

February 8, 1924

Here and There

A new record has been established by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in the number of white fish eggs collected for hatchery purposes in the Great Lakes and the Lake of the Woods. A total of 464,000 eggs were obtained, which exceeds all previous collections in the province of Ontario.

A new deposit of soapstone has been discovered on Trap Lake, a small lake south of Wabigoon Lake, in the northwestern Ontario. The quality of the stone has been reported as excellent for various industrial uses. Practical trials are under way. Water transportation is available direct from the deposits to Wabigoon and Dryden, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

It is announced by the Canadian Pacific Railway that two free scholarships covering four years' tuition in architecture, chemical, civil, mechanical or electrical engineering at McGill University, are offered, subject to competitive examinations, to apprentices and other employees enrolled on the permanent staff of the company and under 21 years of age, and to minor sons of employees.

Canada's fisheries' production during 1923 is estimated to be worth \$40,000,000. At the beginning of the year it was not thought that anything like this mark would be reached, for the Fordney tariff had cut deeply into exports to the United States. But as the year wore on the demand and prices generally improved, thus giving fishermen along the Atlantic coast especially a much better market.

Approximately \$5,000,000 will be spent by the Dominion Coal Company to open up a new mine and colliery at Langan, Nova Scotia, and construction of a branch line of railway to the new site has already been started. The new colliery will be equipped with every modern device, and a model town will be planned in its vicinity. It will have a capacity of some 2,000 tons daily.

The tenth annual Ski Tournament will be held at Revelstoke, February 15th and 16th, in connection with which ski-joring, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, etc., will be featured. An endeavor is being made to secure the attendance of Uno Hilstrom, Sweden's champion ski-jumper, as well as other famous ski-jumpers from both Canada and the United States.

Canada in 1923 produced more coal, lead, cobalt and asbestos than during any other year since mining records have been kept. The output of coal was in the neighborhood of 17,500,000 tons, or \$35,000 tons better than the best previous record, and 2,000,000 tons over that in 1922. The output of copper, nickel, cement and asbestos was also much above that for the preceding years. Gold production was down somewhat, but this was due more to a power shortage than anything else.

As a result of efforts on the part of Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, a 20 per cent. preference rate on Atlantic passages for all British immigrants settling in Canada has been arranged to come into effect on March 1st and continue until the end of the main immigration season at the end of November. It will apply only to British immigrants coming direct to Canada from the British Isles, and will affect all lines coming to Canadian Atlantic ports.

Three delightful cruises have been awarded to agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway for services rendered the company during the past year. One of them, J. J. Forster, general agent at Vancouver, will sail on a round-the-world cruise on the "Empress of Canada"; W. C. Casey, general agent at Winnipeg, will spend sixty-eight days cruising the Mediterranean on the "Empress of Scotland," while D. R. Kennedy, general agent at Buffalo, will enjoy a twenty-nine-day cruise in the West Indies on the "Empress of Britain." The trips were awarded by the company in recognition of last year's work in connection with cruise book-

SO PARTICULAR

"And did you visit Italy—and eat some of those wonderful doughnuts tied on the sidewalk of Florence?"

"No—I wasn't that hungry."

If marriages are made in heaven, there are some people who will be content to go to the other place.

SIMPLE METHOD OF GRAFTING

(By H. W. D. Smith, Penticton, B. C.)

The tendency during the past few years, in farming and manufacture, has been toward standardizing and improving the product, to meet the marketing conditions as well as lessening the cost of production, which together makes for surer profits. This applies to the growing of tree fruits.

There are over three hundred varieties of apples listed and grown in America alone. In the famous Okanagan Valley there are about 95 varieties growing, and when one calls to mind the varied assortment on the average Ontario farm, and sees the wonderful displays at our leading Fall exhibitions, it is fair to assume that as many or more are grown in the Eastern Provinces. From a commercial standpoint it has been asserted by some of our leading authorities, that 12 varieties would fill all requirements for any one district, and better still only 6, taking into consideration adaptability and market demands. When we consider this and many other points which might be brought forward, it is worth considering the advisability of grafting over all of our less desirable varieties to those of a good kind. For definite advice on varieties best suited to your particular district, it is best to get that information from the Department of Agriculture for your Province. This applies to pears as well as stone fruits, with the exception of cherries which do not lend themselves to successful grafting.

