

PARSNIPS AT WISLEY, 1915.

Report by S. T. WRIGHT, Superintendent.

FORTY stocks of Parsnips were sent to the Gardens for trial, all of which were sown on March 9, in rows, eighteen inches apart, in ground that had been deeply trenched, with no manure near the surface, as this causes the roots to fork; in fact the manure was all at the bottom of the trench. The germination was excellent except in one instance, viz. No. 36, which failed to germinate. The growth all through was very robust and clean, and all the roots were quite free of "rust."

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1*. Student (Dawkins), **XX**.—Medium to large, heavy shoulders, tapering rather quickly to thin root; good shape; hollow crown; heavy crop. A well-known and favourite variety.

2. Student (Sydenham).—Medium to small; moderately shouldered; uneven in size; some hollow crowns, some full crowns; medium crop. Stock not quite true.

3. Student (Webb), **XXX**.—Medium to large; moderate shoulders, tapering gradually; very handsome, and even in size; crown nearly full; heavy crop. A fine selection of the popular variety. Raised and introduced by Messrs. Webb.

4. Student (Sutton).—Very similar to No. 3.

5. Tender and True (Sutton).—Very similar to No. 3, except that the crown is full. Introduced by Messrs. Sutton in 1897.

6. Dobbie's Selected (Dobbie).—Very similar to No. 3, but not quite such a fine selection.

7. Dobbie's Select (Dobbie).—Light shoulders; medium size; long tapering root; full crown; moderate crop.

8. Hollow Crown (Sydenham).—Medium size; heavy shoulders, tapering rather sharply; even in size; skin very white and distinct; exceedingly heavy crop.

9. Hollow Crown (Dawkins).—Medium to large; moderate shoulders; long, thick, and uneven in size and shape; rather coarse; good crop; some crowns full, some hollow.

10. Champion Hollow Crown (Rowan).—Very similar to No. 9.

11. Elcombe's Improved (Dawkins).—Similar to No. 8.

12. Hollow Crown Improved (Barr), **XX**.—Large, heavy shoulders; very thick, long, tapering roots, even in size; very heavy crop.

13. Hollow Crown (Sutton).—Same as No. 8.

* See footnote p. 117.

14. Selected Hollow Crown (Webb).—Medium to small; heavy shoulders; shapely, handsome roots, even in size; white skin; heavy crop.

15. Large Guernsey (Barr).—Medium size; heavy shoulders, tapering quickly; hollow crown, even in size; heavy crop.

16. Lisbonnais (Watkins & Simpson).—Very similar to No. 15.

17. Lisbonnais (Nutting).—Very similar to No. 15.

18. Improved Marrow (Watkins & Simpson).—Large, heavy shoulders; long, handsome, tapering roots with white skin; hollow crown, even in size; great crop. Introduced by Mr. Watkins.

19. Improved Marrow (Toogood).—Very similar to No. 18.

20. Webb's Marrowfat (Webb).—Medium to large; heavy shoulders; nearly full crown; tapers sharply; moderate length; good crop.

21. Model White (Dickson), **XX**.—Medium to large; heavy shoulders, tapering sharply; moderate length; skin very white; heavy crop; hollow crown.

22. Offenham (Watkins & Simpson).—Very similar to No. 21.

23. Broomhedge (Dickson).—Similar to 21.

24. Dublin Market (Nutting).—Very similar to No. 20.

25. Guernsey Intermediate (Mauger).—Very similar to No. 18.

26. Toogood's Intermediate (Toogood).—Very similar to No. 27.

27. Lisbonnais (Barr), **XX**.—Large and heavy, with big shoulders, tapering gradually; hollow crown; a few with full crowns; a much heavier Parsnip than Nos. 16 and 17. Great crop. Supposed to be of French or Spanish origin.

28. Lisbonnais (Hurst).—See No. 27.

29. Offenham (Nutting).—Very much like No. 27 in all points.

30. Offenham Giant (Barr).—Very similar to No. 27.

31. Student (Barr).—Very similar to No. 3.

32. Tender and True (Barr), **XXX**.—Hollow crown; otherwise similar to No. 3.

33. Main Crop (Dobbie).—Similar to No. 27.

34. 35. 37. Intermediate (Watkins & Simpson, Dawkins, Barr), **XXX**.—Medium to small; heavy shoulders, tapering very quickly; roots short; full crown; good crop. This is a very short Parsnip, that can be boiled whole, and should be an acquisition for shallow soils where the long Parsnip is impossible.

36. Intermediate (Webb).—Failed to germinate.

38. New Globe (Toogood).—Turnip-rooted; very irregular in size; full crown; moderate crop. The Committee did not consider this variety of much value.

39. Turnip-rooted (Hurst).—Same as No. 38.

40. The Don (Kelway).—Very similar to No. 27.