

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

December 7, 1923

Joseph Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drake of Mansfield, received a blue ribbon and \$5 in cash as first prize for his exhibit of Russet Rural potatoes at the Grand Rapids Potato Show. Joseph raised the potatoes he exhibited on his father's farm, the old Ed Mitchell place. Drake and Charles Provo are the two leading potato growers in the Mansfield farming section and this year raised a lot of potatoes for seed. Through their efforts the first ever carload of "Certified" seed potatoes was shipped from Iron County destined for Pennsylvania. It is difficult to grow disease free potatoes further south with many of the southern areas seeking the northern variety which results in future demand increasing ever year.

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