

POTATO

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SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Mr. J. W. Boulter, Secretary treasurer of the Association in opening an informal address, stated that blight was found last Fall in places where it should not be. A small amount of blight in a car may cause a great deal of trouble. The blight may be prevented cheaply with a little care.

Co-operation

Mr. H. S. Arkell of the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative Association remarked on the way in which co-operation has helped the wool, egg and poultry, and potato industries. There must also be co-operation in the live stock industry.

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Field Diseases

Early Blight: An epidemic of Early blight occurred early in August. This was accompanied by a severe attack of flea-beetles which caused a partial defoliation of the plants. Aphids also were numerous at the same time.

Late Blight

Late Blight: Very little late blight was recorded and that only where spraying had been neglected. A more consistent spraying schedule should be adopted to keep these diseases and insects under better control.

Black Leg

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Leaf roll

Leaf roll: A considerable increase in this disease was recorded. The cause can likely be traced to the hot and excessively dry season of 1929. It is so then we may look for a further increase this year.

Mosaic

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Regarding Mosaic and Leaf Roll

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