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bees being too numerous for the hive, and, getting an extra queen, they form a new colony and leave the hive in possession of the old colony. When swarming occurs one will hear an extra lot of buzzing and there will be thousands of bees in the air, and, after a while these will gradually form into a round mass on a limb of a tree. A spare hive should be on hand for this eventuality, and this should now be placed as close as possible under the new swarm. By a vigorous shake of the limb the swarm is dropped onto the top of the hive which, of course, must be without a lid, and when the bees have settled down between the frames the lid may be replaced. If the queen should happen to miss the hive the other bees will not stay and they will probably form up on a tree again.

It is important to see that the bees have a good supply of honey before being put into winter quarters. About twenty pounds of honey should be left in each hive for winter supplies. The bee cellar should be kept at as even a temperature as possible. From 40 degrees to 45 degrees Fahrenheit is about right.

The prospective bee keeper will know that there is a source of honey in his district if he sees the following plants in abundance: Alsike clover, white clover, alfalfa, sweet clover, caragana (or Siberian pea tree), golden rod, etc.

In conclusion, the best teacher is experience, and it will be a steady source of education to observe the habits of the bees. This article, though giving some important points, is but an outline of the subject, and just intended to give a plan for starting, but there are many

9. The first two rounds thrown to the adjoining land are not judged. In case the neighbor's crown is crooked or otherwise defective, it is not necessary to conform to it.

10. Depth of furrows, 5 inches; width according to the plow used.

11. A sole furrow must not be turned in finishing the land.

12. The use of gauge wheels and skimmers is permitted.

13. No pulling or covering of weeds with either hand or foot or tramping the land with the feet will be allowed. A man in each class will see that each plowman conforms with the above rule. Every one not conforming thereto will be reduced one point for each offence.

14. Judges have the right to withhold a prize if they consider the work deficient in merit.

15. All protests must be in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$2.00, and lodged with the secretary before 6 p.m. on the day of the match.

16. Plowmen who do not conform with the above rules will be disqualified.

Autumn Care of Rhubarb

How did your rhubarb bed do this season? Were the stalks short or slim? Were the leaves small and ragged looking? Did it turn a sickly color and the plants wither or dwindle away in the middle of the summer? If you did not have a satisfactory crop of this widely admired pie plant, something was wrong. A remedy is needed, and since it is not expensive or difficult to procure, suppose



A corner of a splendid Manitoba farm, where mixed farming has proved a great success

good books on bees, and also Government bulletins, which serve as useful guides. Apiculture is one of the strong links of the family to the farm, which is indeed important in these times of urgent need of more production from the land.

Manitoba Plowing Match Rules

The following rules and regulations, which have just been drafted by the Agricultural College Extension Service for use in connection with plowing matches in Manitoba, are of interest to all plowmen at this time of year:

1. No person will be allowed to interfere with the plowman except in the setting and removal of stakes, and no person will be allowed to accompany the plowman.

2. Land to be plowed will approximate three-quarters of an acre for single furrowed plows and one and one-half acres for gangs.

3. Lands must be measured out and numbered consecutively before the time set for the match to commence.

4. Plowmen must be on the grounds before 10 a.m., at which hour lots will be drawn and stakes set. Plowmen must finish by 4 p.m.

5. Each plowman will have one strike-out and one finish.

6. In the strike-out all lands must be opened and all weeds cut.

7. Stakes must be set only once for the strike-out.

8. Five rounds complete the crown. The stake bearing the land number must be replaced as soon as the crown is finished.

we apply it now and prevent a repetition of the same trouble next year.

It requires no particular kind of magic to induce this plant to grow, and the earlier it produces the more valuable it is for either market or household use. I find the greatest thing for rhubarb is plenty of good stable manure put on at this season of the year. It is an excellent idea to cover the earth surrounding the roots to a depth of three or four inches. This not only enriches the soil, but protects the roots and assists in producing an early spring growth.

I never pack the manure down close to the earth, for I think this helps to make the soil sour, and also makes it more wet, which, of course, will cause heavier freezing in severe weather. A little straw with the manure will act as a mulch and produce better results. A very slight sprinkle of salt will do the beds good, but be careful not to overdo this.

If the bed is of long standing, dig up the roots, or at least a portion of them, and reset them in new earth in a new location, say, about three or four feet apart each way. Set in good, strong roots, and be careful to have the root crown well covered with soil.

Manure this new bed liberally, and it will pay you even next season for your trouble, but from then on, for at least five years, with liberal manuring, it will yield excellently and the quality will be fine.

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