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tomatoes. It is usually best to delay manuring the plants until after the first fruit has set. Most amateurs make the mistake of planting in soil that is too rich in nitrogenous manures, which produces great vines with late fruit or a very large percentage of green fruit. Once the fruit has set, then liquid or other forms of manure may be applied generously.

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A series of experiments were conducted with two varieties, "Bonny Best" and "Spark's Earliana," for several years at the Charlottetown Experimental Station. to determine the best method of growing tomatoes. Five methods were used with tomatoes. Five methods were used with each variety as follows: No. 1. The plants were set four feet apart each way and the plants allowed to spread over the ground. They were unpruned and left lying on the ground. No. 2. Planted two feet by four feet apart. The tomatoes were pruned to true stame and tind to wires.

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No. 3. Planted two feet by four feet apart. The tomato plants were pruned to one stem and tied to stakes. No. 4. Planted two feet by four feet

apart, pruned to one stem and tied to wires.

No. 5. Planted two feet by four feet, pruned to one stem, tied to stakes and one-half of the foliage removed during the ripening period. The first method produced the greatest

quantity of fruit each year with both varieties. The tomatoes were later ripening than with the other methods, and the total quantity of ripe fruit from the plot was less than on the plots grown by the second method, where the plants were second method, where the plants were pruned to two stems and fastened up with wires. The second method gave the largest returns of ripe fruit. This was closely followed by method No. 3, which produced the most early ripe fruit though not the greatest total quantity. The removal of the foliage, in method No. 5, decreased the quantity of both ripe and green fruit, but greatly increased the percentage of ripe fruit on the plants.

Large quantities of tomatoes can be produced, with the least amount of labor, by planting four feet apart each way. good percentage of ripe fruit can be obtained if the plants are not supplied with nitrogenous manures until after the tomatoes have set. The method that was most successful in producing ripe fruit early in the season was that of tying the plants to stakes placed two feet apart in the rows.—J. A. CLARK, Superintendent, Experimental Farm, Charllottetown, P. E. I.

The Rural Community Life Movement.

During the last five years there have gathered at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, anywhere from 50 to 150 clergymen, Women's Institute officers and others interacted in the economic and others interested in the economic, educational, social, religious, recreational and other problems of rural communities.

This year the Summer School for Rural Leadership opens on Monday, July 26th, and closes Friday, August 6th. Presi-dent. J. B. Reynolds of the Manitoba College, Winnipeg, is to be icultural

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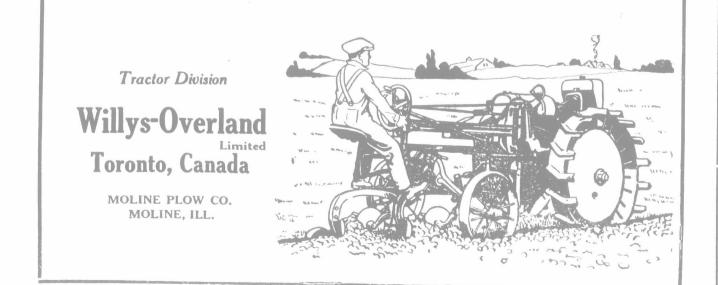
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Manning Doherty and Hon. R. H. Grant will speak on the work of the Depart-ments of Agriculture and Education, J. J. Morrison will speak on the "U.F.O.," its aims and objects.

Further' information regarding the school may be secured by writing the President, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

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