



Compton Chamberlayne

The Growth of Sugar Beet

Successful Experiments in Wilts.

Experiments with sugar beet have been made in Compton Chamberlayne, Wilts, as well as in many other places in England this year, and the certificate of analysis of the roots by Mr Sigmund Stein is very satisfactory. The roots are described as “well shaped,” and “in weight and saccharine contents compare very favourably with German-grown roots.” Some dug a fortnight later than these were better still; of these the certificate says:- “The result of this experiment is very satisfactory indeed, and the quotient of purity, as well as saccharine, contents exceed those of German-grown roots.” A few were from a garden plot, without manure, grown by Mr T. Bailey, others, with more help, were planted in better soil, and sent by Miss Penruddocke. The proportion of sugar per cent in these roots was – 17:40, French seed; 18:20, German seed. It has been proved that clayey or lomag soil, with a proportion of sand, gives the best results.

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