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THE HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR COAST SECTIONS.

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THE FARMER'S VEGETABLE GARDEN.

THE farmer's vegetable garden should be made to furnish vegetables for the table throughout the year. On the farm so many things are favourable for a first-class garden that it is surprising that much greater interest is not taken in having one. Because of their mild climate, the Coast districts, and especially Vancouver Island, are particularly favoured.

The following list shows very well that a year-round supply of vegetables fresh from the garden may be had at moderate cost in good locations:—

Month.	Vegetables.
January	Kale, parsnips, leeks, lettuce, parsley.
February	
March	Spinach.
April	Radish, onions, rhubarb, broccoli.
May	Asparagus, peas.
June	Early cabbage, carrots, beets.
July	Early potatoes, parsnips, beans.
August	Tomatoes, cauliflower, onions, cucumbers, summer squash.
September	Cabbage, salsify, herbs.
October	Celery, brussels sprouts, leeks, winter squash.
November	Fall lettuce, early spinach.
December	Same as for January and February.

Besides the fresh vegetables which may be had through the winter months, the gardener can have a large variety stored, including potatoes, beets, carrots, onions, celery, squash, turnips.

LOCATION OF THE GARDEN.

The garden should be located as close to the house as possible. This facilitates earthing for it and harvesting the product, which is usually done at spare times. A gentle slope towards the south or south-east is the most desirable for early vegetables. Good drainage is very essential. If the natural drainage is not sufficient, drains of either tile or cedar should be laid 3 feet deep and 40 feet apart.

