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FOR THE YEAR 1922

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## REPORT OF THE DIVISION OF FORAGE PLANTS

### INTRODUCTION

During the past year the various phases of the forage crop work have been carried forward and some new work has also been undertaken. Particular attention is being directed towards the development of new and improved species. In this connection, a promising new variety of timothy has been originated and is to be propagated in quantity in 1923. A few superior strains of western rye grass, two strains of kentucky blue grass, and one strain of red clover are also ready for multiplication in quantity.

The new Dominion Agrostologist was not appointed until July. An immediate tour of inspection of the different Branch Experimental Farms and Stations was necessary, consequently almost the entire credit for the planning and carrying out of the work included in this report belongs to the Assistant Agrostologist, Mr. R. I. Hamilton, B.S.A.

### THE SEASON

Although the winter of 1921-22 was not unduly severe, yet new seedlings of grasses and clovers were considerably injured. In the case of clovers, seedlings put in in 1921 did not, owing to drought, make sufficient growth to withstand the winter and were practically all killed out. Our earliest sown crop, field roots, were in one day earlier than in 1921 and favourable weather during May made it possible to get all crops in in good time. June was favourable, with a good precipitation well scattered throughout the month. During July and August the hot weather seriously interfered with the setting out of breeding material and a considerable number of individual plants were lost.

Yields of all crops averaged well and a favourable fall made it possible to do considerable outside work and harvest field roots in good condition.

The table following gives some seasonal data regarding temperatures and precipitation.

WEATHER RECORDS—APRIL—OCTOBER, 1922

## ENSILAGE CROPS

## INDIAN CORN

Sixteen samples of different varieties of Indian corn were tested in duplicate  $\frac{1}{100}$  acre plots. One set of plots was sown on a flax sod which had been ploughed in the fall of 1921 and again in the spring of 1922 after an application of 15 tons of manure per acre. The duplicate plots were sown on a clover sod, similarly manured, but only spring ploughed.

All varieties were sown May 22, in rows 3 feet apart and the plants were thinned to 7 inches apart in the rows. All plots were weighed immediately after cutting and a representative sample taken to determine the dry yield per acre. The samples taken were dried partially in the field and the drying process continued in a heated room until no further shrinkage was noticeable. The samples were then passed through an ensilage cutter and representative samples extracted for the determination of the absolute dry matter. These latter determinations are not yet available so that the dry matter in the following table is air-dried weight and not absolute dry matter. The varieties tested, the date of cutting and the yields per acre were as follows:—

INDIAN CORN—TEST OF VARIETIES

Variety	Source	Date Cut	Maturity when Cut	Yield per Acre Green		Yield per Acre Air Dried	
				Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.
Leaming.....	John Parks.....	Sept. 26	Late dough to glazing	18	260	12	882
Leaming.....	K. Macdonald & Sons.....	Sept. 26	" " "	17	1,817	11	1,415
Wisconsin No. 7.....	John Parks.....	Sept. 26	Late milk to dough	15	595	10	46
Ninety Day White Dent.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.....	Sept. 26	Milk to dough.....	16	1,698	9	1,980
Pride Yellow Dent.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.....	Sept. 21 and 26	Glazed.....	19	461	9	1,894
Wisconsin No. 7.....	J. O. Duke.....	Sept. 26	Dough to glazing.....	14	1,927	9	746
Yellow Flint.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.....	Sept. 21 and 26	Glazing.....	15	1,275	8	1,915
Bailey.....	J. O. Duke.....	Sept. 26	Milk to dough.....	14	257	8	846
Compton's Early.....	J. O. Duke.....	Sept. 21	Glazed.....	16	70	8	42
Golden Glow.....	J. O. Duke.....	Sept. 26	Dough to glazing.....	11	403	7	349
North Dakota.....	.....	Sept. 21 and 26	Glazing to glazed.....	13	47	7	212
Longfellow.....	J. O. Duke.....	Sept. 21	Glazed.....	13	833	6	912
North Western Dent.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.....	Sept. 7	" .....	12	282	3	1,675
Twitchell's Pride.....	Fredericton.....	Sept. 7	" .....	7	222	2	871
Quebec No. 28.....	.....	Sept. 7	" .....	7	56	2	804
Average.....				14	280	7	1,772

To obtain comparable results, the different varieties of corn were harvested as nearly as possible at the same stage of maturity rather than on a common date. By September 26, however, it was necessary to harvest all varieties because of frost and such types as had not reached the glazed stage by that date, lost somewhat in the per cent of dry matter by reason of their immaturity.

It will be noticed on examining the table of yields, that corn sold under the same name but obtained from different sources may vary considerably in its yielding capacity. Most of our corn varieties are a mixture of a great many types, consequently, unless selection is followed with identical ideals in view, it is obviously quite probable that the selections produced by different growers will vary in many characteristics, which variation will be reflected in a wide

range in the yields that they are capable of producing. This being the case, it would seem good policy to continue to secure seed of any variety that has proven satisfactory, from the same source year after year.

While the yields for any single year are not a safe criterion on which to base our judgment as to the relative value of varieties, we can get some idea of what group of varieties has proven satisfactory for the current year. A comparison of the relation between the green weights and the air dry weights will also show us that the corn plants that give the highest green weight do not always produce the greatest amount of dry matter. As the dry matter constitutes the feeding value of the corn, this fact is worthy of consideration. If the figures were obtainable showing the absolute dry matter, instead of the air-dry matter, this variation between the value of the types as indicated by their green weights and their values as indicated by the dry matter they contain would probably be even more marked.

#### SUNFLOWERS

Five so-called varieties or strains of sunflowers were tested in duplicate one-one hundredth-acre plots on the same kind of land and under similar conditions to the corn varieties tested. They were planted May 22 in rows 3 feet apart, and the plants, when up, were thinned to 7 inches apart in the row. Each "variety" was harvested when the majority of plants were in full bloom. The yields are given in the table following:

SUNFLOWERS—TEST OF VARIETIES

Variety	Source of Seed	Date Cut	Average Yield per acre		Average Yield per acre Air Dried	
			Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.
Mammoth Russian.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co	Sept. 15	31	1,298	9	815
Mammoth Russian.....	K. McDonald & Sons.....	Sept. 15	30	1,039	9	1,260
Early Ottawa.....	Exp. Farm, Ottawa.....	Sept. 2	26	634	5	436
Mammoth Russian.....	G. H. Hutton.....	Aug. 15	18	14	2	1,017
Mennonite.....	Rosthern District.....	Aug. 10	16	765	1	1,815
Average.....			24	1,150	5	1,469

No difference was noticeable between the Mammoth Russian from the Dakota Improved Seed Co. and that from K. McDonald & Sons. In this district, the season is long enough to mature the ordinary commercial Mammoth or Giant Russian sunflower, consequently this variety is recommended if it is desired to sow sunflowers as an ensilage crop.

While sunflowers are listed and sold under different variety names, it would be well to keep in mind that there are as yet no pure varieties. Each of the so-called "varieties" is a mixture of a great many types. This accounts, in part, for the wide variation in yield and reported value of many of our named commercial varieties.

There seems to be a lack of appreciation of the fact that sunflowers, at the time they are harvested for silage purposes, contain a very large per cent of water. Their high yield of green fodder has resulted in many growers placing a value on them, in comparison with corn and other ensilage crops, much greater than they deserve when considered in the light of their air-dry or absolute dry matter content. An examination of the tables of yields of green fodder in corn and sunflowers will bring out the fact that while the

highest yielding sunflower types show over 12 tons more green fodder per acre than the highest yielding corn varieties, yet the former contain about three tons less dry matter.

In districts where both corn and sunflowers can be produced with equal success, it would seem, therefore, that corn is still the more desirable crop to grow. The range of the sunflower plant, however, is greater than that of the corn plant so that the former offers a good opportunity of obtaining a good quality and quantity of silage in districts where corn can not, as yet, be profitably grown.

#### ANNUAL HAY CROPS

##### MILLETS

Six varieties of millets were tested in duplicate one-sixtieth-acre plots on land which had been in flax in 1921. The area available was not uniform, ranging from muck to clay, but the plots were so divided that one series was grown on each class of land. The land was fall ploughed in 1921 and, after an application of 15 tons of manure per acre, was spring ploughed in 1922 and prepared for seeding. All varieties were sown broadcast May 30 and 31, at the rate of 30 pounds of seed per acre. Each variety was harvested as soon as it was well headed and only a single cutting was taken from a plot. Some aftermath developed in the case of all varieties with the exception of hog millet—but in no case was there sufficient growth to harvest.

The yields of the varieties tested are given in the following table:—

MILLETS—TEST OF VARIETIES

Variety	Average Yield per Acre, 1922				Average dry Yield per Acre 1921-22	
	Green		Dry			
	Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.
Golden.....	10	490	2	1,820	3	1,810
Common.....	7	400	2	1,580	2	1,650
Japanese (Foxtail).....	8	800	2	1,370	4	85
Hungarian.....	6	1,920	2	1,130	2	1,640
Siberian.....	6	60	2	650	2	1,360
Hog.....	5	260	1	1,990	2	630
Average.....	7	655	2	1,000	3	197

The Japanese millet reported in the previous table recording the yield of millet varieties and also in the following table of mixtures for hay is a Foxtail millet similar in appearance to the Siberian and Hungarian millets and is not the decidedly branching, coarse-strawed, awnless type sometimes sold under that name.

The yields of the best of these millets for the current year, as well as their averages for the two years, bear testimony to the possibilities of the millets as a catch crop when our regular sources of forage promises to be inadequate.

##### MIXTURES FOR ANNUAL HAY

A number of mixtures were tested in duplicate one-sixtieth-acre plots under conditions similar to the millet varieties. The table following gives the mixtures sown, rates of seedings and yields per acre.

## MIXTURES FOR HAY

Varieties and Mixtures Sown	Rate per acre	Average Yield per Acre			
		Green		Dry Hay	
Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	
Hubam Clover.....	15	5	800	2	110
Banner Oats.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hubam Clover.....	15	4	70	1	1,180
Spring Rye.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hubam Clover.....	15	14	710	4	1,570
Japanese Millet.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average, Hubam as a base.....	.....	7	1,860	2	1,620
White Sw. Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banner Oats.....	80	9	660	2	167
White Sw. Clover.....	15	6	210	2	872
Spring Rye.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Sw. Clover.....	15	16	1,360	6	1,170
Japanese Millet.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average White Sw. Clover as a base.....	.....	10	423	3	1,403
Yellow Sw. Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banner Oats.....	80	6	300	1	1,660
Yellow Sw. Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Rye.....	80	3	1,800	1	1,270
Yellow Sw. Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Japanese Millet.....	20	11	560	3	1,410
Average Yellow Sw. Clover as a base.....	.....	7	280	2	780
Crimson Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banner Oats.....	80	5	890	1	1,780
Crimson Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Rye.....	80	3	90	1	700
Crimson Clover.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Japanese Millet.....	20	9	160	3	1,110
Average Crimson Clover as a base.....	.....	6	1,710	2	630
Barley.....	100	4	640	1	1,090
Spring Rye.....	90	2	380	1	40
Hubam Clover.....	20	2	860	..	990
White Sw. Clover.....	20	3	540	1	748
Yellow Sw. Clover.....	20	1	1,300	..	1,392*
Banner Oats.....	100	7	1,420	2	1,652*
Arthur Peas.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banner Oats.....	78	5	1,760	2	302*
Common Vetch.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....

\*Yields are from one one-sixtieth acre plot only.

Definite conclusions from one year's results should not be drawn but the above yields would certainly seem to indicate that Hubam clover did not, last year, justify the expenditure of \$1 per pound for the seed. When sown alone and in combination with another crop it in no case outyielded Biennial White sweet clover sown under the same conditions.

The highest average yield was obtained when the Biennial White Blossomed sweet clover was used as the base for the mixture. The highest individual yield was secured from this clover mixed with Japanese millet.

No difficulty was experienced in curing the hay from any of these mixtures during the current season. The sweet clovers made a very fine growth when mixed with the millet and cereals, consequently the usual difficulty of curing the former was not experienced.

This method of combining the clovers, especially the sweet clovers, with millets and cereals offers encouraging possibilities. The experiment, however, will need to be continued through a period of years before it will be safe to draw definite conclusions as to the permanent value of the mixtures in question.

