

SEED POTATOES

(Experimental Farms Note)

Improper storage of potatoes results in the loss of thousands of bushels annually. The careless handling of potatoes in transportation means financial loss and tends to have a serious effect upon the market.

Several factors influence the successful storage of potatoes. These are, temperature, ventilation, humidity, depth of pile, and sound stock free from dirt.

Potatoes should be stored in as cool a temperature as possible without freezing. A good average temperature ranges around 38 degrees F. Good ventilation is essential to assist in carrying off excess moisture, particularly where potatoes are stored in large heaps.

Control of temperature, moisture, and ventilation can be obtained by using false floors, wall-racks and air-shafts. Too dry an atmosphere causes shrinkage, therefore, a certain amount of humidity is necessary.

In a blight year careful grading should be practiced. Potatoes showing rot should not be placed in storage. Avoid the development of certain rot in bruised and cut tubers by white-washing the interior of storage houses.

Potatoes should not be removed from the field in a wet or dirty condition, as these elements increase the possibility of rot in storage. In harvesting, care should be taken to avoid cutting or otherwise damaging potatoes, since it is often through these cut surfaces that storage rot is gained.

A grower's responsibility does not end when his potatoes have been bagged. The use of clean bags is a factor which at times is not taken into consideration. Bags or sacks should be either washed or sterilized.

Second-hand flour bags are good providing they are not intended for storing any length of time. Salt or fertilizer bags should not under any consideration be used. Directly or indirectly the grower is responsible for the arrival of his stock in a sound condition.

Frost is by far the greatest obstacle to overcome. Care must be taken that the stock is not chilled during the trip from the farm to the shipping point.

The liberal use of straw and blankets in the cold weather is essential. Similarly in the railway cars straw and paper will reduce the possibility of freezing. Careful handling at sidings where no loading platforms are provided will prevent bruising.

It is not unusual for several potatoes in a bag to be badly damaged by rough treatment. Careful piling in the car lessens the possibility of bruising during transit. It is always advisable to so arrange the tiers that they will eland back and thus eliminate the danger of falling between the car doors where bulkheads are not used.

S. G. PEPPIN, Assistant, Plant Pathologist.

JAMES M. BECK TO BE LECTURER

GEORGETOWN TO GIVE COURSE ON CONSTITUTION

Washington.—James M. Beck, former Solicitor General of the United States and one of the foremost authorities on the Constitution in the country, this Fall will direct a new course of lectures on the Constitution and Americanism to be conducted by the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University.

Announcement of this important step by Georgetown has just been made by the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., Regent of the Foreign Service School, on receipt of a cable of acceptance from Mr. Beck, who is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Georgetown officials tendered the invitation to Mr. Beck in person at Geneva, on cabled instructions from the University here.

Rendering Public Service

Mr. Beck's lectures, coupled with the public lectures in which Father Walsh will continue his exposure of Russian Soviet doctrines this Fall, will give Georgetown an opportunity, it feels, to render a public service in defending Constitutional government against the foreign

influences seeking its destruction. The step is regarded by the University authorities as one of the most important it has taken in recent years.

"The authorities of Georgetown are especially gratified at having gained so strong an accession to its program of exposition and defense of the Constitution through the services of Mr. Beck," said Father Walsh. "Georgetown heartily agrees with the sentiment expressed by President Coolidge that 'it is of first importance that the study of the Constitution should be an essential part of the education of the American youth.'"

Tribute of President

President Coolidge in his "foreword" to the work on the Constitution of the United States recently published by Mr. Beck paid a high tribute to the former Solicitor General.

"Mr. Beck has been recognized for years as an authority on our fundamental law," wrote the President. "He is a lawyer of broad culture and wide learning. He has not only an acquaintance with the practical side of the law from his long experience at the bar, but as a student has a deep insight into the theory of our Constitution."

In his lectures, Mr. Beck will emphasize the Constitution as a philosophy of Government. The opportunity also will be open to him to stress Americanism and the duties of citizenship.

