

no doubt gained from previous experience. In many instances these plots afforded a splendid object-lesson in cultivation. Frequently the competitor's plot was in splendid condition and gave a big yield, whereas the parent's crop in the same field was very light and badly weed-infested. Lessons of this nature must be advantageous all round.

The heaviest mangold crop was one of 132 tons 5 cwt. per acre, grown by Harry Betts, Okaiawa. Although considerably below last year's best crop of 152 tons, it is a very high yield, and reflects great credit on the grower. Last year's champion, Dorothy Ward, also belonged to Okaiawa. When it is mentioned that the five competitors at this school secured the fine average of 104 tons 5 cwt. per acre



THE TARANAKI CHAMPION MANGOLD CROP FOR 1922-23, AND THE GROWER, HARRY BETTS, OKAIAWA.

it will be realized that the Okaiawa competitors are keen mangold-growers. This is the first occasion since the competitions started that the championship has been won by a boy, the two previous winners being girls. The average mangold crop for the whole of the competitions was 48 tons 1 cwt. per acre.

In carrots the heaviest crop weighed 66 tons 12 cwt., against last year's best of 72 tons. The champion this year was Jane Keighly, of Matapu. The average carrot-yield per acre was 36 tons 8 cwt., against 35 tons 5 cwt. for the previous year.

The placings for the championships are as follows :—

*South Taranaki.*—Mangolds: Harry Betts, Okaiawa, first, 229 points (Taranaki champion); Erna Ward, Okaiawa, second, 220 points; Dorothy Ward, Okaiawa, third, 189 points.