

acquaint rural municipal councillors, agricultural committee men, and farmers with the tree-planting project in the Conquest community—it is something that has to be seen to be appreciated."

"We have a tremendous need for an extensive programme of this kind in the Stoughton-Radville-Regina triangle," he added.

At the Hugh Kennedy illustration farm, at Conquest, Mr. Kennedy pointed out hedges he and his father planted in the 1920's and told the delegation that eight rows of hedges per mile, "while not a complete cure, were a tremendous assist in controlling soil drifting."

"Trees do not interfere with farming operations," he said. "Spraying for weed control can be carried out right under the branches without ill effects on the hedge growth."

"Snow trapped beside hedgerows adds to moisture reserves, which improve crop growth—tree planting is a very worth while and profitable venture," he concluded.

At the Outlook pre-development farm, manager Ian Petrie assisted R.H. Dunlop, supervisor of the Distribution - Research Branch, Forestry Nursery Station, Indian Head, in a tree-planting demonstration using mechanical planters.

"Blue-prints and instructions for building planters are now available from agricultural representatives," Mr. Dunlop pointed out, "or machines may be purchased ready to go to work."

"These machines will plant from 6-12 miles of hedges per day," he said. "Since 1950, 54 machines have been put into service in the province—16 in the last two years."

ELEVEN YEARS

Stan Sheard, horticulture specialist, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, told the delegates that the Department's earned-assistance policy covering the planting of field hedges was starting its 11th consecutive year.

"The purpose of the programme is to encourage farmers to plant trees for roadside hedges and field shelter belts in order to facilitate winter travel, reduce soil and snow drifting and add beauty to the countryside."

Payments are made on the following basis he said:

- to cover the cost of planting and maintenance of trees for field and roadside hedges, to a maximum of five cents per rod (\$16 per mile) per year for three consecutive years, beginning with the planting year.

- one half the cost of the purchase price of a tree planting machine to a maximum of \$400 for each machine.

- and one half the cost of a grass legume mixture for seeding the area between the roadside hedge and the field margin.

Trees are provided free of charge by the forest nursery stations at Indian Head and Sutherland.

Thirty-five municipalities and four tree-planting co-operatives planted nearly 700 miles of trees in 1959—a marked increase over the previous year. In 1950, the initial year of the policy, 9 miles were planted.

"A survey for this year indicates that farmers intend to plant in excess of 1,000 miles of hedges if sufficient trees are available," Mr. Sheard said.

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VISIT OF NIGERIAN LEADER

The Sardauna of Sokoto, Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, Premier of the largest and most populous of the three regions of Nigeria, the Northern Region, visited Ottawa from July 24 to 26, where he met the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs and had talks with various Government officials. His party visited the Gallery of the House of Commons and was taken on a sightseeing tour of Ottawa and the surrounding district. The Sardauna met members of the press on July 25.

As leader of the Northern Peoples Congress Party, the political group that holds the largest number of seats in the Parliament of Nigeria, the Sardauna is one of the most important political figures in his country. Alhaji Sir Muhammadu Sanusi, the Emir of Kano, is the principal chief of the Northern Region. In the party visiting Ottawa were three Ministers in the Government of the Northern Region: Alhaji Isa Kaita, Minister of Education; Malam Ibrahim Musa Gashash, Minister of Lands and Surveys; and Mr. G.U. Ohikere, Minister of Works. Also in the party were Mr. B. Greatbatch, Secretary to the Premier of the Northern Region; Mr. H.G. Jelf, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Northern Region; Mr. J. Taylor, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Northern Region; Alhaji Isa Shettu Gutse, Private Secretary to the Premier, Northern Region; Malam Gidado Idirisu, Personal Assistant to the Premier.

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SEEDS ACT

The Seeds Act, 1959, was proclaimed and went into effect on July 15, 1960, Agriculture Minister Douglas S. Harkness announced on July 15. Regulations under the new Seeds Act also became effective on the same date.

The regulations provide for grades of registered seed, certified seed and commercial, unpedigreed seed. Under the new legislation, the Canadian Seed Growers' Association becomes the sole seed-pedigreeing agency in Canada. Grade names are retained in the new legislation but now it will be permissible to indicate on the tag additional information as to details of analysis.

Another important change is that seed of certain forage crops can now be sold under a variety name if the seed is of registered or certified grades. Formerly, variety names could be used on all grades.