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Apparently many people have their own ideas about sowing roots. All seem agreed with the opinion that more turnips and mangels should be grown, but several farmers disagree on the actual way of sowing.

EXCELLENT SEED

"It is quite right to urge more mangels and turnips, as they make a feed for live stock that cannot be replaced by anything else," states William Doherty, now of Toronto, but for many years a farmer out Scarborough way, and manager of Sunnybrook Farm, which has just been presented to Toronto for park purposes, from 1912 to 1915. "But I think I can give you a few more hints on sowing which may be of some value to farmers who want to get the greatest possible yield from these crops.

PREPARING MANGEL SEED

"Before I sowed my mangels I soaked the seed in water for 24 hours" explained Mr. Doherty. "After this the seed was put in a bag and drained, and then while still damp it was mixed at the rate of about four pounds of seed to one pound of plaster paris. I then spread it out in the sun or near the stove for 24 hours before planting. Treated in this way it ran through the hand drill easily, germinated well and sprouted quickly.

SOWS MANGELS EARLY

"I sowed mangels at the rate of three to four pounds per acre and put the crop in early, right after the grain seeding. I sowed them on the level in rows thirty inches apart and thinned to twelve inches apart in the row. One should be careful to harvest mangels before they are touched by frost, as they are very tender and if frozen even slightly will not keep."

HOW TO HANDLE TURNIPS

With turnips, Mr. Doherty did not sow before the second week in June, usually getting in his field between June 8 and 15. "If they are sown earlier the turnips are liable to be tough and not good for the table or the stock. I used about one and a half pounds of seed per acre," he said.

CULTIVATE THOROUGHLY

Mr. Doherty stated that too much emphasis could not be placed on the preparation of the soil for both these root crops. He would manure in the fall for mangels and would have the seed bed for both in a fine state of tilth before sowing. Just before sowing, where the soil was heavy, he applied salt and lime mixed in equal parts at the rate of 250 to 300 pounds per acre, or a total quantity of 500 to 600 pounds of the mixture.

FARM NOTES

The corn borer is scattered pretty well over the Province of Ontario and it has, no doubt, come to stay. Whether we can keep on growing corn depends entirely on the attitude of farmer to corn borer regulations and to the corn borer inspectors. If we but settle down and make the clean-up complete each year there is no doubt that the corn-borer will become an ordinary pest like potato "bugs" and codling worms, which are troublesome enough, but they do not prevent anyone from growing potatoes or apples if they care to.

The corn crop is too valuable to throw away simply because of our dislike for new regulations or dictation from the authorities. The regulations are simple and practical. Some extra work is entailed, of course, but not as much as growers undertake voluntarily when they attempt to grow some other crops.

There have been instances of hostility and stubbornness, but fortunately such instances now are rare. A good spirit prevails this spring and the indicate that growers are co-operating satisfactorily with the corn borer inspectors in an effort to make the clean-up thorough and complete before the first of June. If the feeling of annoyance and hostility is directed against the corn borer itself instead of against the inspector it is altogether likely that we shall go on growing corn as formerly, and the borer will be numbered with the numerous other pests that make life unpleasant, miserable at times, but are not ruinous or unbeatable.

It is better to clean up the corn borers than allow the corn borers to clean up the corn.

Miss Agnes Watson of Hull, Eng., has been elected to the Board of Guardians, the first woman to be chosen since 1699.

MAPLE

The delegates from St. Stephen's church to the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Diocese of Toronto, last week were Mrs. I. Watson, Mrs. H. Taylor and Miss M. E. Morrison.

Rev. P. W. Roberts exchanged pulpits on Sunday with Rev. A. J. Arthur, of Mount Dennis.

The play "Be an Optimist" will be presented in the Community Hall on Friday evening by the Dramatic club of Emery.

Mr. Geo. Taylor has been successful in passing his first year examinations at McMaster University.

Miss L. Lumbers, of Toronto, is visiting at the home of Mr. R. D. McNaughton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson and little son of Glammis, spent several days at the home of Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. T. Matheson. They returned home on Sunday evening taking Mrs. Matheson with them for a visit.

Mr. C.H. Jones, of Toronto, spent a few days with his niece, Mrs. W. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman and Family and Mrs. W. West, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns.

May 29th, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns, Fairview Farm gave a progressive euchre and dance at their home in honor of their friends Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark and family, about fifty guests were present and all voted a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are moving to the United States in the near future.

On June 5th Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Clark, Mr. Leslie Sturdy and Mr. Busby of King and Mrs. W. Burns motored to Toronto and spent the afternoon at Lowes.

Mrs. Eugene Lamm of Danville, Ill., learned to pilot an airplane, landings, and all, in 4 1-2 hours, which her instructor claims is the world's record.

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