#### OATS AND BARLEYS FOR ANNUAL HAY

Through the courtesy of the Cereal Division, a number of oat and barley varieties were tested to determine their suitability for hay and, in the case of oat varieties, to determine the most favourable stage of maturity to cut for hay. The following table gives the varieties tested and the yields per acre.

#### BARLEY FOR HAY

Variety	Date Cut	Yield per Acre			
		Green		Dry	
		Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.
560 H.....	July 14	9	554	2	1,203
Chinese Ottawa 60.....	" 18	7	1,024	2	410
Fenil Ottawa 670.....	" 18	8	285	2	
558 J I.....	" 14	8	628	1	1,846
556 H.....	" 18	6	1,857	1	1,705
577 C.....	" 19	7	1,000	1	1,627
696 A.....	" 27	6	373	1	1,608
Forage Ottawa 675.....	" 18	6	1,911	1	1,607
558 C 2.....	" 14	7	339	1	1,413
673 C.....	" 19	5	1,772	1	1,407
558 C 1.....	" 15	6	850	1	952
556 C.....	" 14	6	251	1	685
Feeder Ottawa 561.....	" 15	6	788	1	574

#### OATS FOR HAY

Variety	Cut When Heading			Cut When in Full Bloom			Cut When in Soft Dough					
	Date	Green	Dry	Date	Green	Dry	Date	Green	Dry			
		per Acre	per Acre		per Acre	per Acre		per Acre	per Acre			
		Tons	Lbs.		Tons	Lbs.		Tons	Lbs.			
Longfellow-Ottawa 478.....	July 20 15	1,133	3	245	July 22 19	543	3	1,259	July 31 15	409	4	343
O.A.C. No. 72.....	" 20 15	949	2	1,804	" 22 18	620	3	1,674	" 14	1,382	3	1,927
Gold Rain.....	" 19 15	1,523	2	1,875	" 31 15	1,755	3	1,406	July 31 15	1,708	4	23
Victory.....	" 19 14	1,645	2	1,680	" 22 15	1,047	3	953	" 31 13	1,877	3	1,938
Daubeny Ottawa 47.....												
Columbian Ottawa 78.....	July 19 11	982	2	1,044	July 21 13	56	3	46	" 27 15	530	4	867
Liberty Ottawa 480.....	" 17 15	1,027	2	164	" 20 16	147	3	1,597	" 31 15	1,187	4	8
Laurel Ottawa 477.....	" 17 15	971	2	1,801	" 20 15	773	3	491	" 31 15	159	3	1,845
Prolific Ottawa 77.....	" 19 13	1,420	2	1,876	" 22 18	1,398	3	688	" 31 12	1,598	3	803
Legacy.....	" 14 16	1,840	2	1,521	" 17 16	742	2	1,910	" 24 12	1,551	3	840
Banner Ottawa 49.....	" 19 13	844	2	1,457	" 21 13	970	2	1,355	" 27 13	716	3	1,105
Alpine.....	" 19 9	329	2	453	" 21 9	213	2	499	" 31 11	1,729	3	1,551
Alaska.....												

The foregoing tables of yields of barley and oats cut as hay indicate that the variety of grain that we use for this purpose is of considerable importance. It is doubtful if the same variety will continue to give the highest yields for hay

through a succession of years but, with a number of years of experimental data to guide us, we should at least be able to select a few varieties that would be superior in this respect.

A study of the yields of dry hay obtained from cutting oats at different stages of maturity points conclusively to the fact that the soft dough stage is the most profitable of the three tested at which to make hay from oat varieties.

#### FIELD ROOTS

##### MANGELS

Forty-eight samples of different varieties of mangels were tested in duplicate one-one hundred acre plots.

All varieties were sown May 3, in rows 30 inches apart and the plants, when up were thinned to 10 inches apart in the row. The land where these tests were conducted was in pig runs in 1921 and received an application of 15 tons of manure per acre. All varieties were harvested October 13 and 14. The roots and tops were weighed separately and counts were made of the different types in each lot. Representative roots were photographed and a number of such roots from each lot sent to the Chemistry Division for analysis. In the following table will be found: The trade name of varieties; yields, green and dry, the latter being based on the per cent dry matter as determined by the Chemistry Division and remarks taken at harvest time, when the lots were labelled with numbers only and no source of seed or trade name shown.

Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield per Acre			Per cent Dry Matter	Percent-age of Sugar in Juice	Yield per Acre Dry Matter	Tons Lbs.	Remarks
		Tons Lbs.	Tons Lbs.	Tops					
Yellow Intermediate...	United Seed Growers, Penitiction, B.C.	45	1,060	3 1,629	12.68	6.06	5 1,546	Light orange yellow Yellow Intermediate in general. Fair uniformity. Easy to harvest. (40).	
Long Red Gatepost....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	41	77	4 1,477	13.94	8.20	5 1,441	Long Red—not uniform. Skin uniform deep red, 2 per cent red globes, nine per cent Red Intermediate. Rooty and hard to harvest, clean. (10).	
Mammoth Long Red...	Chas. E. Bishop & Son, Belleville, Ont.	36	1,329	3 806	14.39	6.75	5 552	Long red and fairly uniform and of good type for this variety except that skin colour in quite a few is more like half Sugar Rose. (41).	
Danish Sludstrip.....	United Seed Growers, Penictiction, B.C.	39	1,420	3 1,375	13.12	5.05	5 420	Yellow Intermediate type—orange yellow skin. Fairly uniform. Easy to harvest. (34).	
Sugar Rose.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	33	1,639	3 650	14.94	7.34	5 105	Half Sugar Rose in general—Not uniform—five per cent Half Sugar whites (white green tops) one per cent Long Reds, four per cent appear to be sugar beets. Rooty and rather difficult to harvest clean. (11).	
Yellow Intermediate...	Exp. Farm, Ottawa, Ont.	39	946	2 1,550	12.74	6.15	5 58	Light yellow Intermediate with orange yellow skin. Fairly uniform and easily harvested clean. (49).	
Peerless.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	40	867	3 468	12.38	6.36	5 11	Yellow Intermediate with light orange yellow skin in general type. Not uniform. Six per cent Tankards Orange yellow, four per cent Tankards Yellow. One per cent Tankards white, three per cent Globes. Easy to harvest clean. (6).	
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	41	23	3 1,169	12.12	4.54	4 1,941	Light lemon yellow Yellow Intermediate in general. Fair uniformity, one per cent red roots, one per cent Globes, one per cent Tankards. Easy to harvest. (38).	
Giant Rose.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	34	1,456	3 17	14.25	7.26	4 1,897	Half Sugar Rose with medium pink skin. No uniformity, six per cent Half Sugar whites, six per cent appear to be sugar beets. Rather hard to harvest clean. (17).	
Mammoth Long Red...	Beaton, Oshawa, Ont.	36	877	2 1,278	13.47	6.37	4 1,816	Long red to Red Intermediate in general type. (46).	
Royal Giant Sugar Beet.	Steele Briggs Co., Toronto, Ont.	37	770	2 1,709	13.01	7.26	4 1,728	Half Sugar Rose with medium pink skin. Not uniform. Ten per cent white green top showing red in crown only, six per cent appear to be Sugar beets and grow deep in ground. Rooty and are hard to harvest. (8).	
Yellow Intermediate....	A. E. McKenzie Co., Brandon, Man.	35	579	2 1,481	13.65	6.43	4 1,634	Cannot indicate what type this is. Three per cent Half Sugar Rose, One per cent Red Tankards, two per cent Sugar beets, one per cent Yellow Tankards. One per cent Half Sugar White, two per cent Yellow Globes, one per cent Long Reds, two per cent Red Intermediates. (30).	

Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield per acre		Percent Dry Matter	Percentage or Sugar in Juice	Yield per Acre Dry Matter	Variety
		Roots	Tops				
Gate Post.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	37	171	3	32	12.86	5.25
Eclipse.....	A. E. McKenzie Co., Brandon, Man.	42	1,556	2	1,013	11.02	3.46
Danish Sludstrup.....	K. McDonald & Son, Ottawa, Ont.	38	1,257	2	1,444	12.10	4.96
Giant Red Sugar.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	34	1,550	3	1,084	13.26	7.53
Sugar Mangel.....	Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, Ont.	37	635	2	446	12.24	5.24
Giant Yellow Oval.....	Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, Ont.	35	1,362	3	14	12.58	5.24
Mammoth Long Red.....	United Seed Growers, Penticton, B.C.	32	1,346	2	457	13.59	6.94
Danish Sludstrup.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	30	825	3	716	14.56	8.10
Manitoba Giant Yellow.....	A. E. McKenzie Co., Brandon, Man.	31	895	3	955	14.07	6.65
Giant White Sugar.....	United Seed Growers, Penticton, B.C.	36	1,442	2	721	11.81	5.92
Giant White Feeding.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	35	995	2	1,523	12.10	4.54
Mammoth Long Red.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	33	844	3	40	12.56	5.98

Yellow Intermediate to Long Yellow with light orange yellow skin in general type. Not uniform. (14). Yellow Tankard with light yellow skin in general type. Fairly uniform, two per cent Half Sugar Rose, one per cent Gloves, two per cent White, three per cent Golden. Easy to harvest (this, except for small per cent of other types, is a good type of Yellow Tankard. (12). Light Yellow. Yellow Intermediate in general. Not uniform. Two per cent Yellow Globes, two per cent Yellow Tankards. Easy to harvest. (35). Long Red in general shape and colour. Not at all uniform. Seven per cent Half sugar whites (white green top), Seventeen per cent Half Sugar Rose, two per cent White Globes, one per cent Red Globes. Hard to harvest clean. (15). Half Sugar White. Not uniform. Twelve per cent show red blood (Half Sugar Rose), two per cent deep red roots, two per cent White Globes, one per cent appear to be Sugar Beets. Easy to harvest clean. (19). In general Yellow Intermediate type. Skin orange yellow to light yellow. Fairly easy to harvest. (32). Long Red to Red Intermediate in general type. (47).

Light lemon yellow to yellow intermediate in general. Fair uniformity, two per cent Half Sugar Rose, one per cent Long to Intermediate Red. Easy to harvest. (37). All shapes and colours present in this lot. Yellow Intermediate, Long Yellow, Sludstrup, Globes and Half Sugars. Only type not here the Long Reds. Easy to harvest. (22). Fairly uniform, Half Sugar White, nine per cent show presence of red blood, one per cent appear to be Sugar beets. Easy to harvest clean. (21). Fairly uniform, five per cent show presence of red blood (Half Rose), one per cent red roots, one per cent appear to be sugar beets. Easy to harvest. (25). Long Red to Bed Intermediate in general type. (45).