Grafting, to the great majority of people is looked on as something of a "Secret Art," to be undertaken by some so-called "Expert," for which one has to pay out hard cash, as for legal advice or medical service. This is not the case.

The object of this article is to make grafting so simple that any one who is willing to undertake it, and do careful work, can get results.

Time for Grafting

Under the system of "Bark Grafting" as this system is called, it is necessary that the sap should be running so the bark will separate readily from the wood. This would be from about the first of April to about the end of May, during which time the grafting can be successfully done. Better results however, follow when done during April.

It is a matter for careful consideration as to what limbs are to be selected, should use judgement in choosing the limbs to be grafted. As it is possible to graft on limbs up to four inches in diameter by this system, it is also possible to work much closer to the centre of the tree, making the work easier and quicker. Do not crowd the limbs, not closer than four feet on large trees, or further.

Look carefully over the tree noting those limbs which can best be spared for future cutting out. Then for convenience in keeping the form of tree in mind, roughly mark with a bit of chalk or whitewash about where you wish to graft, and saw off carefully so as not to split the stump. Better cut off about 2 feet above and make second cut. Make all cuts squarely across limb. Plan to leave from one-fifth to one-quarter of the top to take up extra sap. In the case of stone fruits all the top is removed.

Having chosen and cut the limb as directed make downward cut through bark about 1 1/2 inches on side of stump—carefully raise bark with smooth instrument (a blunt knife blade serves) and insert grafts pushing down as far as cut on graft. Tie firmly with raffia, about 4 or 5 turns being sufficient on smaller stumps.

Then apply wax to perfectly cover tips, stump and tips of grafts, sealing perfectly to prevent drying out. This part is most important and on it largely depends the success of your work. When stump is more than 2 1/2 inches through, it is advisable to put in 3 or 4 grafts and use more tying.

During the dormant season select and cut from desirable varieties, young growth of past season. Carefully label and bury in moist earth, sand or sawdust in cool cellar or root house. Keep from freezing. Grafts for stone fruits are best taken just before the buds burst.

The graft should be cut with a clean, smooth cut to bring all the face in contact with the wood of the stump. A blunted blade serves to raise bark.

A merchant unable to sleep, tossed fitfully on his couch and muttered unintelligible words. The wife of his bosom sought the cause of his restlessness.

In answer to her inquiries he said: "You should expect me to sleep when my note to Cohan in the bank comes due tomorrow for \$5,000 and there's only \$2,000 in the bank to meet it."

"It is?" said the faithful wife. "Then I tell you what I should do, Ike. You should get up and go over to Cohan's house and tell him, and then come back and go to sleep. Let Cohan stay awake."

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John 11:25.

FEBRUARY 9

HE THAT PASSETH BY AND MEDDLETH WITH STRIFE, BELONGING NOT TO HIM, IS LIKE ONE THAT TAKETH A DOG BY THE EARS.—Proverbs 26:17.

FEBRUARY 10

WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE; BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN.—Proverbs 29:2.

FEBRUARY 11

OWE NO MAN ANY THING, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Romans 13:8, 10.

FEBRUARY 12

KEEP BACK thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.—Psalm 19:13, 14.

FEBRUARY 13

BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.—Numbers 32:23.

FEBRUARY 14

HOW EXCELLENT is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.—Psalm 36:7, 8.

A NEWSPAPER'S MISSION

In an address by Rev. A. H. Moore, M. A., delivered during a course in journalism held at the University of Toronto, on "The Mission of the Weekly Newspaper," this significant paragraph was given:

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