

## War-Time Gardens in Manitoba

Prior to 1917, one noticeable feature of the surroundings of both city and country homes was the small number of gardens cultivated. This was regrettable. Every family in the Province should raise not only sufficient vegetables for its own use, but in many cases some to spare or to sell. We do not derive many benefits from war, but if the national need has caused men, women, boys and girls to take an interest in growing some of the necessities of life, we must admit that in this respect at least we shall have been benefitted.

War gardens should be made permanent, for it must not be forgotten that war merely gave the impetus to the movement.

### Plowing

Citizens of Winnipeg are very fortunate in having business men and public officials who are doing their utmost to co-operate with those who are willing to undertake this work. One of the greatest factors in making this garden movement successful in Winnipeg is the opportunity citizens have of using the city's teams to plow and harrow their ground. Do not use the old fashioned fork and spade if you can avoid it. Take every advantage of this splendid offer, and if you have neglected having your garden plowed last fall, do not miss that opportunity in the fall of 1918.

### Winnipeg Garden Show

We are indebted also to the business men of Winnipeg for the Garden Show, inaugurated last year for the express purpose of instructing and encouraging us to greater effort. A show of this kind is the greatest educator to amateur and professional alike, and while not all can win prizes, still, if the exhibitor will display a spirit of friendly rivalry, reasoning out with the judges and other competitors why he has not been successful, the time given in making the exhibit will be well repaid, and in the coming year you will find yourself determined to do your utmost to beat the other fellow. Bear in mind that the articles awarded the prizes are those that are in best condition **for your own use**; and this is the ultimate goal of the successful gardener. Therefore, I would ask you to support the Garden Show both for your own benefit and for the benefit of others, encouraging these men who have taken such a timely interest in your welfare and incidentally helping your neighbors, who will be encouraged by your example and success.

### To Avoid Failure

Last year a large number of war gardens were planted. In many cases, quote unavoidably, the work of preparation was done too late. It was not to be expected that all those engaged in this work would succeed, considering their inexperience, unpreparedness of land, the want of knowledge in the selection of varieties and the fact that 1917 was one of the worst seasons for gardening experienced by Manitoba for twenty years.

I shall endeavor to give you the benefit of my own practical experience, outlining methods that have proven successful and naming varieties that I know you will find reliable, consideration being given to quality,