

Tree Planting for Towns and Cities

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information as to what to plant and how to plant. The object of this article is to give a little more general information on these questions to which has reference been made. No attempt could be made to answer them fully, as local conditions govern, to a large extent, each individual case. While the nature of the soil has much to do in the selection of the class of trees suited to any particular locality.

The tree that is probably used most extensively throughout Manitoba for street and lawn planting is the common Manitoba maple or box elder. The reasons why this tree is largely planted are its extreme hardiness and rapid growth. It withstands very severe climatic tests and will make a very good shade in comparatively few years. It should not be selected, however, for street planting, as it usually makes a very irregular growth and unless severely pruned, makes an unsightly tree.

For street planting and especially on heavy soils, nothing gives better satisfaction than the native grown American Elm. It is quite hardy under Manitoba conditions, and with careful training, should become "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

Of deciduous trees for lawn planting, the native variety of the green ash and the American basswood gives best results in the southern portion of the province, and more especially the Red River valley. The native variety of the Canoe or paper birch is hardy and makes an attractive tree for lawns.

No lawn or home grounds is complete without some of the Conifers or Evergreens. Among the Evergreens which are best suited to Manitoba, the White Spruce and the Scotch Pine rank first. The White Spruce is especially attractive, and is much to be preferred to the black spruce which is ordinarily planted.

The larch or tamarack is one of the deciduous conifers which makes an attractive lawn tree when planted with evergreens on account of the contrast in the color of their leaves. While cedar or arbor vitae is also valuable as a lawn tree on account of the richness of its coloring.

Poor success with trees is often due to careless planting. Many trees are lost on account of the fact that they are not properly planted or are injured in the transplanting process. Trees are best transplanted at a season of the year when they are in a dormant condition. Transplanting in the spring before growth has begun is usually productive of the best results. Planting at this season of the year enables a tree to develop an abundant root system and become thoroughly established before the growing season is over.

A few points that are well to observe in the transplanting process are: (1) Avoid, as far as possible, exposing the root to the air, as they are liable to become dried out and seriously injured, which may cause the death of the tree. (2) Trim off all broken and injured roots before planting. (3) Dig the hole sufficiently large to allow the roots to be properly spread out. (4) Fill in around the roots with surface soil, and tramp it in sufficiently to thoroughly compact it.

A word in regard to the trimming of trees intended for street and lawn planting. The pruning of a tree should be begun when the tree is small, and continued until it has assumed a proper permanent form. It is a very difficult matter to so trim a tree that has once become deformed as to make it slightly and attractive. Heavy pruning should be avoided as far as possible, as trees are often injured in that way. The main point to be borne in mind is that of keeping the trees upright in habit. While the occasional removal of a few branches will be all that is necessary to attain a symmetrical and attractive form

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