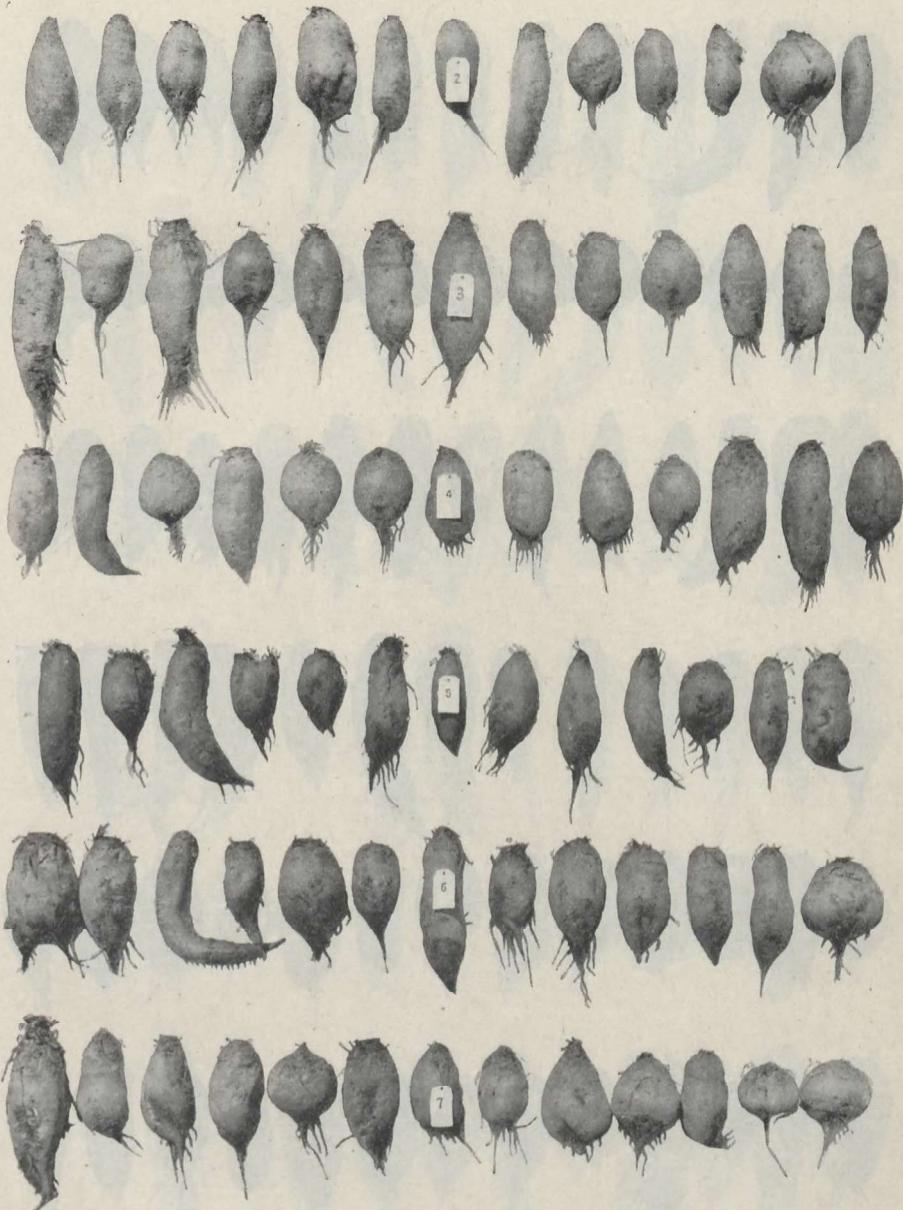
Prizetaker Yellow	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	36	1,204	1, 1,704	11,12	5.07	4	140	Yellow Globe in general, fairly uniform, tends to ovals, one per cent Red Intermediate, six per cent Yellow Tankards, one per cent Long Yellows. Very easy to harvest clean. (7).
58357-4	Mammoth Prize Long Red.	30	275	2 1,843	13,50	7.26	4	137	Long Red to Red Intermediate with deep red skin in general type. Quite a few roots in this lot looks like Half Sugar Rose with deep pink skin. Hard to harvest clean. (20).
Giant Long Red	A. E. McDonald & Son, Ottawa, Ont.	26	159	3 864	15,50	7.43	4	85	Long Red. Fair uniformity, but colour of many roots is like a deep pink skinned Half Sugar. Hard to harvest. (23).
Giant Yellow Globe	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	28	1,990	1 910	13,88	6.41	4	49	Yellow Globe in general type, runs to Yellow Intermediate. Not uniform. Very easy to harvest. (18).
Giant Sugar	Chas. E. Bishop & Son, Belleville, Ont.	27	555	2 352	14,73	7.01	4	36	Half Sugar White. Fair uniformity. Nine per cent show red blood, two per cent appear to be Sugar Beets. Easy to harvest. (44).
Long Red	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	33	393	2 854	12,04	5.46	3	1,994	Long Red and fairly uniform, and of a good type for this variety, except that skin colour in quite a few is more like Half Sugar Rose. (42).
Giant Yellow Intermediate	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	32	590	1 1,010	11,93	4.84	3	1,706	Light lemon yellow, oval with light orange Intermediate in general. Not uniform, six per cent Globes. Easy to pull. (39).
Yellow Globe	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	30	839	2 825	12,64	5.92	3	1,690	Yellow Intermediate to Long Yellow in general type. Skin colour orange yellow to yellow. Not uniform, two per cent Red roots. Fairly easy to harvest clean. (28).
Golden Tankard	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	31	533	1 1,362	12,24	6.35	3	1,654	Yellow Intermediate to yellow oval with light orange yellow skin in general type (some excellent Yellow Intermediate present), five per cent Tankards, seven per cent Globes. Easy to harvest clean. (4).
Champion Yellow Globe.	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	29	1,925	2 843	12,72	4.75	3	1,622	Yellow Intermediate with lemon yellow skin in general type. Not uniform (not a globe nor anything near it in the lot). Easy to harvest. (13).
Golden Tankard	Leonard Seed Co., Chicago, U.S.A.	29	1,754	1 1,407	12,60	5.78	3	1,529	Yellow Intermediate to yellow oval in general type, light orange, yellow skin, six per cent Globes, three per cent Tankards, one per cent light, lemon yellow Globes. Easy to harvest clean. (2).
Giant Yellow Intermediate	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	32	651	1 1,566	11,63	5.24	3	1,519	Light lemon yellow Yellow Intermediate in general. Fair uniformity, one per cent Yellow Globes, two per cent Yellow Tankards. Easy to harvest. (36).
Golden Tankard	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	29	557	1 1,899	12,74	5.25	3	1,460	No general type but Yellow Intermediate to yellow ovals with orange yellow skin predominate. No uniformity, four per cent Red Globes, five per cent Light lemon Yellow Intermediate. (16).
Yellow Leviathan	United Seed Growers, Penticton, B.C.	26	1,263	2 882	13,76	7.01	3	1,329	Yellow Intermediate to Long Yellow with orange yellow skin. Fairly uniform. Fairly easy to harvest. (26).
Yellow Intermediate	Chas. E. Bishop & Sons, Belleville, Ont.	28	1,650	3 55	12,70	5.27	3	1,322	In general light yellow Yellow Int. Fairly uniform. Easy to harvest. (33).

Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield per Acre		Per cent Dry Matter	Per centage of Sugar in Juice	Yield per Acre Dry Matter	Variety
		Tons Lbs.	Tons Lbs.				
Golden Tankard.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	28	1,927	1 1,779	12.59	6.25	3 1,293
Long Red.....	D. M. Ferry Co., Windsor, Ont.	28	1,287	2 1,464	12.63	5.76	3 1,235
Red Globe.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	24	558	2 1,057	14.29	7.53	3 939
Golden Tankard.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	32	1,794	2 1,021	11.54	5.15	3 563
Sugar Beet.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	27	1,118	1 1,650	11.44	4.85	3 305
Yellow Leviathan.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	24	650	2 21	12.76	6.06	3 208
Yellow Globe.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	26	1,589	.. 1,910	11.42	5.25	3 120
Yellow Globe.....	Beaton, Oshawa, Ont.	24	1,231	1 327	11.94	4.77	2 1,878
Red Globe.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	23	1,813	1 1,093	12.25	5.06	2 1,857
Average.....		32	1,963	2 1,183	12.88	5.99	4 453

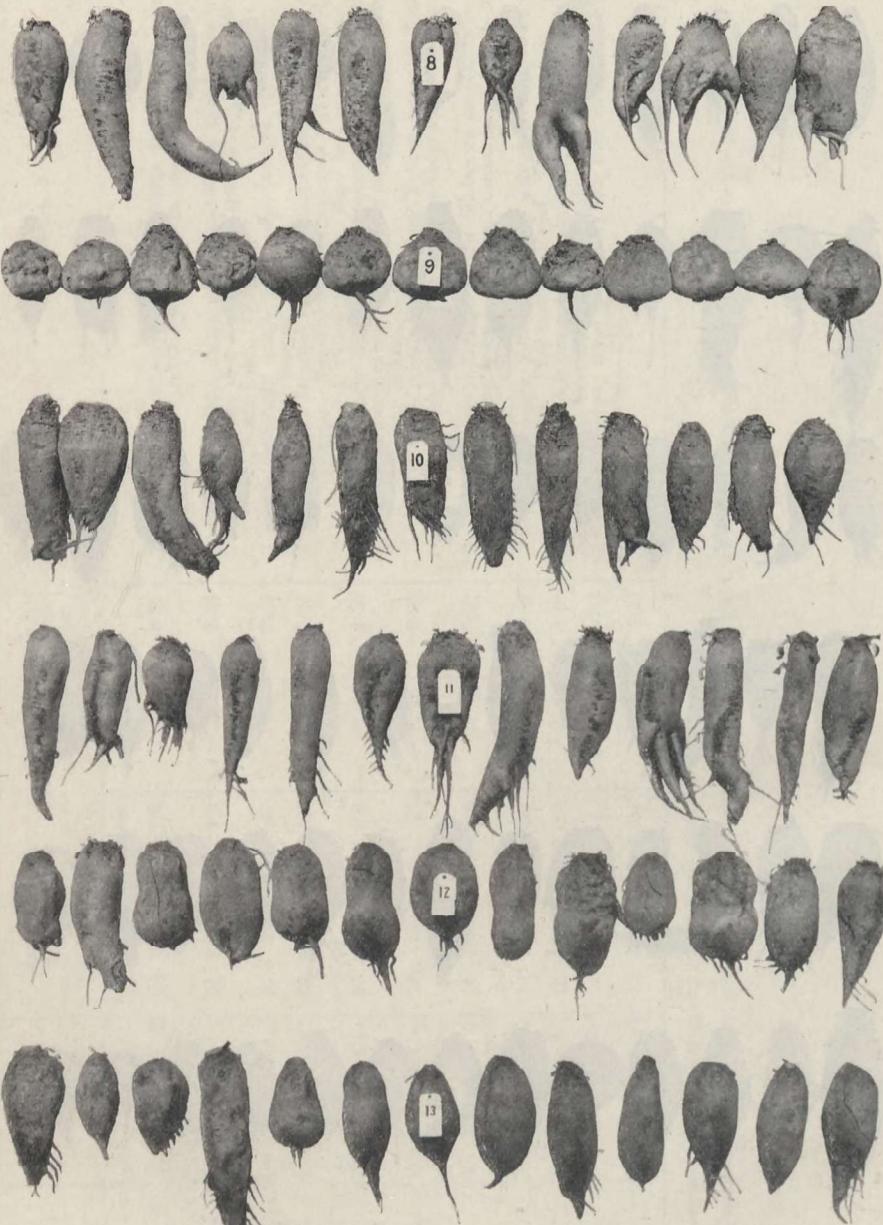
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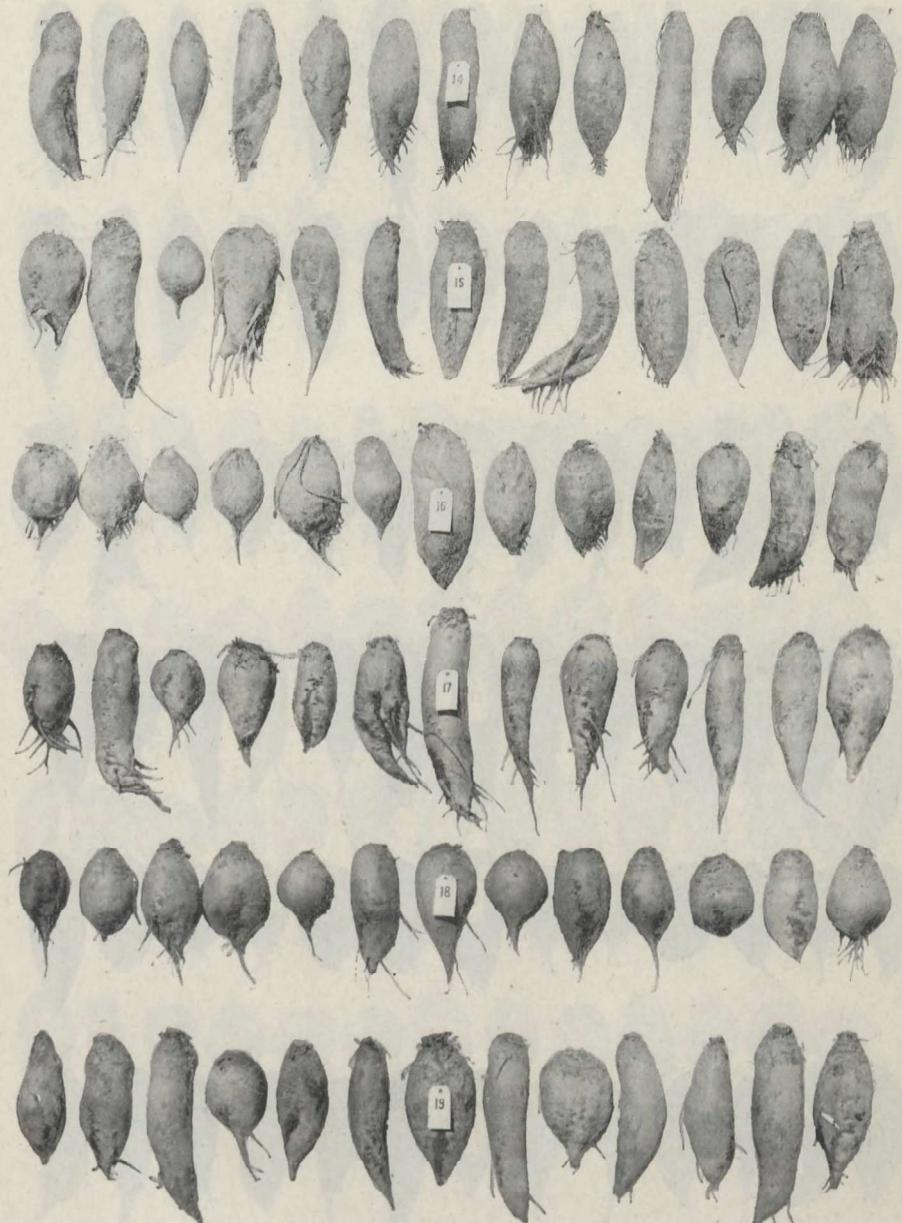
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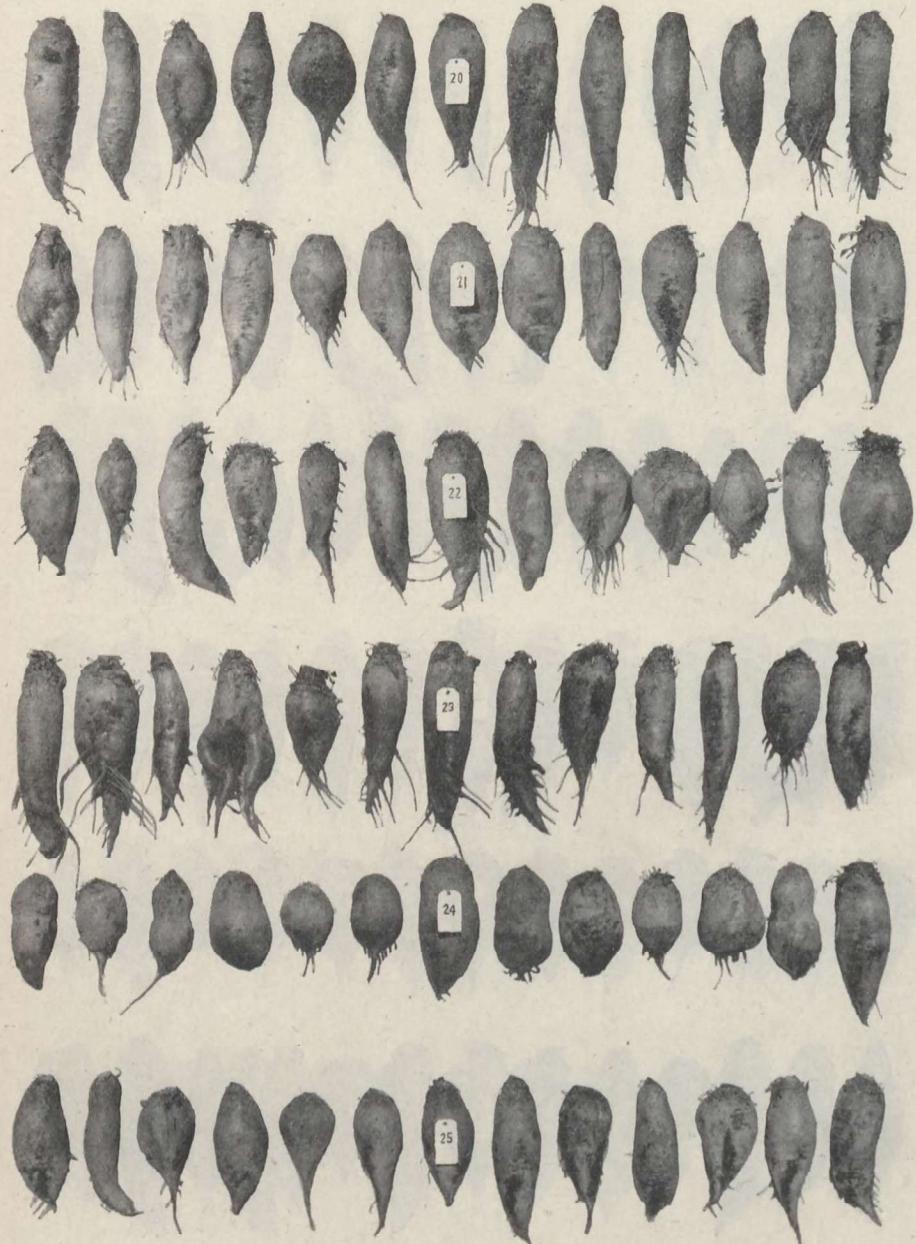


