

Varieties of Vegetables

The selection of varieties of vegetables suitable for western conditions is important in securing a good garden crop. Most of the following varieties, recommended for prairie planting by W. T. Macconn, Dominion Horticulturist, are procurable from western seed houses. Where several varieties of a vegetable are mentioned there should be no difficulty in securing one or two.

Beans.—Of the wax or yellow-podded varieties the Round Pod Kidney Wax, Pencil Pod and Brittle Wax are the best and are very similar. Holston Wax is a large podded wax variety which is later, thus lengthening the season. Of green podded sorts the Stringless Green Pod and Early Red Valentine are two of the best and for a late bean the Refuge or Thousand-to-One is a good one. Pole beans require a warmer season than the dwarfs. The Scarlet Runner is one of the surest croppers among the Pole varieties, but it is not so good in quality as the Kentucky Wonder. Lima beans do not do well except in the warmest parts of Canada, as they require a long, warm season.

Beets.—Crosby Egyptian is the best early one to plant. It is not, however, quite so shapely as the Detroit Dark Red which is one of the best dark fleshed varieties. Early Model is another good one.

Cabbage.—The Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage, a conical headed variety, has long been the standard early sort in Canada, but the Copenhagen Market, a roundish headed variety, is becoming very popular. It is almost as early as the Early Jersey Wakefield, has a firmer head, and is a better keeper. Among the late varieties the Danish Summer Ballhead is the most reliable. Drumhead Savoy is one of the best of the Savoy type, and Red Dutch is a good red variety. Succession, a mid-season variety, makes a good succession from early to late. Where an extra early variety is desired, regardless of quality, some Paris Market should be planted. It is nearly a week earlier than Early Jersey Wakefield, but the heads are rather loose.

Cauliflower.—The two most popular varieties are the Early Dwarf Erfurt and the Early Snowball. In most places in Canada the late sorts are not satisfactory, better results being obtained by planting the early ones at different dates. Cauliflowers will not head in the middle of summer, particularly if it is hot and dry. One should plan the planting to have them early in the summer or in the autumn.

Carrots.—The most reliable and best variety of carrot is the Chantehay, a half-long sort. The Early Scarlet Horn is an extra early short variety, useful for using when young.

Celery.—The best early variety is the Golden Self Blanching (Paris Golden Yellow). On the prairies the White Plume becomes very crisp and as it does not need blanching and is very early it is a good one to precede the Golden Self Blanching. In many places in Canada the White Plume is of rather poor quality. Perfection Heartwell, Evans Triumph and Winter Queen are all good late sorts.

Corn.—The Golden Bantam is the most popular variety for home use because of its excellent quality, but it is not as early as Early Malcolm, a variety developed at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and which is considered the best extra early. Peep O'Day and Early Malakoff are also extra early and of good quality, other varieties earlier than Golden Bantam are Early Cory and Early Fordhook. For those who do not like the flavor of Golden Bantam the Crosby Early and Metropolitan are two good second early sorts. Good mid-season varieties are Early Evergreen and Perry Hybrid; and Stowell Evergreen and Country Gentleman are excellent late sorts. Black Mexican is a fine flavored mid-season sort with dark colored kernels. On the prairies and in other parts of Canada where the nights are cool the Squaw corn is the most reliable and will reach maturity where none of the sweet corns will.

Cucumbers.—The Davis Perfect and Peerless White Spine are two of the

most satisfactory. Boston Pickling and Chicago Pickling are good pickling sorts.

Egg Plant.—New York Improved and Long Purple are two of the best.

Lettuce.—Grand Rapids and Black Seeded Simpson are two of the best loose headed curled lettuce. Iceberg and Giant Crystal Head are two of the best curled cabbage varieties, the heads of which stay in good condition for a long time in the hot summer weather. Crisp as Ice, Improved Hanson and Salamander are all varieties of cabbage lettuce which make good heads.

Onions.—Yellow Globe Danvers and Large Red Wethersfield are two of the best. Extra Early Flat Red is a good one where the seasons are short. Prize Taker is an especially good one for transplanting. Dutch sets are desirable where early maturity is important.

Parsnips.—A good strain of Hollow Crown is the best. Intermediate is good.

Peas.—Thos. Laxton, Gradus and Sutton Excelsior are three of the best early garden peas, followed by McLean Advance and Heroine for medium, and Stratagem for late. Gregory Surprise is a very good extra early sort. Among tall late sorts the Quite Content, Telephone and Champion of England are good.

Potatoes.—Irish Cobbler or Eureka Extra Early for early, and Green Mountain, Gold Coin, Carman No. 1, or Woe MacGregor for main crop are among the best.

Radishes.—Scarlet White Tipped Turnip is the best. Icicle is a good white.

Squash.—Long White Bush and Summer Crookneck for early and Delicious and Hubbard for late.

Tomatoes.—For extra early Alacritty and the best strains of Earliana, and for early and main crop Bonny Best or Chalks Early Jewel are the best.

Turnips.—Early turnips are usually better. Among swedes Champion Purple Top and Skirving Improved are good if sown late.

Among less important vegetables, Double Curled parsley; Long White or Sandwich Islands salsify; Victoria spinach, are the best; and Cayenne or Chili peppers among the small varieties, and Early Neapolitan of the large ones.

Even yet some people are not educated to the fact that in transplanting trees the branches should be cut back. Last spring one well known medical doctor in Winnipeg planted a lot of trees without trimming off any limbs. Of course, many of them died entirely, and others lost a part of their branches. The reason is easily found. In digging the tree the greater length of each root is usually cut or broken off, leaving the tree with only stub roots. If the whole top is left on, so many leaves are produced that they will need more moisture than the stub roots can supply. Many failures in tree planting will be avoided if the tops are cut back to correspond to the way the roots are cut off.—Manitoba Horticulturist.

Rhubarb growth may be hurried along by putting a box with a glass roof over it.

The beginning gardener should confine himself to a few good varieties. The veteran gardener should try one or two new things each year.

It is very important that the ground be well prepared and in good condition than that the crop be planted early.

Grow plenty of flowers in the garden to supply the home during the summer and fall. Select a list that will give a succession of bloom.

It will not pay to put good seed in cold wet ground. Better wait till the ground is warm and dry.



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