

In 1915 the average net profit per acre was \$100 in Carleton County and \$113.87 in Russell County. In the average of all the plots in the two counties the estimated cost of producing a bushel of potatoes was 21.3 cents in 1915, 22 cents in 1914, and 34.8 cents in 1913.

The following scale of points was used in judging the potatoes at the County Fairs:

Purity of Variety	10	points.
Uniformity	10	"
Size	10	"
Smoothness	10	"
Shape	5	"
Nature of Skin	5	"
Color	10	"
Freedom from Disease	15	"
Quality	25	"
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Total	100	"

The potato growing contest in operation in these two counties is suitable for adoption in other places. Persons interested in the scheme and desiring information should write for full particulars to the Secretary, Mr. L. H. Newman, Canadian Building, Ottawa.

Potato Growers' Co-operative Associations.—In some parts of Ontario potatoes of excellent quality are grown rather extensively for commercial purposes. These potato growing districts have special opportunities for earning for themselves good reputations by furnishing potatoes which will command the highest prices in our best markets. In order to bring this about, however, a united effort on the part of the growers seems essential. The real value of a Co-operative Association depends largely upon the organization being established on sound and up-to-date business principles, and upon the loyalty and co-operative spirit of the members. A properly organized and established Potato Growers' Association could grow one or two of the most suitable varieties of potatoes, grade the crop into uniformity, give the product the stamp of the Association, and distribute in car-load lots when necessary. The officers could keep in constant telegraphic communications with the best markets, and thus secure a wide distribution and avoid shipping to centres already over-stocked. By supplying potatoes in large lots in this way the cheapest transportation could be obtained and the best service secured, or the supply might be sent forward f.o.b. (free-on-board) shipping point. The growers would thus be enabled to secure the just returns for their crop, to avoid many discouragements, and to place the produce with the consumer in the best condition and at a reduced price. Advantages would accrue, therefore, to both the producers and the consumers.

The following local Co-operative Associations have been organized in Ontario for handling potatoes alone or in conjunction with other farm crops:—

Hillsburg Potato Growers' Association: R. D. Nodwell, Sec., Wellington Co.

The Rainy River Potato Growers' Association: A. G. Crawford, Mgr., Rainy River Dis.

Independent Vegetable Growers' Association: Henry Broughton, Mgr., Lambton Co.