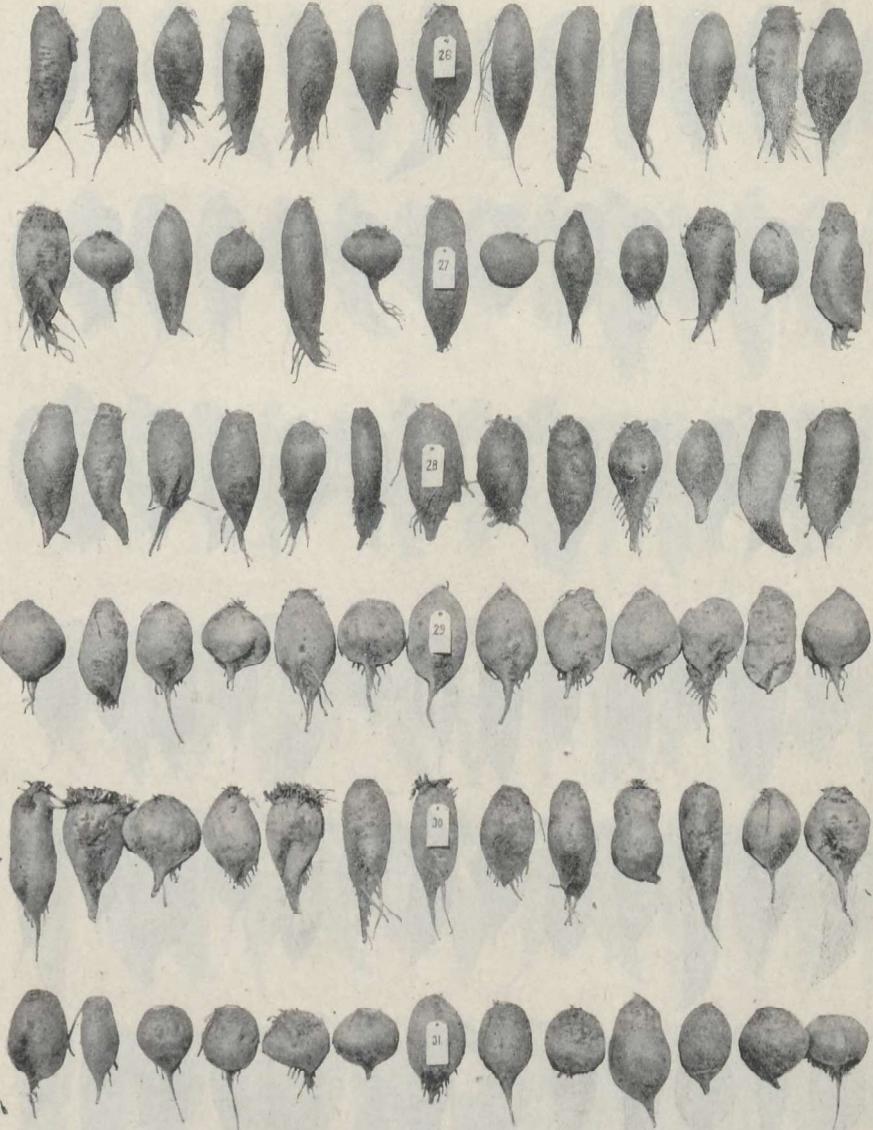
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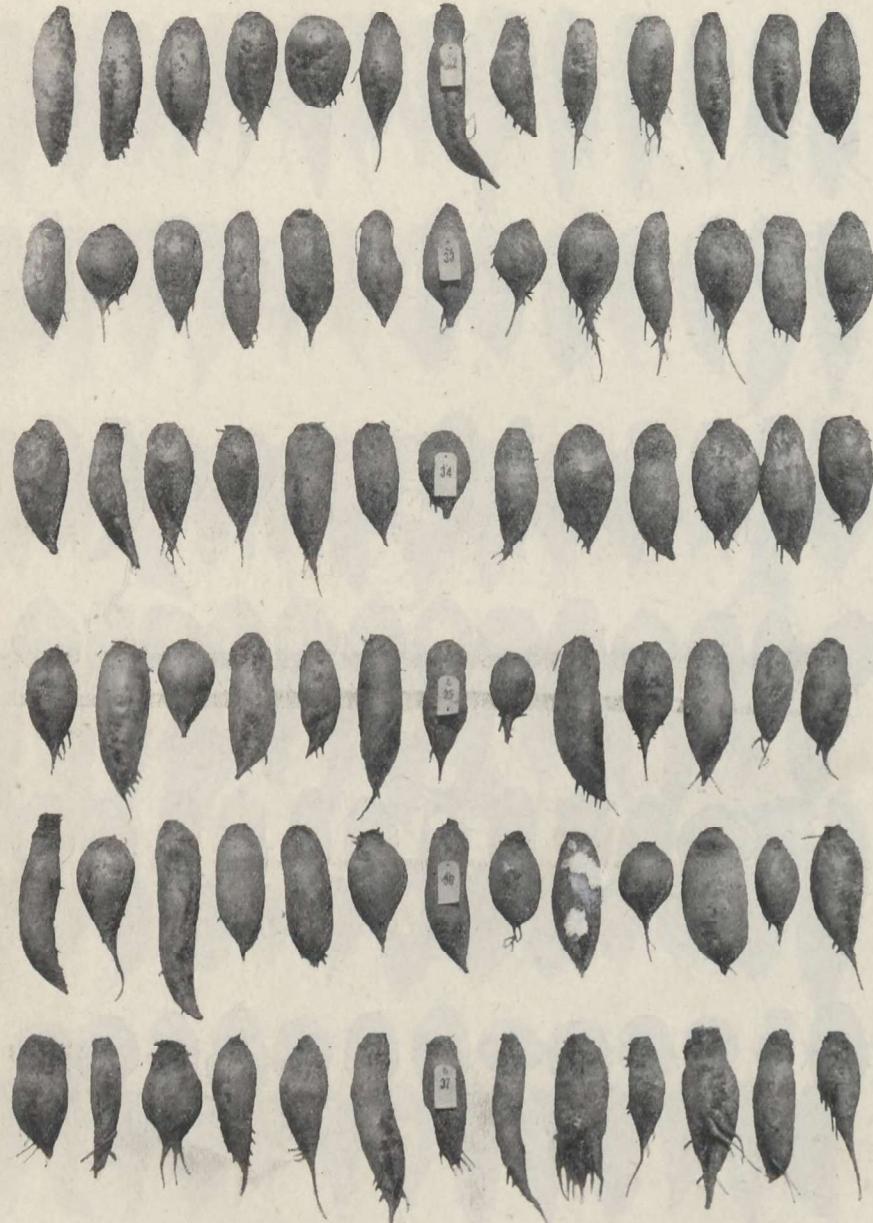


