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## Our School Department.

## My Gardening Experience.

BY JANE ALEXANDERSON.

I was not a garden enthusiast. In fact, with most of the ratepayers I thought gardening at school, rather a humbug. But the Inspector insisted that agriculture be taught and as that meant either school gardens or home gardens, I chose home gardens the first year as the lesser of two evils.

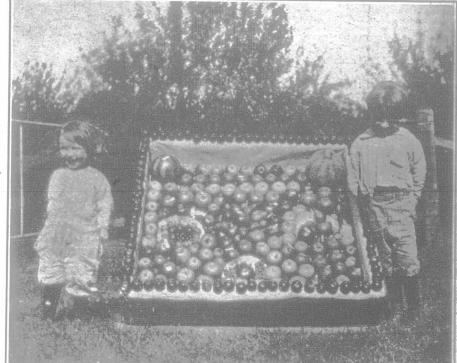
The next year I decided the school garden should be given a trial if possible. There were two reasons, first, I did not enjoy travelling around to supervise the gardens and I also felt that I had scarcely done my duty the past year in my halfhearted visiting of the plots. So it was a case of conscience and of necessity when I made up my mind to attempt a school garden. There was no great enthusiasm on my part. I tell you this in case you feel, that as you are not very much interested, you will not make a success of the work. Be not so pessi-

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the garden. In the spring the children brought rakes, hoes, water cans, and sticks that they had made at home to mark off the plots. They did really wonderful work on that plot of ground which at one time looked pretty sodden as a result of the excessive rainfall of as a result of the excessive rainfall of last spring.

Speaking of the time spent on the garden, the children spent one whole hour the day we planted the seeds and I am safe in saying that the rest of the school time used was less than one hour They worked before nine, at noon, and after four. I have seen them stay till five o'clock entirely on their own initiative. The children promised to come back during summer holidays and keep the garden in order. They kept their promise. When I opened school in Sept. there were fewer weeds in our garden than in any other in the neighborhood.

Was the garden a success? To begin with I believe in school gardens now and would be willing to teach for less money in a school where I might have one. The children like it, especially the boys. The girls sometimes had to be told to work in the garden but the boys never; and many times I heard a boy say, "Next year we shall. . . ." They are always planning improvements. Boys do not plan if they do not like the work.



A School-Fair Collection Seen at the Dorchester Township School Fair.

school garden. So far so good! But what about the support of the school board?

It was especially satisfactory in connection with one family of boys, who Well they had already signed the necessary paper authorizing the teaching of agriculture and I have a rather strong opinion that they did not know whether it was to be home gardens, school gardens or no garden at all. You see they were not very much interested, but just the same it gave me rather a free hand.

I asked for no further permission as I did not know what the answer might be and a refusal to allow me to go on would end it all. So I bribed the young boy at the boarding house who was rather proud of being able to plow. For a dollar and a half he plowed the necessary two-by-three-rods plot in a corner of the large school vard. With bated breath I waited. What would happen? Time went on, but no schoolboard meeting! No summons to appearno questions asked - "No nothing

What was said behind my back I do not know and I agree with the little boy who sail "What folks don't know won't hurt them." It did not hurt me anyway and the garden was plowed.

The timid teacher may say as she reads this, "But what if the Board had made trouble." Well if they had, they had signed the notification saying agriculture was to be taught under the schoolgarden plan and if they had signed it without reading it over what could they

Nothing more was done in the fall to

nection with one family of boys, who were always planning on the time they would leave school and go to work at home. These boys were never so satisfied with school before. Formerly they were often late in the morning but when gardening started they seldom failed to be in the garden each morning before nine.

These are my views on whether the venture was a success or not. It may be interesting to know that the Inspector highly commended our work. His praise is genuine we know for he as quickly criticises us, when a girl says Thames for "Tems" or when a boy fails to remove his cap, as he commends us when he likes our garden. The ratepayers have as yet voiced no disapproval and some have taken pride in our garden. Everybody seems quite satisfied.

Do not be afraid then to make a garden. It may not be a model but it will do no harm anyway and you will be surprised how well you will get along. When one who has no Guelph training nor the active support of the Board changed from a neutral to an enthusiast you can do as much.

Spend a little money if need be. The Board will likely get it for you in their grant if you see about it and even if they do not you can afford a few dollars out of your \$20 grant from the Department which though slow is sure!

Good-luck to the garden freshmen.