a start in growing.

In regard to time or planting it is not wise to plant potatoes in cold and wet ground as there is a danger of them rotting before growth, owing to lying so long in the ground without sprouting. If they are planted extra early there is always a danger of frost. The safest course would be to plant when the soil is warm and the danger of frost nipping the young plants practically past. When potatoes have been planted early in order to catch the early market and frost has been foreseen in time to take active measures, they have been saved by a

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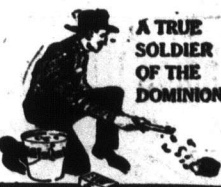
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taken from it each season and over five tons per acre has been obtained from it as the total of the season. It has the desirable quality of transmitting nitrogen from the air into the soil.

In addition to dairy and beef cattle as essentials to mixed farming, sheep have proven a very paying proposition. They are weed scavengers, are good breeders, and in addition to the production of lambs, they produce the additional marketable products of wool, hides and mutton.

Pullets

The poultry plants in various sections of the country will now become centres of interest and hatches will be anxiously expected. Expert investigation has proven that early hatched pullets are much to be preferred over the late hatched ones. These early hatched birds will develop into the money makers of the early winter egg market, and they in turn will be the only reliable ones to give fertile eggs early in the year. The manner of obtaining fertile eggs that is recommended is to have good healthy breeding stock of the right age with plenty of vitality. One of the ways of keeping birds in a healthy condition is to see that their house is free from vermin, sanitary and well ventilated, and also it is advisable to make them work and exercise as much as possible. The means to be employed to induce this exercise is to always endeavor to scatter their grain broadcast in their litter so that they will be compelled to keep up a continuous scratching to obtain the grains.

shallow furrow being thrown over the young vines.

There are many people undertaking the growing of potatoes who are uncertain as to what kind of sets to plant. This problem has been subject to a good deal of experimental work and the sum total appears to indicate that a medium sized potato cut into three or four sets with three good eyes to the piece, is the best. When four pieces are made, the potatoes should be cut lengthwise then across. Avoid letting potatoes sprout in the dark, in order to get the best out of the seed. Storing in a cool place will help in this regard.

It may be of general interest to state that investigation has established the conclusion that for most places in Canada sets planted in rows two and a half feet apart, with the sets fourteen inches apart in the rows is the most advantageous method of obtaining a good yield.

After the planting of the tubers it is necessary to see that they are properly cultivated as the conservation of moisture is very important. Should the season be dry, extra cultivation will compensate to a considerable degree. In the districts where droughts are liable to occur it is usually better to avoid ridging the potatoes but rather to rely on deep working of the soil, as the evaporation of moisture is not as great from level soil as it is from that which has been ridged. The level cultivation is recommended where the land is well worked but unless it is so, the tubers might just as well be in ridges as they would have a greater chance of developing there than in hard level ground.

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