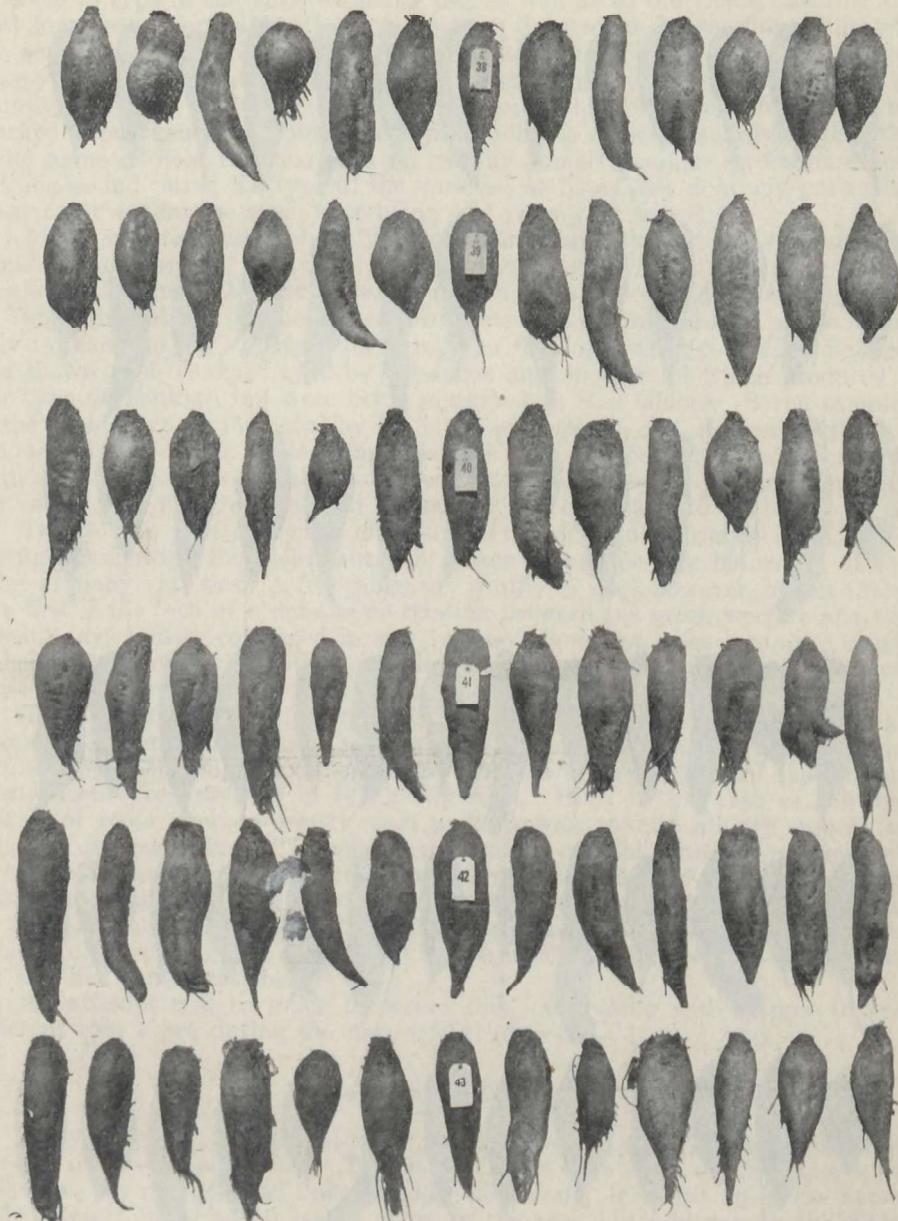
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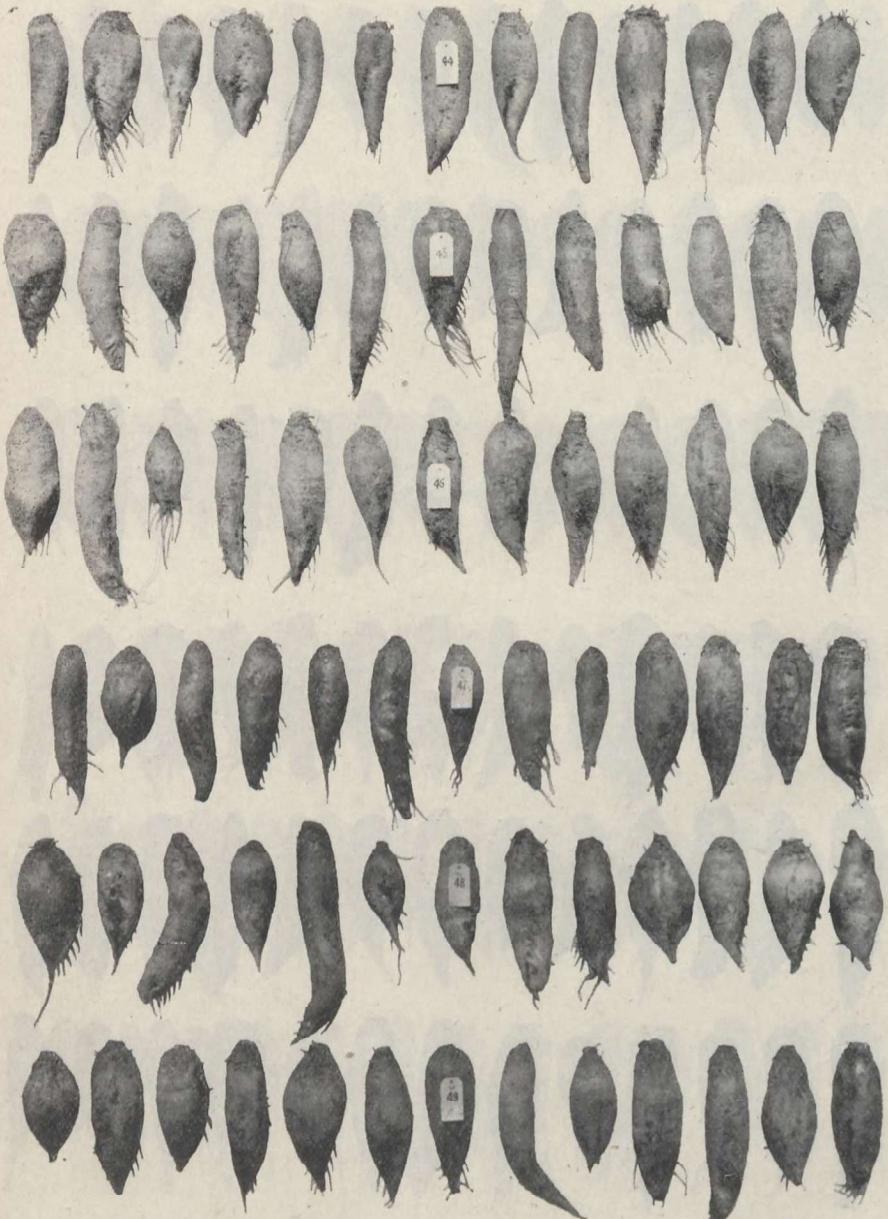
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Consideration has always been given, when conducting variety tests, to the trueness to type of the varieties under test as well as to the yields. During the past four years, particular attention has been devoted to determining accurately the genuineness of varieties and types present. During the war years, varieties were very badly mixed and off type but there seemed to be some indication of improvement up to 1921. Last year's results, however, certainly show no marked improvement and our data to date indicate rather conclusively that the trade name of field root varieties on sale by some Canadian seedsmen means nothing as indicating the type of the varieties as listed, nor does any particular trade name ensure the same type being sold from year to year.

Many varieties tested show little or no uniformity to any one type nor are crops produced which, even in a general way, agree with the type as indicated by the trade name. For example—of five samples tested and which were sold as Tankards, not one produced a crop of roots of a general tankard shape. The only tankards in our variety tests were from seed of a variety labelled Eclipse, and shown as a Tankard type by catalogue and another lot which produced a fair type of Tankard but were being marketed as Red Globes. Seven samples of the Globe type, as indicated by the label, were tested, and of these seven, two produced crops of the Yellow Intermediate type and one produced a crop of Tankards. There is certainly much need of improvement in the uniformity of the varieties of field roots offered for sale in this country.

Due to the lack of purity of many of the different varieties of mangels, the figures showing the yield cannot be taken as an absolute indication of the value of many varieties. A few things are worthy of note, however, in this table. The first is the lack of a definite co-relation between the green weights and the absolute dry matter contained in any variety. Some varieties contain a much higher per cent of dry matter than others and it is presumed that such varieties, consequently, are higher in feeding value per unit of green weight.

That the habit of rating mangels and other types of roots on their production of green fodder is not a proper method of comparison is quite evident in the light of the wide variation in the per cent of dry matter of the various root varieties reported on in this publication. Even in the case of the dry matter of roots itself, it would seem to be unwise to rate all dry matter as equal in feeding value. The variation in sugar content alone in mangels, as shown in the foregoing table, represents a variation in food value. The ultimate test of the value of a variety of roots will eventually have to be expressed in terms of the number of pounds of the various food constituents that it is capable of producing per acre, taken in conjunction with the ease of harvesting and like considerations.

An attempt will be made to secure this information with respect to the different root types during the next few years.

#### SWEDE TURNIPS

Forty samples of Swede turnip varieties were tested in quadruplicate one-one hundredth-acre plots. Two sets of plots were sown on the same type of land as the mangels and under similar conditions; in ridges 30 inches apart with plants thinned to 10 inches apart in the row. In addition to the plots sown under these conditions, two plots of each sample were sown on clay soil which had been in individual grasses in 1921. This land was fall ploughed, and after an application of 20 tons of manure per acre was spring ploughed and prepared for seeding. Seeding was done May 4 and 26 and, when harvested October 16, 17 and 23 the following yields were obtained.

Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield per Acre	Per cent Dry Matter	Per cent Sugar in Juice	Dry Matter per Acre.	Tons lbs.	Tons lbs.	Remarks
Magnum Bonum.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	25 1,655	11.66	1.12	3	23	Globes. A few short ovals. Purple Top. Few bronze tops. Fairly uniform and smooth.	
Champion Purple Top.....	United Seed Growers, Penticton, B.C.	21 1,338	12.96	1.22	2	1,617	Globe to oval. Purple Top. Fairly uniform but tend to be rough.	
Canadian Gem Purple Top.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	22 113	12.73	1.01	2	1,616	Globes. A few short ovals. Purple Top. A few bronze tops. Fairly uniform and smooth.	
New Century Purple Top.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	21 1,673	12.14	1.32	2	1,302	Oval. A few globes. Majority purple top. Bronze and green tops present. Not uniform. Rough.	
Jumbo.....	Steele, Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont.	24 454	10.71	1.01	2	1,189	Ovals. A few globes. Purple Top (colour deep). A few bronze tops present. Fairly uniform. Rather rough.	
Bangholm.....	Club root resistant from Denmark	20 499	12.81	0.92	2	1,188	Globe to oval. Turnip Top. A few green and bronze tops. Not uniform. Rough.	
Hall's Westbury.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	23 701	11.00	0.92	2	1,137	Globes to short ovals. Purple Top, green and bronze tops present. Fairly smooth but lack a little in uniformity.	
Canadian Gem.....	United Seed Growers, Penticton, B.C.	23 1,096	10.72	1.12	2	1,049	Globes. A few short ovals. Purple Top. Uniform. Very rough.	
Improved Hardy Purple Top.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	24 1,639	10.17	1.12	2	1,048	Globe. A few ovals. Green Top. Bronze tops and purple tops present. Fairly uniform. Rough.	
Hartley's Bronze Top.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	21 1,949	11.45	1.12	2	1,032	Ovals. A few globes. Majority purple top. Bronze and green tops present. Not uniform. Rough.	
Champion Purple Top.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	17 1,844	12.54	1.32	2	853	Mixture of globes and short and long ovals. Not uniform, colour of tops bronze and purple. Rough.	
Canadian Gem.....	Casper Smith & Co., Ottawa, Ont.	21 563	11.38	1.22	2	844	Globes, a few ovals. Purple top. Green and bronze tops present. Fairly uniform. Smooth.	
Hall's Westbury.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	21 1,067	11.06	1.12	2	763	Oval. Purple Top (colour deep and uniform). A very few globes present. Uniform, but rather rough.	
Elephant.....	Chas. E. Bishop & Son, Belleville, Ont.	22 831	10.62	0.92	2	761	Ovals, a very few globes. Purple top (colour deep and very uniform). Uniform and smooth.	
Elephant.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	22 442	10.55	0.92	2	689	Oval. Purple top with bronze tops present. Fairly uniform but rough.	
Elephant or Jumbo Purple Top.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	20 1,429	11.24	1.02	2	657	Globes to ovals (bad mixture of shapes). Purple top. No uniformity. Rough.	
Monarch or Tankard.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	19 699	11.67	1.01	2	516		
Bangholm.....	Exp. Farm, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	16 843	13.58	1.42	2	460		
Best of All Swedes.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	18 225	12.06	1.12	2	369	Globes to oval. Purple Top. Fairly uniform but rather rough.	
North Western Purple Top.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	19 100	11.18	0.92	2	260	Ovals. A few globes. Majority purple tops. Green and bronze tops present. Not uniform. Rough.	