So far as is known, this is the first time in Mr. Beck's career that he has become associated with the faculty of any university.

POPE WILL REVEAL WORLD WAR VETERANS

The delegation of ten American veterans of the World War of which the Rev. Father William P. O'Connor of Cincinnati is member has arrived in Paris where it will remain for some days before going to Rome to attend the convention of the Inter-Allied Federation of Veterans. The party will represent the American Legion at the convention.

Father O'Connor is a former National Chaplain of the Legion and has a distinguished war record. On the voyage from the United States, the entire delegation, for the most part non-Catholics, attended Mass on shipboard. All of its members are anticipating with pleasure the audience with the Pope which they will have upon their arrival in Rome.

Led by Brig. Gen. L. R. Gignac, their chairman, the delegates shortly after arriving placed three wreaths on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of France. Col. A. Piatt Andrew, a member of the party, said in their behalf: "It is the dream of every American veteran to return to France before he dies. Every officer, every soldier who lived among your people during the tragic years of the War longs for the moment when he will again cross the Atlantic to revisit your villages, traverse anew your highways and reestablish that contact with your people which was so warm in 1917 and 1918, and which will remain dear to his heart for all time."

Father O'Connor and Colonel Andrew paid a visit to Lisieux, shrine of St. Theresa the "Little Flower," shortly after the party's arrival in France.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF CANADA

The Catholic Truth Society of Canada cordially invites the clergy to attend the Fifth Annual Conference to be held at Renfrew on October 8th, and asks them to accept this as a personal invitation and to kindly extend the same to their parishioners. Programme as follows:

10 a. m.—Pontifical High Mass. Address of welcome by His Lordship Bishop Ryan, and sermon by Rev. Dr. J. R. O'Gorman, P. P. of Cobalt. 2:30 p. m.—Business Meeting. Banquet in the evening at Hotel Renfrew.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. W. MACKAY On Sept. 18th, at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, occurred the death of Mrs. J. W. Mackay. (Louise Fallon.) Her illness lasted but a few hours during which time she had the happiness of receiving all the rites with which the Catholic Church fortifies and consoles her faithful children. But her sudden and untimely death has come as a great shock to her family. In her passing she has left a perfect example of truly Christian motherhood.

Mrs. Mackay's sweet and amiable disposition had won for her innumerable friends, but it was only in the precincts of her own home that her wonderful qualities of a Catholic wife and mother could be really known.

Besides her sorrowing husband and seven children she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fallon, six sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Boston, Mrs. Mitchell, Tom, Will and Agnes of London; Rev. Father J. Fallon, Ridgeway; Jim of the Jesuit Novitiate, Mo.; Sister Fallon, S. O. S., Toronto; Sister Florence and Slater Victorine of St. Ursula's Academy, Windsor.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Sept. 15th from her late residence to St. Patrick's church where a

Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Fallon, assisted by Rev. Father Barry, C. S. S. R., and Rev. Father Sherry. Right Rev. Mgr. McKeon was present in the sanctuary and a number of local clergy assisted the choir. Interment took place at St. Peter's Cemetery. R. I. P.

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CHEAP AUTO'S NEW PROBLEM

Washington, D. C.—The cheap automobile has brought a new problem to charitable institutions dealing with migratory families, according to Miss Louise McGuire of the National Catholic Service School, who addressed the Committee on Families at the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

"The Ford," said Miss McGuire, "has added a new species to the migratory group. Whole families are wandering from town to town in the automobile. This sort of Gypsyhood among low standard families has developed in the last few years in some of our Western sections. As might be expected the members work when they can, or when they care to; steal likewise, and children's rights are violated in every conceivable way."

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DIED

MACKAY.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Sept. 18, 1925, Louise, dearly beloved wife of John W. Mackay, in her forty-second year. Funeral from the family residence 1174 King St. on Tuesday morning. Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Interment in St. Peter's Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

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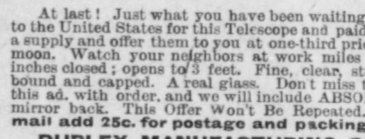
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