

## PLANTING UP THE IRRIGATION BLOCK



### A Simple Scheme to Offset the "Move-on" Instinct of the Prairie Farmer in the Treeless Home.



A far-seeing scheme of tree planting has been put into effect by the Department of Natural Resources of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the irrigation block east of Calgary. Naturally devoid of any tree growth and yet with great potentialities in agricultural production under the stimulus of an irrigation system, it was early realized by the management that no matter how fine the building that may be put up on the bald prairie, it can never be a real home unless there are some trees and shrubs upon the ground. Most of the settlers coming to the irrigated lands had their origin in well treed districts and all of their old associations are very intimately connected with the trees growing about their old homesteads and the leaf-shaded lanes through which they played as children. The aesthetic side of prairie farming is coming to be recognized as having vast practical importance. For example, if a settler can be induced to become interested in the appearance of his farm, particularly to the point where he will plant a grove of trees, it is reasonably certain that, unlike many prairie farmers, he will soon have something more than a transient business interest in the property. Once that attitude is developed it is but logical to assume that the settler will not start out to "mine" the soil with the object of getting as much quick money as possible and then selling out. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has done a splendid service in encouraging planting of trees around the homes on the irrigation block and has distributed each year, without charge, quantities of trees which have been found by experiment to be hardy in the district. Mr. R. D. Prettie is the Company's Superintendent of Forestry at Calgary.

#### MAPLE SUGAR OPPORTUNITIES.

One of the opportunities open to Canadians is the development of the maple sugar industry, according to a bulletin on the subject of maple sugar issued by the Department of Agriculture.

The production of maple sugar and syrup should have increased with the increasing mar-

ket for luxuries, but have not done so, the bulletin points out. The yearly production of maple sugar, together with its equivalent in syrup, has fallen from more than 22,000 pounds in the eighties of the past century, to about 20,000 pounds during recent seasons.

#### THE ASSOCIATION'S MAIL BAG.

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Canadian Forestry Association,  
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Dear Sirs:

I notice with great interest among the people throughout the country a gradual awakening to the seriousness of loss from bush fires. So much of this is due to the constant effort of your Association that it is with great pleasure I extend congratulations

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. J. CAMPBELL,  
President, Canadian Pulp &  
Paper Association.