Sutton's Champion.....	Chas. E. Bishop & Son. Belleville, Ont.	18 1,631	11.11	1.22	2	186	All shapes and top colored, mostly rough globes. Rough.
Canadian Gem.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	17 666	12.00	1.22	2	160	Globes with a few short ovals. Purple top mostly, but bronze tops present. Rough and not uniform.
Ditmars.....	R. P. Ditmars, Deep Brook, N.S.	18 1,959	10.67	1.02	2	50	Ovals and globes. Purple Top. Not uniform. Fairly smooth.
Bangholm Purple Top.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	18 371	11.08	1.02	2	30	Ovals to globes. Green top. A few bronze tops present. Not uniform. Rooty and with many small tops.
Hartley's Bronze Top.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	17 1,935	11.09	1.12	1	1,985	Ovals to globes. Green top. A few bronze tops present.
Monarch.....	Exp. Farm, Nappan, N.S.	17 1,055	11.14	0.92	1	1,905	Not uniform. Rough, Rooty and with many small tops.
New Perfect.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	17 1,743	10.91	1.02	1	1,900	Ovals to globes. Purple top. Green tops present. Fairly smooth and uniform.
Kangaroo Bronze Top.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	15 760	12.66	1.52	1	1,894	Mixture of shapes. Purple green and bronze tops. A rough, rooty un-uniform lot.
Kangaroo.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	18 1,059	10.39	1.22	1	1,850	Globes and ovals (about half of each). Majority bronze or green tops. No uniformity. Rough.
Improved Purple Top (Mammoth).	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	16 715	11.58	1.02	1	1,788	Globes to short oval. Green and bronze tops present.
Good Luck.....	Exp. Farm Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Que.	16 768	11.29	0.92	1	1,700	
Selected Purple Top.....	Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, Ont.	17 68	10.86	1.02	1	1,700	Globes. About thirty per cent ovals. Majority purple tops. A rough uneven lot.
Hall's Westbury.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	17 381	10.62	0.92	1	1,651	Globes to oval. Fairly uniform and smooth.
Champion Purple Top.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	13 1,915	12.91	1.73	1	1,604	Ovals to globes. Purple top. Not very uniform. Fairly smooth.
Sutton's Champion.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	13 1,450	13.09	1.12	1	1,593	Globes to short oval. Purple Top. A few bronze tops. Fairly uniform.
Magnum Bonum Purple Top	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	15 1,834	11.24	0.91	1	1,578	Ovals to globes. Purple Top. Not uniform but roots are smooth.
Carter's Improved Purple Top.	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	16 430	10.95	0.92	1	1,551	A few short ovals. Purple Top. A few bronze and green tops present. Not uniform, but roots fairly smooth.
Kangaroo.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	15 1,083	11.30	1.02	1	1,512	Ovals (long) bronze to green tops. A few purple tops present.
Purple Top.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	15 1,032	9.80	1.02	1	1,041	Fairly uniform and smooth. Globe to oval. Purple top. Green tops present. Not uniform, rough.
Hartley's Bronze Top.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	12 1,661	11.47	1.22	1	943	Globes to short ovals. Green tops. A few bronze tops present. Fairly uniform. Rough.
Average.....		18 1,993	11.48		1,10	2	350

Twenty-three samples of fall turnip varieties were tested in duplicate on one hundredth-acre plots. The land had been in individual grasses in 1921, was fall ploughed, manured at a rate of 20 tons per acre, spring ploughed and prepared for seeding. Seeding was done May 26 on ridges 30 inches apart and the plants thinned, when up, to 10 inches apart in the row. The results are given in the following table. Where lots of seed are duplicated, it is due to the fact that seed of these varieties was obtained at different times through two agencies:—

Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield Per Acre	Per cent Dry Matter	Per cent Sugar in Juice	Dry Matter Per Acre	Remarks	
						Tons Lbs.	Tons Lbs.
Greystone.....	Beaton, Oshawa, Ont. ....	15 191	11.86	0.92	1 1,581	Purple top globe. Smooth. Flesh white. Fair uniformity shape and colour.	
Purple Top Mammoth.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont. ....	16 601	10.94	1.02	1 1,566	Globe to flat purple top. Roots very clean and smooth but not uniform, white flesh.	
Improved Greystone.....	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont. ....	14 357	11.37	1.23	1 1,224	Purple top globe slightly flattened. Flesh white. Fairly smooth and uniform.	
Devonshire Greystone.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S. ....	14 1,417	10.72	0.91	1 1,154	Green to purple top, flat, circular. Fairly smooth. White flesh.	
Devonshire Greystone.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont. ....	15 1,472	9.78	0.81	1 1,078	Globes to flat purple and green tops. Flesh white.	
Purple Top Mammoth.....	Sutton's, England.....	16 29	9.60	0.82	1 1,075	Purple top. Globe to oval. Smooth and uniform.	
Early Six Weeks.....	Sutton's, England.....	12 1,451	11.43	1.12	1 909	Green top globe. Flesh white.	
Ostervlund.....	Sutton's, England.....	16 109	8.60	0.92	1 761	Rough reddish purple top. Very rough at shoulder. Not uniform. Flesh white.	
Red Paragon.....	Sutton's, England.....	13 41	9.79	1.23	1 549	Purple globe to oval. Uniform and smooth.	
Hardy Green Round.....	Sutton's, England.....	9 1,982	11.95	0.51	1 288	Globe to flat, yellow top. Rough. Flesh white.	
White Globe.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S. ....	9 567	11.47	0.91	1 130	Yellowish white globe. Flesh white. Fairly uniform.	
Purple Top White Globe.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont. ....	11 871	8.47	0.72	— 1,937	Purple top globes. Some with almost a red top. Flesh white. Rough lot.	
Red Top Strap Leaf.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont. ....	8 1,645	10.39	0.82	— 1,833	Flat purple top. Very rough.	
Flat Norfolk.....	Wm. Ewing Seed Co., Montreal, Que. ....	8 490	9.44	0.51	— 1,557	Yellow top globe. Smooth and uniform.	
Favorite Purple Top Aberdeen.....	Sutton's, England.....	7 1,171	9.73	0.41	— 1,476	Reddish purple top globe. Fairly uniform. Yellow flesh.	
Aberdeen Yellow Purple Top.....	Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, Ont. ....	6 1,018	11.34	1.23	— 1,476	Purple Top. All shapes. Yellow flesh.	
Strap Leafed.....	United Seed Growers, Penetanguishene, B.C. ....	7 1,052	9.22	1.13	— 1,388	Flat circular purple top. Skin reddish purple. Very poor lot.	
Perfection Green Top.....	Sutton's, England.....	6 701	10.64	0.51	— 1,351	Green top, short oval to globe. Fairly smooth and uniform. Yellow flesh.	
Pomeranian White Globe.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont. ....	7 1,754	8.37	0.51	— 1,319	Yellow top globe to oval. Smooth but not uniform. White flesh.	

Green Top Yellow Aber-deen.	Wm. Ewing Seed Co., Montreal, Que.	5	672	11.66	0.92	—	1,244	A mixture of all shapes and colours.
White Globe.....	Wm. Ewing Seed Co., Montreal, Que.	6	1,503	8.61	0.41	—	1,163	Globe. White. Smooth and uniform.
Yellow Aberdeen Green Top.	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	5	311	10.20	0.51	—	1,052	Green top. Flesh Yellow. Mixture of shapes.
Purple Top Yellow Aberdeen.	J. A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.	5	556	9.80	0.31	—	1,034	Purple top. Globe. Flesh yellow. Not uniform.
Average.....		10	888	10.23	0.80	1	141	

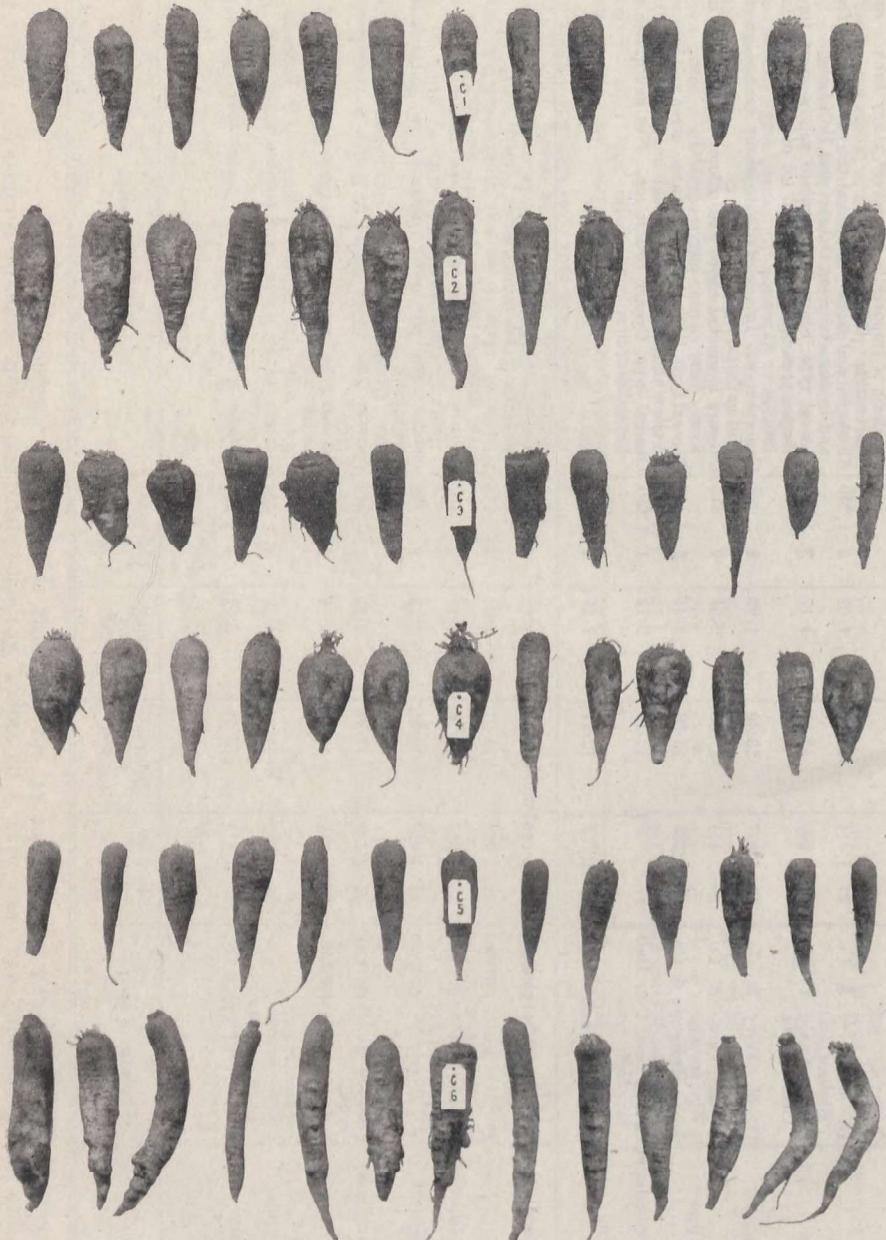
Field carrots were tested in duplicate one-one hundredth-acre plots under the same soil conditions as that under which the mangels were tested. Seeding was done May 4 on ridges 30 inches apart and plants when up thinned to 7 inches apart in the row. All varieties were harvested October 17, the following results being obtained:—

