

to take up the moisture and make the poison adhere to the grain. Let it stand over night, and the following morning arm your wife and children or friends with a sufficient quantity of the poisoned grain in old tins of some sort and simply walk all over the farm, and, if necessary, outside of the farm, and place a few grains inside every gopher hole. This should be done before the grass becomes green, as once there is good pasture available, the gophers will frequently leave the grain untouched. Poisoning as indicated is the only effective way of getting rid of gophers.

### Tree Planting.

If there is one feature more than any other that appeals to the average person travelling through an irrigated section, it is the profusion of trees that may invariably be found there. Under irrigation there is no limit to the amount of tree planting that can be successfully carried on. Even without irrigation, on thoroughly prepared and summer-fallowed land, good success is met with in planting the native trees of Alberta.

In order to encourage the planting of trees on the plains, the Dominion Department of the Interior some years ago established a Forestry Department at Ottawa, and obtained the services of a number of technically qualified men. A large amount of money was then appropriated for supplying settlers in Western Canada with trees free of charge. The Government established a large tree plantation in connection with the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and the policy has worked out eminently successfully. All settlers on the Irrigation Block who wish to go in for a tree plantation on their farms should apply to the "Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Ontario," when full information will be sent them with the necessary blank forms of application. Owing to the fact that the demands upon the Department have been so heavy, it is necessary that early application be made. Tree planting applications received during the Spring of one year, can seldom be filled until the following year. The Dominion Government in the meanwhile send an experienced forester to your farm who will discuss the whole situation with you, and will make a sketch of the proper places to put in the trees and give complete directions as to preparing the land and the manner of planting. When the proper time comes the trees will be sent you free and with all express charges paid, so that you are under no actual expense whatever in getting your plantation started.

With such a favorable arrangement available there is absolutely no excuse for the absence of trees on any farm in Western Canada, and, furthermore, where irrigation is available it almost becomes a crime not to have a tree plantation started at the earliest possible moment. Tree plantations under irrigation have reached a growth of fifteen feet during the first three or four years in Southern Alberta, and every colonist owes it not alone to himself and his family, but also as a public duty, to place himself in communication with the Dominion Forestry Department at the earliest possible moment, even before he has his land broken, and make all arrangements for starting a tree plantation as soon as he is in a position to provide land cultivated in accordance with the directions of the Dominion Government.