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Sandwiches

BACON SANDWICHES
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Wisps of breakfast bacon delicately broiled make the most appetizing of sandwiches if put between slices of toast. These are as appetizing hot as cold.

CREAM CHEESE SANDWICHES.

Get a perfectly fresh cream cheese, mash in a bowl to a paste, add a little cream (beaten up first) Worcester sauce to taste, salt and paprika. Spread on fresh bread. Shavings of chopped olive or pimento are a nice addition.

TOMATO AND HORSE-RADISH SANDWICHES.

Slice a large tomato thin and sprinkle it with salt and pepper. Spread lightly buttered slices of bread with some horseradish sauce and put the tomato slices between.

LEM ON SANDWICHES.

Pare a lemon and remove all white pith. Put very thin slices of the fruit between pieces of bread and butter. Sugar or salt may be added to taste. Orange slices treated in the same way are improved by the addition of chopped mint.

NO ALUM



DEVILLED SANDWICHES.

Spread some slices of buttered bread with devilled ham and a little chopped watercress.

MINCED CHICKEN SANDWICHES.

Mince some cold roast chicken very fine, mix a little chicken gravy with it, adding some finely chopped hard boiled egg. Add salt and pepper and mix all to a soft paste. Cut slices of bread and spread the chicken mixture between the slices. Press gently together. Fish sandwiches may be made in the same way, using any cold, cooked fish.

CHEESE SANDWICHES (Hot)

Spread large slices of white bread, cut thin, with butter, then with a layer of grated cheese add a little French mustard, cover with a top slice, press down well, cut in long strips and toast. Serve hot.

CHEESE AND ALMOND SANDWICHES (Cold).

These sandwiches are very

nourishing. Mix equal parts of grated cheese and pounded almonds together. Make into a stiff paste with cream. Season well and spread between slices of brown bread. The bread may be buttered.

CLUB SANDWICHES.

Remove the crusts from slices of bread, toast and spread with butter while hot. Arrange on these pieces some slices of cooked, lean ham and slices of roast chicken and a little mayonnaise dressing. The sandwich can be served cold, but it is best when piping hot.

Prospects For The 1917 Potato Crop

Present conditions indicate a potato shortage next year accompanied by fair prices. Aroostock buyers are reported to be contracting for next season's crop at \$2.50 per barrel instead of \$1.00, which was the ruling contract price of last year "Maine Farmer."

It is exceptionally difficult to form any definite opinion concerning the prospects for the New Brunswick potato crop of 1917, as the total yield depends to a large extent on numerous factors which we cannot, or have not, learned to control. There are, however, certain conditions existing which are likely to influence the acreage planted and the probable yield during the coming season.

Many of these factors indicate that the average New Brunswick farmer may well consider and conclude that this crop may prove quite remunerative during the coming season.

First let us remember that our potatoes help, even in a small way, to supply the markets of the whole of North America. Therefore, a shortage in the West Indies, or the Southern States, will more or less influence the value of the crop in New Brunswick and the greater this shortage, the greater will be the value of our crop. New Brunswick produces annually about 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes, while Canada produce approximately 75,200,000 bushels, the United States and West Indies, nearly 400,000,000 bushels annually. Therefore, New Brunswick produces about one tenth of the Canadian potato crop, or less than one fiftieth of the total production in North America. Hence, an over production in New Brunswick will not materially affect the total production in the area of which we are a part, nor will it greatly reduce the price. On the other hand, anything which reduces the crop over the whole area, will tend to make a general scarcity and consequently higher prices will prevail. Let us realize then, that a large acreage in New Brunswick is not going to produce a glut on the market, accompanied by low prices.

What then are the existing conditions which are likely to influence the potato crop in North America? (1) Price of seed, stock, (2) Quality of seed stock, (3) Supply of the necessary fertilizer, (4) Necessary labor, (5) Probable value of the crop. With the exception of the last condition, all tend to show that we may have a scarcity during the coming season.

PRICE OF SEED STOCK.

The price of seed being one of the initial costs, influences to a large extent, the acreage planted. The average New Brunswick farmer planting six barrels of potatoes valued at \$5.00 per barrel, will expend \$30.00 on seed alone. More over, the Ontario and American farmer will pay \$8.00 or more, making the cost of seed approximately \$50.00 per acre. This condition will tend greatly to reduce the acreage over a very large area.

QUALITY OF SEED STOCK.

The quality of the seed stock is one of the most important factors in production and unless good seed is planted, a comparatively poor crop may be expected. This is particularly true in many sections. The unfavorable conditions prevailing during the last two years has probably weakened much of the stock in other sections of Canada and the United States, and owing to the scarcity and high price of good seed, much poor stock will be planted, which is almost sure to result in a low yield unless some thing is done to supply good seed.

FERTILIZER

The scarcity of fertilizer containing

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a sufficient supply of potash will undoubtedly reach to some extent on the crop. Many farmers will plant a smaller acreage on a good quality of fertilizer, while others will endeavor to get along without any, or use reduced quantities. This condition will be most marked in sections where the growers have been depending on commercial fertilizer, and to a smaller extent where barn yard manure or clover crops have been regularly ploughed under.

LABOR

The potato crop requires a good deal of hard labor, particularly in sections where modern machinery is not used, and the scarcity of farm laborers will undoubtedly further reduce the acreage planted and may also reduce the yield per acre, due to poor cultivation. This scarcity will not be felt in sections like New Brunswick or Maine, where the farmers have the necessary potato machinery, but it will be very acute in many large areas like Ontario where hand planting, hand-hoeing and digging are quite extensively practiced.

VALUE OF CROP

The above four conditions indicate a small crop, but the possibility of receiving a high price will induce many to plant more extensively. However, indications at present are that this will not offset the scarcity due to other causes.

In view of the fact that these conditions exist in an aggravated form outside New Brunswick, in large potato growing areas, the total crop for North

America will be even smaller than during the past season, and farmers who have large quantities for sale will likely reap a just harvest.

German torpedo boats shelled towns along the Kentish coast early Sunday morning but did little damage.

Have a Garden This Year

That the majority of people have overlooked or forgotten the value of gardens in recent years is indicated by the slowness with which the idea of vacant lot and backyard gardening in cities has sprung since the rapid rise in the prices of food products. Vegetables, and especially canned goods, are unusually high in price, and gardens will do more than ever to cut down the cost of living. Properly cared for, the small plot or garden will supply enough vegetables for the average family. Good seed, proper cultural methods, plant food, either in the form of manure or fertilizers, and a few garden tools are all that are needed to make a start in the gardening industry for home use.

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