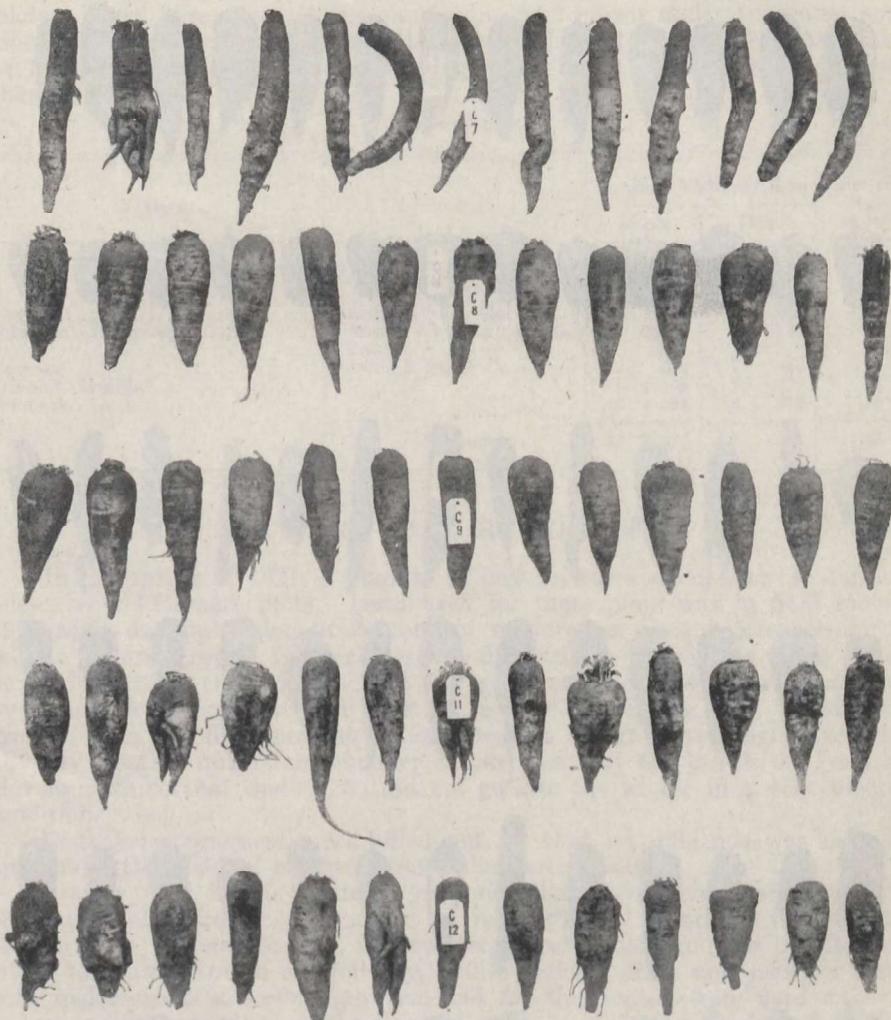
Variety	Source of Seed	Average Yield per Acre	Per cent Dry Matter	Per cent Sugar in Juice	Tons Lbs.	Tons Lbs.	Yield Dry per Acre	Remarks
Giant White Vosges.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	28 1,817	12.74	2.24	3 1,366	Mixture of white, green and bronze tops. Bad mixture. (13C).		
Improved Short White.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont.	30 403	11.58	1.72	3 995	General type, White Intermediate green tops. Bronze tops and long whites present. Not uniform. Very prongy roots. (8C).		
Danish Champion.....	Exp. Farm, Ottawa, Ont.	27 417	12.79	2.94	3 960	General type, Yellow Intermediate green top. (1C).		
Large White Short Vosges..	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	29 1,189	11.68	1.92	3 913	General type, Short White to White. Intermediate green top. Bronze tops present. Not uniform. Roots tend to be prongy. (11C).		
Improved Short White.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	30 1,875	10.97	2.33	3 788	General type, Half Long (Intermediate) white green top. Roots are smooth and fairly uniform. (4C).		
Improved Short White.....	Steele Briggs & Co., Toronto, Ont.	29 271	11.50	1.52	3 701	General type, White Intermediate green and bronze tops. Roots are fairly smooth. (9C).		
White Belgian.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	27 253	12.31	2.24	3 679	Mixture of white, green and bronze tops. A very bad mixture. Very prongy roots. (12C).		
Ontario Champion.....	Graham Bros., Ottawa, Ont.	26 1,166	11.16	2.03	2 1,933	General type, White green top. Intermediate. Other types present—Red, Yellow, Long White. Poor uniformity, many prongy and split roots makes it difficult to harvest. (2C).		
Long White Belgian.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	19 1,632	14.74	3.43	2 1,842	General type, Long white green top. Fairly smooth, many roots are short, for this type. Uniformity fair. (5C).		
Half Long White.....	United Seed Growers, Penetanguishene, B.C.	22 1,776	12.35	1.32	2 1,653	No notes on this lot. (22C).		
Improved Half White.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	23 706	11.79	2.12	2 1,507	General type, White Intermediate green tops. Long and short whites present. Very rootty. (19C).		
White Belgian.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	24 460	11.33	1.83	2 1,491	General type, Long white green to bronze top. Rough Not uniform. A large percentage of these roots twisted making it impossible to prevent many broken roots in harvesting. (7C).		
White Vosges.....	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	24 654	10.99	1.53	2 1,347	General type, Long White green to bronze top. Rough Not uniform. A large percentage of these roots twisted and hard to harvest without breaking.		
Improved White Belgian....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	22 1,883	11.46	1.52	2 1,258	General type, Long white green to bronze top. Rough, not uniform.		

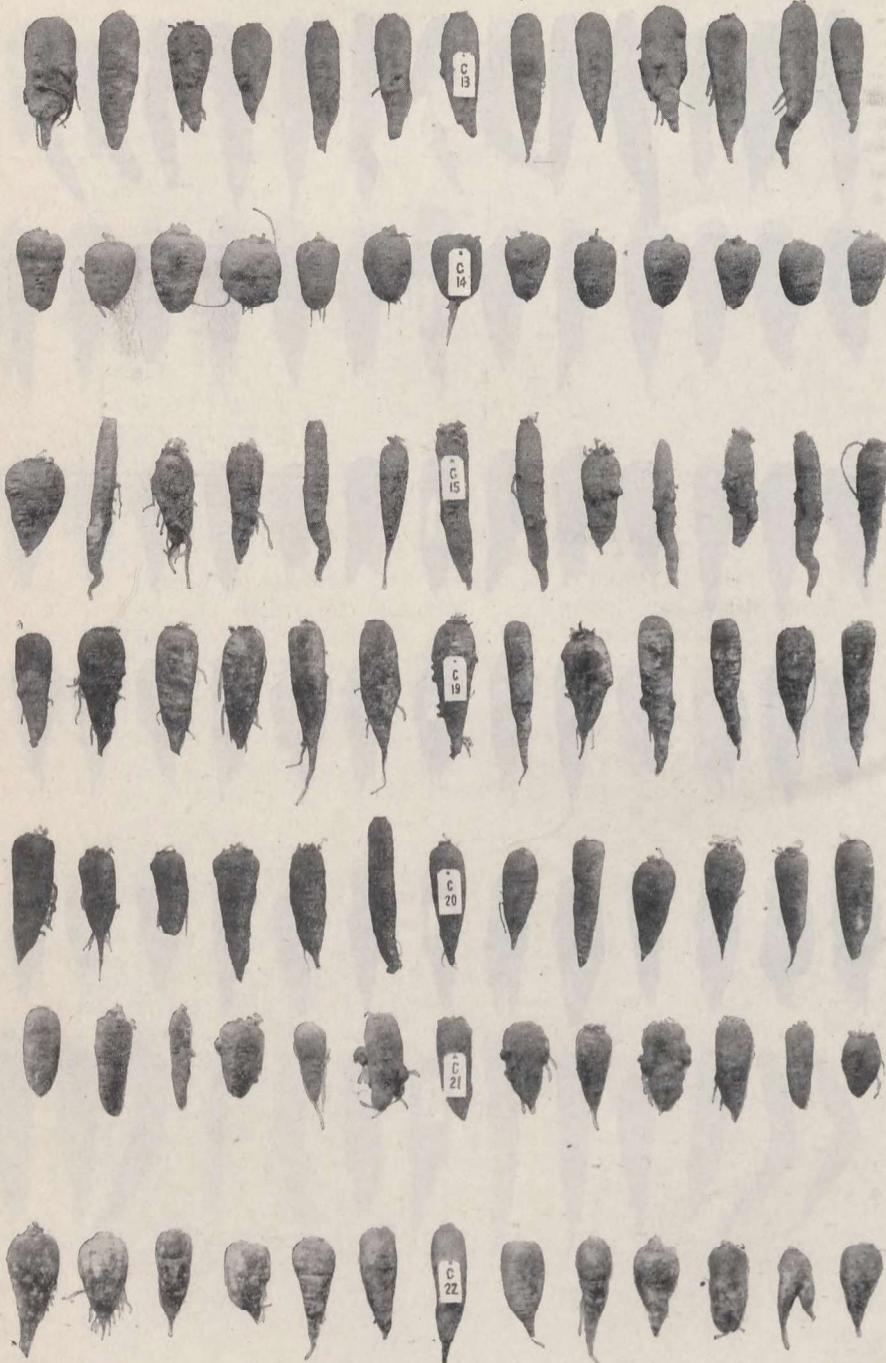
Improved Long Orange.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	20	1,779	12.57	2.42	2	1,252	General type, Long white green to bronze top. Rough, Not uniform. A large percentage of these roots twisted, making it impossible to prevent many broken roots in harvesting. (6C).
Chantenay.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	23	1,414	11.07	1.62	2	1,249	All shapes and sizes. In general the colour of the Oxheart and in shape between Oxheart and Half Long.
Danish Champion.....	K. McDonald & Sons, Ottawa, Ont.	20	102	12.81	4.12	2	1,137	General type, Short Intermediate yellow green top. All shapes present. Most mixed lot of all varieties in test. (20C).
Davers.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	18	977	13.49	1.92	2	988	General type, Intermediate to short orange, green top. Not uniform. (21C).
Oxheart.....	D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont.	20	154	11.48	2.94	2	610	Oxheart in general shape and colour. Uniformity is very poor. Very easy to harvest. (14C).
Orange Belgian.....	A. E. McKenzie & Co., Brandon, Man.	17	300	13.08	3.44	2	486	General type, Long thin light orange, green and bronze tops. Yellow and red roots. A rough uneven lot. (15C).
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	Halifax Seed Co., Halifax, N.S.	14	9	13.14	2.72	1	1,680	General type, Orange bronze top. Not uniform in shape, but uniform in colour. (3C).
Average.....		23	1,773	12.14	2.28	2	1,754	

Note.—Numbers in brackets after remarks are the numbers of photographs.

## REPRESENTATIVE FIELD CARROTS OF VARIETIES TESTED



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Varieties of sugar beets were tested in duplicate one-one hundredth-acre plots. They were sown at the same time and grown under the same conditions as the mangels, except that plants were thinned to 7 inches apart instead of 10 inches in the row. The following results were obtained when harvested October 13 and 14:—

## SUGAR BEETS

Variety	Source	Average Yield per Acre		Per cent Sugar in Juice
		Roots Tons Lbs.	Tops Tons Lbs.	
Chatham.....	Dominion Sugar Co.....	19 924	8 625	16.43
Wilmorin's Improved B.....	Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., France.	17 1,922	6 1230	16.07
Waterloo.....	Dominion Sugar Co.....	17 632	7 349	16.81
British Columbia.....	" .....	16 1,508	7 435	16.63
Denmark.....	" .....	16 394	6 778	16.91
	Average.....	17 1,076	7 283	16.57

## HAY AND PASTURE MIXTURES

In the spring of 1921, a number of hay mixtures were sown in duplicate one-seventy-fifth-acre plots. Land used for these plots was in field roots in 1920 after an application of 20 tons of manure per acre before seeding the roots. A nurse crop of Banner oats was first drilled in over the whole area to be used and then the plots laid out and grass and clover seed sown broadcast by hand. A heavy rain fell immediately after seeding and puddled the ground, which spoilt somewhat the evenness of the grass seeding. Exceptionally dry weather during the summer checked severely the growth of grass and clovers sown so that these plots did not go into the winter in a very vigorous condition.

Red clover practically all killed out, so that its influence was not very apparent in the yield of mixtures containing red clover.

Grasses used in the mixtures are ones that have given good results in previous trials here whether alone, or in mixtures. Timothy, the standard hay grass in Eastern Canada, is, however, a very poor producer of aftermath either for pasture or to cut for hay, whilst orchard grass and meadow fescue both make excellent second growths, and for this reason were used either to replace a certain per cent of the timothy or as an addition. Red top and Kentucky blue are not essentially hay grasses but have great value as bottom grasses where pasture is desired.

The following table gives the mixtures sown and the yields obtained, the dry yield being the yield of field-cured hay. In the case of white sweet clover this dry yield is comparatively high as, after attempting to cure the material for two weeks, it was weighed up although still not properly cured. Hays produced from all cuttings was of good quality, except from white sweet clover which was very coarse.

