



This progressive prairie farmer does not believe in importing his luxuries; he grows them. The view shows a magnificent lot of raspberries on Andrew Anderson's place at Alsas's, Saskatchewan. They were grown with the aid of shelter belts of trees, without which fruit culture on the bare prairies is a hopeless job.

are better served from Indian Head receive shipments from that station.

Naturally the shipments to points in the province far outnumber those to neighboring provinces, the new Canadians showing an ever-increasing eagerness to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the government to improve and beautify their farms.

Caragana Most Popular

The heaviest demand from all points is for caragana, or Siberian peatree, and the reason for this is because it is hardy and ornamental. Russian poplar is next in demand, being equally hardy and very quick growing, the actual growth per year averaging about two feet. Manitoba maple is next in demand, being quick growing, hardy and a good shelter. Willow is recommended for the same reasons. Green ash, while very desirable in many ways, is less called for than other varieties because it is slow growing. When matured it has an additional value in that it makes excellent timber.

Evergreens, while growing more slowly than deciduous trees during the first seven years, will after that time grow

more rapidly than the deciduous varieties and so Scotch pine and Manitoba maple set out at the same time will, at the end of fourteen years, show the former to have attained the greater height. The great secret in planting evergreens lies in never permitting the roots to dry. If this happens the resinous sap solidifies and cannot be liquefied again.

Spruce Desirable

The white spruce is a very choice tree to plant in Northern Saskatchewan as it is absolutely hardy. The native tamarac is recommended because it is hardy, handsome, quick-growing and makes a good ground covering. This variety, however, can not be supplied from the nursery station, as but a limited forest has as yet been grown and these so far have been used for experimental purposes only. Native and Russian birch are also highly recommended for farm planting, but they, too, are only carried at the nursery for experimental purposes as yet. The golden willow, while a choice tree for appearance, shelter, etc., is, however, not as hardy in the northern latitude as the other varieties named above.