

PERENNIAL FLOWERING PLANTS

Perennial flowering plants are of particular value in a country having seasons such as there are here, and where the conditions of labour offer little encouragement to the working gardener. As it is, a person must either buy flowering plants from some outside source or else sow seeds and wait till late in the summer for bloom as the making and caring for hotbeds is impracticable for the majority, but by planting perennials and bulbs, flowers can be had from May till October by making a good selection of varieties. Once planted most of the varieties listed will continue to bloom and increase in size for many years, and they will thrive under conditions of drought and neglect that would kill many annuals. Some varieties require different treatment from others, but as this usually consists in knowing when to break up the clumps and at what season to move them, it will be a simple matter to ascertain this after the garden has been planted for a couple or three years.

Many inquiries are received as to the varieties of perennial flowering plants which can be grown in the province. At the present time information on this subject is limited and rather uncertain. The following list of twenty safe varieties has been prepared. In the cases of such species as *Delphinium* only a few of the large number of varieties of each are given, but there is reason to believe that most of those listed in nursery catalogues will be satisfactory.

Attention is particularly drawn to the fact that there are several native plants on the prairie which are considered valuable for use in gardens in Europe and the United States. The roots can usually be obtained without difficulty, and the quality of the bloom will improve under cultivation; these are marked with a star.

TWENTY SAFE VARIETIES.

- **Anemone patens*..... Mauve or purple, April and May.
- Anthemis tictora* Kelway!..... Yellow, daisy-like, August.
- Alyssum saxatile*..... Yellow, May.
- **Aquillgia Canadensis*..... Scarlet and yellow, June.
- coerulea*.....
- chrysantha*..... } June and July.
- hybrids..... }
- Campanula carpatica*..... Blue, dwarf, June to September.
- persicifolia*..... Blue and white, July to September.
- Chrysanthemum maximum*..... White Shasta Daisy, several varieties.
- Delphinium chinense*..... Blue.
- hybrids..... Blue, many varieties.
- Dianthus plumarius* (pinks)..... White and pink, June and July.
- barbatus* (Sweet William)..... White, pink, crimson, June and July.
- Dicentra spectabilis*..... Crimson and white, good foliage, June.
- **Gaillardia aristata*..... Yellow and orange, many varieties.
- Helenium*..... Several named varieties, requires plenty of room, yellow, orange, brown, valuable for late blooming.
- Hemerocallis* (day lily)..... Yellow, orange, several varieties.
- Iris*, German..... White, blue, purple, yellow, etc., many varieties.
- Siberian..... Blue and white. The most ornamental for small gardens.
- **Lilium* (native variety)..... Orange.
- tenuifolium*..... Coral red.
- tigrinum*..... Orange.
- Penstemon coerulea*..... Bright blue.
- **Paeony*..... White, pink, crimson, etc., many varieties
- **Poppy nudicaule* (Iceland)..... Yellow and white.
- alpina*..... Salmon and pink, dwarf.
- oriental*..... Scarlet, large.
- Rudbeckia laciniata*..... Yellow, 5-7 feet.
- Trollius*..... Orange and yellow.
- Veronica amethystina*..... Mauve.

Many perennial plants can be bought from the Patmore Nursery Co., Brandon, Man.; A. P. Stevenson, Dunstan, Man.; Devils Lake Nursery Co., Devils Lake, North Dakota; C. S. Harrison, York, Nebraska; and almost all desired varieties from H. A. Dreer, Chestnut Street, Pennsylvania.