
The Allotment

some of the shoots may be broken and the foliage bruised.

The next item of importance is spraying, for the purpose of preventing the Potato disease. Spraying should be done late in June or early in July, and again on one or two subsequent occasions at intervals of three weeks. The solution used is Bordeaux mixture or Burgundy mixture. The former is made in the following proportions: Sulphate of copper, 12 lb.; quicklime, 8 lb.; and 100 gal. of water; or a lesser quantity in similar proportions. Burgundy mixture consists of these ingredients: Copper sulphate, 2 lb.; washing soda (pure), $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; and water 10 gal.: this quantity of Burgundy mixture is sufficient to spray approximately 18 poles or rods. The quantity of Bordeaux mixture required per pole is about 1 gallon. In spraying it is important to direct the spray so that it reaches the lower as well as the upper surface of the foliage, and, in order to distribute the mixture in a mist-like spray, a knapsack sprayer should be used, or, failing this, a syringe fitted with a very fine spraying nozzle.

Early Potatoes planted in the open garden are usually ready to dig from the middle of July onwards; second earlies are ready in August; and the maincrop should be lifted late in September.