

## Diseases of the Potato

There could hardly be a more timely or a more practicable, valuable publication at this moment than Circular No. 9 of the Division of Botany at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, dealing with "The Control of Potato Diseases," by H. T. Gussow, the Dominion Botanist. With the contents of this circular every grower of the "solanum tuberosum" would profit by acquainting himself. It tells of the different diseases to which the potato is subject and of the preventatives and remedies that can be successfully applied. Especially does it deal with seed potatoes, a series of precautions being given that should always be taken before sowing. Instruction is also furnished on methods that should be adopted to redeem infected land, on the early recognition of disease, on spraying for the suppression of the Colorado Beetle and Late Blight, and on the storing of seed potatoes. How to use bi-chloride of mercury and in what quantity is explained. Stable manure should not be used for potatoes is the sound advice given, as it may engender a scabby crop, which can be averted by the use of fertilizers. When there is a lack of Humus in the soil, an application of crumbled peat will be found beneficial. This will also retain moisture in light soils. Information is given on the preparation of Bordeaux mixture. The Circular, which can be had by application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, should have a wide circulation.

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