## HAY AND PASTURE MIXTURES

Seeding	Rate per Acre	Average Total Yield			
		Green		Dry	
Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	
Alfalfa.....	6				
Timothy.....	6				
Red clover.....	10	11	1,407	3	1,023
Alsike.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Alfalfa.....	4				
Timothy.....	6				
Red clover.....	7½	10	807	3	69
Alsike.....	1½				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Alfalfa.....	3				
Timothy.....	6				
Red clover.....	5	9	1,387	2	1,561
Alsike.....	1				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Red clover.....	10	4	929	1	1,195
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Red clover.....	10	5	932	1	1,701
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Red clover.....	8	6	863	1	1,555
Alsike.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Red clover.....	8	4	805	1	1,026
Alsike.....	2				
Kentucky Blue grass.....	2				
Ted top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Alsike.....	4	4	8	1	1,363
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Alsike.....	4				
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2	3	1,387	1	925
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow Fescue.....	4				
Red clover.....	10	3	1,072	1	1,045
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow Fescue.....	4				
Red clover.....	10	4	587	1	1,300
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White dutch clover.....	1				

## HAY AND PASTURE MIXTURES—Continued

Seeding	Rate per Acre	Average Total Yield			
		Green		Dry	
		Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	Tons
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow Fescue.....	4				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsike.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow Fescue.....	4				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsike.....	2				
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4				
Red clover.....	10				
White dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4				
Red clover.....	10				
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsike.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsike.....	2				
Kentucky blue.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	2				
Meadow fescue.....	2				
Red clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	2				
Meadow fescue.....	2				
Red clover.....	10				
Kentucky blue grass.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	2				
Meadow fescue.....	2				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsike.....	2				
White dutch clover.....	1				

## HAY AND PASTURE MIXTURES—Concluded

Seeding	Rate per Acre	Average Total Yield			
		Green		Dry	
Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	Tons	Lbs.	
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	2				
Meadow fescue.....	2				
Red clover.....	8				
Alsite.....	2	4	1,862	1	752
Kentucky blue.....	2				
Red top.....	2				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
White blossomed sweet clover.....	10	9	751	2	571
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4	10	361	2	743
White sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow fescue.....	4	7	1,525	2	451
White sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow fescue.....	2	8	1,946	2	770
Orchard grass.....	2				
White sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
Yellow blossomed sweet clover.....	10	6	1,012	1	813
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Orchard grass.....	4	6	1,837	1	1,413
Yellow sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow fescue.....	4	8	102	1	1,510
Yellow sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	6				
Meadow fescue.....	2	8	691	1	1,423
Orchard grass.....	2				
Yellow sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Field brome grass.....	8				
*White sweet clover.....	10	10	1,450	2	1,250
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Field brome grass.....	8	7	671	1	1,300
*Yellow sweet clover.....	10				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Timothy.....	8				
White sweet clover.....	5	10	380	2	581
Yellow sweet clover.....	5				
White Dutch clover.....	1				
Yellow sweet clover.....	20	6	465	1	327
White Dutch clover.....	1				
White sweet clover.....	20				
White Dutch clover.....	1	9	521	2	31

\*Single plots.

## BREEDING

## ROOTS

In 1921, stecklings were grown of four Ottawa selections of Yellow Intermediate mangel. These stecklings were harvested in 1921, marked with an identification mark and potted together. In the spring, each lot was separated and planted in isolated locations for seed raising. No new families were isolated in 1922 as it was considered better policy to continue the improvement work with the families already on hand. A good crop of seed was obtained which will be used for comparison with other varieties at Ottawa and on the branch Farms.

Only one selection of swedes is being worked with; this is a selection of Purple Top which has been grown at Ottawa for some years. Owing to maggots, which evidently wintered in the stecklings, the seed crop was practically a failure. Enough seed was, however, obtained for steckling raising in 1923, when endeavours will be made to protect the crop from insects throughout the whole growing period.

A limited quantity of seed of the Ottawa selection of Danish Champion field carrot was grown.

Stecklings of Ottawa selections of Yellow Intermediate mangel, Purple Top swede and Danish Champion field carrot were grown and potted for seed raising in 1923.

## SUNFLOWERS

With seed obtained by isolating sunflower heads in 1921, 225 lots of individual plants were sown in 1922. Each lot sown was from seed of a single head from one plant. During 1922, all heads on the lots planted were isolated and seed is available for continuing the selection and inbreeding started in 1921.

## TIMOTHY

Ordinary commercial timothy is a mixture of a great many types, including among these extremely low yielding as well as high yielding forms. If the low yielding and otherwise undesirable forms could be removed it is obvious that the general yield and quality of the mixture would be greatly improved—Over ten years ago such work was begun by the Forage Crop Division—a large number of selections of apparently different types of timothy were collected. These have been purified by selection and self fertilization till the undesirable types could be distinguished and discarded. The mixture thus obtained of only desirable types has resulted in a variety of timothy that has shown very distinct superiority over commercial lots and which we are putting out under the variety name of "Boon." About two hundred pounds of this new Boon timothy seed were produced in 1922 which seed is being multiplied in 1923.

Thirty-six selections isolated at Ottawa were planted in 1921 in plots of individual plants 6 inches and 1 foot apart each way. These were harvested in 1922 to obtain comparative hay and seed yields which are given in the following table:—

No. of plot	Yield per 1,000 plants 6 inches apart			Yield per 1,000 plants one foot apart			Average Yield per 1,000 plants six inches and one foot apart						Leafiness	Quality	
	Hay			Hay			Hay			Hay					
	Green Weight	Dry Weight	Seed	Lbs.	Green Weight	Dry Weight	Lbs.	Green Weight	Dry Weight	Lbs.	Green Weight	Dry Weight	Seed		
1.....	136.5	61.1	3.039	141.0	8.145	233.4	101.0	6.024	3	Fair.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good, a trifle fine.
2.....	99.0	46.2	3.089	74.5	8.3	142.7	60.0	5.94	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, too fine.
3.....	86.4	34.5	3.232	288.0	80.9	162.2	57.7	5.101	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
4.....	102.3	44.7	2.792	195.3	93.0	8.436	148.8	5.617	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
5.....	71.2	34.9	3.437	198.8	75.4	8.964	120.0	55.1	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, too fine.
6.....	74.2	32.9	2.197	174.4	78.7	124.3	124.3	5.492	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
7.....	110.7	53.0	2.258	300.0	137.8	14.144	205.3	56.4	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, somewhat finer than 7 good hay type.
8.....	85.3	41.7	2.083	308.1	173.4	13.71	196.7	107.5	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair, a little fine.
9.....	83.3	36.1	2.737	234.6	110.2	11.391	158.9	73.1	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
10.....	90.9	42.4	2.476	300.0	154.0	18.05	195.4	98.2	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
11.....	77.4	38.7	3.270	248.3	118.3	13.127	147.8	78.5	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
12.....	85.7	41.0	2.005	195.0	100.0	5.362	140.3	70.0	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
13.....	88.2	39.2	4.247	205.5	96.2	8.918	146.8	67.7	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
14.....	84.8	39.9	2.672	189.2	95.3	5.940	137.0	67.6	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, somewhat fine.
15.....	81.4	38.0	2.604	203.8	98.3	7.533	142.3	68.1	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, well leafed and a good hay type.
16.....	74.3	35.2	1.461	198.5	101.4	7.432	136.4	68.3	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair, short and less stems, not desirable.
17.....	114.5	55.6	3.870	296.7	135.4	13.732	205.6	95.5	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Poor.....
18.....	90.1	44.0	3.8	255.0	123.3	8.621	172.5	83.6	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
19.....	78.3	38.9	3.586	154.5	81.8	6.835	116.4	60.3	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good, good hay type.
20.....	77.9	37.5	2.646	162.8	74.2	4.487	115.3	55.3	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
21.....	68.2	33.0	2.098	132.0	70.5	7.905	100.1	51.7	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
22.....	72.2	37.5	2.572	167.5	87.7	7.205	119.8	63.1	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
23.....	61.7	44.1	1.827	132.9	72.1	5.272	97.3	53.1	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
24.....	54.3	29.8	2.110	142.8	75.3	5.657	98.5	52.5	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Poor.....
25.....	52.8	27.3	1.927	144.1	72.7	7.912	98.4	50.0	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
26.....	56.2	31.1	1.525	152.5	82.5	7.205	104.3	56.8	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
27.....	53.1	28.9	3.338	130.7	69.2	8.921	91.9	49.0	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
28.....	54.9	28.9	1.677	297.4	143.5	15.005	176.1	86.2	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
29.....	39.4	19.0	0.982	200.0	106.2	8.333	119.7	62.6	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Poor.....
30.....	37.8	17.4	0.95	276.8	128.0	11.760	157.3	72.7	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair.
31.....	35.1	16.5	1.459	223.7	110.0	10.755	129.4	63.2	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
32.....	33.4	14.7	1.323	200.0	97.3	9.059	116.7	56.0	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Poor.....
33.....	42.2	22.5	1.677	237.0	120.9	10.473	139.6	71.7	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
34.....	45.7	23.8	2.688	184.1	101.2	12.195	114.9	62.5	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.
35.....	54.0	29.5	2.337	207.3	107.3	9.451	130.6	68.4	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Fair, very promising.
36.....	45.0	25.4	2.460	182.9	100.0	11.427	113.9	62.7	3	Fair.....	“	“	“	“	Good.

It may be noted that in the column of remarks, the uniformity and quality are comparative only among the 36 lots in this test. A number of the most desirable selections will be isolated in 1923 to obtain sufficient seed for sowing large multiplication plots.

#### WESTERN RYE

Plots of 130 Ottawa selections of western rye grass were set out with individual plants one foot apart each way. These western rye plots will be used in 1923 for obtaining additional data regarding comparative yields and desirability of the selections under test.

These strains are continuing to breed true and from them have been selected a number of superior types. One of these types, which is a combined



Western Rye Grass. Plots of individual plants for comparing yields and multiplying Ottawa Selections. By using plots of individual plants the yields can be compared from the same number of plants and accurate observations made as to uniformity within strains.

hay and pasture plant, has been multiplied to an extent where several hundred pounds of seed are available for further multiplication and tests in 1923. This type is being introduced under the variety name of "Grazer." Several others of outstanding merit are being multiplied and will be ready for distribution within a very few years.

#### ORCHARD GRASS

Thirty plots, each representing a selection of orchard grass were planted with individual plants in rows 3 feet apart with plants 2 feet apart in the row for continuing the selection and isolation of desirable plants.

#### MEADOW FESCUE

Thirty selections were planted in plots of individual plants in rows 3 feet apart with plants every 2 feet apart in the row. Re-selections of the most desirable types are being made from these plots.

## KENTUCKY BLUE

Two plots of individual plants 6 inches apart each way were put in of two desirable types of Kentucky Blue grass. One of these was an outstanding type which produced uniform plants in a plot sown in 1920 and isolated in 1921. The plots sown in 1922 are for multiplication and will be protected from cross pollination in 1923.

## RED TOP AND AWNLESS BROME

Plots of individual plants of Awnless Brome and Red Top were also set out to obtain material for continued selection and isolations in 1923.

## ALFALFA

Ninety alfalfa plants were isolated from the progeny of previous isolations set out in 1920. The seed from these isolated plants is to be used for planting in 1923. The plants in question were isolated in wire cages while the flowers were being pollinated. As soon as sufficient seed had set and there was, therefore, no further necessity for tripping flowers, the wire cages were replaced with cheap mosquito net cages. When the seed was ripe the whole plant was cut and hung up to dry in the net cages and then stored, rolled up in these cages, until threshed.

Two plants of *Medicago Falcata*, the survivors of a block of individual plants sown ten years ago, were allowed to ripen seed which was harvested to be used as foundation stock for further selection of a strictly pasture type of alfalfa.

## RED CLOVER

Seed was harvested from plots of an Ottawa selection of red clover sown 1920 and from which both a hay crop and seed crop had been taken in 1921. This selection of clover has given good results in comparison with commercial lots and is being multiplied as rapidly as possible.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Some new seedings were put in of the grass and clover mixtures for hay and pasture, thirty red clovers from different sources were sown to ascertain their comparative winter hardiness and production, a number of strains of White Dutch clover were sown, and varieties of timothy were also put in for obtaining comparative yields in 1923.

Exhibits were prepared and shown at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, The Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Ont., and the Winter Fairs at Toronto, Guelph and Ottawa. At these fairs and others, an officer from this Division was present to discuss with and advise interested parties concerning work with forage crops on the Experimental Farms System.