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Fertilizers For The Potato Crop

Of all ordinary farm crops that of the potato is probably the most profitably responsive to liberal feeding. The acceptance of this statement does not in the least ignore the fact that there are several other factors that play a very important part toward success in potato growing, type of soil, character of season and the cultivation and spraying of the crop, but it means that with these factors favorable the crop is a very responsive one to applications of plant food and that the yield will be approximately commensurate with the available plant food supply.

It is generally conceded that there is no better preparation for the crop than a clover or alfalfa sod well manured (10 to 20 tons per acre) and ploughed in the late summer or early autumn. This practice of fall ploughing ensures the decay of the sod and manure and provides a good supply of humus which is so useful in keeping the soil moist, and at the same time allows for the preparation of plant food in forms available for the use of the crop. Spring dressings of manure are not desirable, as they tend to encourage the development of scab.

As is well recognized, soils differ greatly as to their productiveness, a quality largely dependent upon richness in available plant food, indeed there are no two soils exactly alike in this respect, and this fact makes it impossible to lay down hard and fast directions for fertilizing or to give a formula that would be equally applicable for all soils. But with a fairly good soil, from a well manured clover sod as described, we should consider 350 to 700 pounds of 3; 9; 6; commercial fertilizer would represent the limits that may be deemed desirable and profitable.

This would mean an application of nitrogen $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 21 pounds, of phosphoric acid $31\frac{1}{2}$ to 63 pounds and of potash 21 to 42 pounds, per acre. If the ingredients are purchased rather than the ready mixed fertilizers, (generally the more economical plan) the amounts would be nitrate of soda 75 to 150 pounds, super phosphate 200 to 400 pounds and sulphate of potash 40 to 80 pounds, per acre. On light and very poor soils scantily manured the maximum amounts here given may be some what raised, dressings to 1000 pounds or more per acre frequently proving profitable. For soils rich in nitrogen, as from clover and liberal manuring, the nitrogen in the above recommendations may be cut down one third. On clay loams the potash may likewise be reduced one third.

It is considered good practice by many experienced potato growers to supply a part of the nitrogen in the form of an organic nitrogenous fertilizer, as dried blood. As both fertilizers contain approximately the same percentage of nitrogen this may readily be done by an replacing half the nitrate of soda in the above recommendations by an equal weight of dried blood.

Probably the best plan of application is to broadcast the fertilizer mixture on the prepared land when reworked in the spring and harrow in. If the method of putting the fertilizer in the drill or furrows is considered more direct and more economical, care should be taken that the fertilizer does not come into direct contact with the sets.

Comb Honey Production

Several circumstances have caused the production of comb-honey in Canada to lag. Of late years there has been a heavy demand for extracted honey, and a colony will produce more extracted-honey than comb-honey, requiring less attention from the beekeeper. On account of the fragile nature of comb-honey, it does not ship so well as extracted-honey. The higher price that comb-honey brings is not always high enough to compensate for these disadvantages. But, for many who keep only a few colonies, comb-honey production is best, because it is a clean job and requires less expensive equipment, and it is a pleasure to produce sections of honey-comb the finest product of the apiary. Moreover, it has been demonstrated that comb-honey can be produced profitably on an extensive scale both in the St. Lawrence Valley and in Southern Ontario. In every city there is a demand from the better class of trade for good sections of comb-honey at a fair price. As the world's food needs become better satisfied, we may expect the demand for comb-honey to increase.

Comb-honey production requires skill in the management of the bees than extracted-honey production. Too often the small producer does not take sufficient care to produce a well finished article, and sells the inferior product at a price that makes it unprofitable.

The most favorable conditions for producing comb-honey are a heavy honey flow, such as comes from clover, and strong colonies. The bees should be crowded in the hive, the brood chamber reduced to small dimensions, and when the first super of sections is well begun or half finished, another should be given underneath it to keep the bees occupied in working sections in all stages. A third super may be used

a few days later if it is likely to be finished.

Each section must be fitted with a sheet of thin super foundation. To help the bees start work promptly, a "bait comb" consisting of an unfinished section from which the honey has been extracted may be placed in the first super given.

The chief problem in producing comb-honey in Canada is the control of swarming. To prevent swarming, plenty of ventilation should be given below, and it is a good plan to examine the brood chamber every week during the honey flow and destroy all the queen cells. If, however, the colony swarms, the parent colony should be removed to a new place and the swarm should be put in a new hive placed on the old stand, this hive to contain only six or seven frames fitted with foundation, and one comb to receive the pollen, the spaces at the sides being filled with division boards, and the partly finished supers should be transformed to the new hive.

Comb-honey can often be economically produced in combination with extracted honey in a shallow super, the extracting frames being placed on the outside.

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(Continued from another page) of rates, Southesk, \$1.05, pass. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Gulliver, Hardwicke road account, passed. Ordered that usual per diem be paid to Councillors.

J. W. Davidson was reappointed Auditor on motion of Coun. McKnight.

Coun. Vanderbeck moved that \$500 be voted for payment of old Board of Health bills. Passed. Mayor Gaynor moved that \$500 be granted to the Natural History Association of Miramichi. Carried.

Coun. L. Doyle moved to increase the Contingent assessment \$1500. Carried.

Coun. O'Donnell asked if it was the intention to collect the dog tax this year, and was told such was the law.

Mayor Doyle moved a vote of thanks to the Warden for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the business of the Council.

Mayor Gaynor seconded the motion in a complimentary speech. Carried.

The Warden replied, expressing his appreciation of the vote and the remarks of Mayor Gaynor. He had tried to preside impartially. They were a lot of jolly good fellows.

Mayor Gaynor moved a vote of thanks to the Sec-Treasurer. Carried.

Mr. Williston thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He was one of four survivors of the first Council, 1876.

Coun. E. J. Parker moved a vote of thanks to the official reporter. J. L. Stewart acknowledged the vote.

Coun. Sinclair moved adjournment, sine die. Carried.



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