

GARDENING INSTRUCTIONS.

For those interested in gardening, guidance and helpful information may be secured from a small handbook, entitled "Learn How to Grow Vegetables" by Mr. H. F. East, a horticultural expert of twenty-seven years' experience. It is published by the Carter's Tested Seeds Company, Toronto. The booklet, which is illustrated, gives clear and concise directions to amateur gardeners. It is of convenient size and can be carried in the pocket and studied at odd moments.

YOUNG GARDENERS IN QUEBEC.

The Quebec Department of Agriculture has organized a special section to deal with the task of promoting the extension of school and home gardens this year. In 1917 there were 846 schools in Quebec with a total of 19,803 gardener-pupils. In 1916 the total area of school gardens in the province was 1,815,056 square feet and by last year it had increased to 2,720,256 square feet. Last year seeds and eggs were distributed to 14,893 children. This year the figures total approximately 7,750, an increase of 2,857 in the number of pupils taking care of material.

TO AID PORK PRODUCTION.

Bank Offers to Lend Sufficient Money Under Club Plan.

The Souris, Man., branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, has announced the organization of a boys' and girls' Pig Club and is prepared to lend sufficient money to any child between the ages of eight and ten years, to purchase two pigs—one to be raised for meat purposes, and the other to be retained in order that a litter of pigs be raised the following year. The bank states that one of its principal objects in forming this club, is to assist in increasing pork production. Special prizes will be offered to the members.

STUDENTS TO WORK ON FARMS.

Mr. J. A. Grenier, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Quebec, reports that the Directors of all the Colleges in Quebec recently decided to give all their students three months' vacation in order to allow them more time to work on the farm.

The Women's Land Army of Great Britain has organized a campaign to enlist 12,000 women for farm work.

