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(Acer Ginnali).
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ana Pygmaea and
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re are a great many
of this hardy shrub.
Lonicea Alberti,
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Blossoms in all the
white to dark pink.

of Lilac

The lilacs are uni-
th in flower and is
vers range in color
h various shades of
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contains many va-
uite hardy with us.
is too well known to
Aside from this a few
nding merit might be

This is a very pro-
large clusters of rich
wers are produced in
The flowers are
Josikea. This is a
pecies. Its leaves are
of a deep green color.
ten days later than
ety. The clusters are
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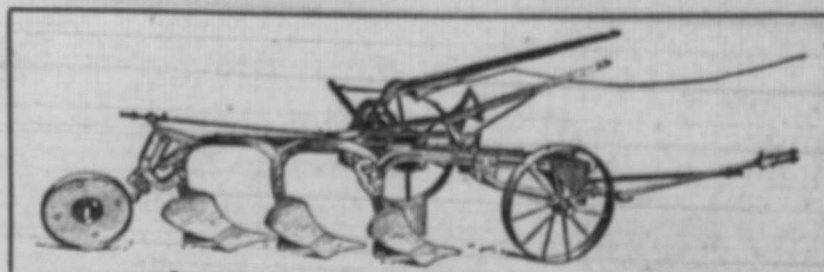
Hardy Shrubs

ond. A low bush of
This is the first shrub
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ful class of ornamental

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shrubs, well adapted for the shrubbery border or for growing in single specimens on the lawn. S. Arguta. This is one of the best and earliest bloomers in the flowering season the bush is covered with feathery clusters of small white flowers; height three to four feet. S. Van Houttei. One of the most beautiful and well-known of the early blooming sorts. The flowers are white and about one third of an inch across. Usually grows from four to six feet high. S. Sorbifolia. This is a very distinct form with long compound leaves and small white flowers.

Thunberg's Barberry. This species appears to be immune from barberry rust. This shrub seldom exceeds three feet in height. The flowers are of a greenish color succeeded by scarlet berries which hang on the bush all winter. The purple leaved variety is also very desirable.

Smooth Sumach. A native of Manitoba. Has fern-like leaves turning to a rich red in autumn. Has terminal panicles of crimson fruit.

There are a number of other varieties not mentioned that are well worthy of notice, but the above may be enough to consider seriously at one time.

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increase his already exorbitant prices so as to cover all taxes, both income and patriotic. The farmer must submit to this; and not only pays his own but the other fellow's as well. Remedy: After adjusting prices, limit them all or none.

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THE ELEVATOR COMPANY'S DIVIDEND

Editor, Guide:—It is difficult to understand the mind of a writer like Bert Santer or to have patience with him—he is a "peculiar" brother. He roundly attacks all organized Grain Growers, all shareholders in (I suppose) the Saskatchewan Co-operative Eleva-

tor Co.—he designates all these without exception as—"men who are wolves in sheep's clothing of the Grain Growers' Association." This is extraordinary.

He says "the shareholders have much satisfaction in receiving 100 per cent. dividend and every one will defend that 100 per cent." intimates that farmers are as much "big hogs" as the big interests. Let us go to the facts. Where can he prove that the shareholders have ever received 100 per cent. on money they invested in the elevator company? He cannot. The actual dividend paid has never exceeded 8 per cent., a certain sum has each year been added to the share to pay it up gradually—the amount this year so added is \$2.50. There is nothing extravagant in this. I was at the annual convention in Regina last November. Here are some figures: Farmers put through the Company's elevators 34,588,637 bushels of grain. The net profits of the year's trading from all sources were \$913,564. Surely not a large item on so large a business. If the line companies had handled it for the farmers it is too likely they would have made considerably more profit

out of it. But out of this again the federal government took \$745,097 as war tax (this year's and last). This is quite a large sum taken out of profits. After paying the interest on shares and the \$2.50 added, there was added to reserves some \$150,000—again not a big amount. Moreover, \$14,646 was given to Red Cross and other funds. The interest and reserve, \$150,000, absorbed the net profits.

Is Mr. Santer a practical business man? He intimates 6 per cent. is all that farmers should receive for dividend on stock. Is he opposed to a reserve being built up against emergencies? It appears so. If he wishes to be consistent I submit he knows how much capital he put into farming, and when he gets six per cent. net profit, the balance he should give for the benefit of the suffering. A farmer cannot get a loan under eight per cent. or borrow from a bank for less. I heard of a line company writing to an elevator agent complaining that his overweight of wheat did not exceed 200 bushels for the year. Now the Co-operative Elevator Company have a system by which all their elevator operators receive

less money in proportion as they have overweight, for this is robbing the farmer. It is to prevent the exploitation of the farmer that the company was formed. It is co-operative in principle; it is honest in its dealings, its profits are not unreasonable. There must be a large reserve fund to prevent a disaster, and while its dividends are a good return on money invested, they are away down below 100 per cent.

Does Mr. Santer imagine for a moment that if the co-operating farmers' wheat were handled for less, that the ultimate consumer would get his flour cheaper? Would the milling trust or retail merchant sell it for any lower price? I am convinced that they would not.

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WHO PAYS THE INCOME TAX?

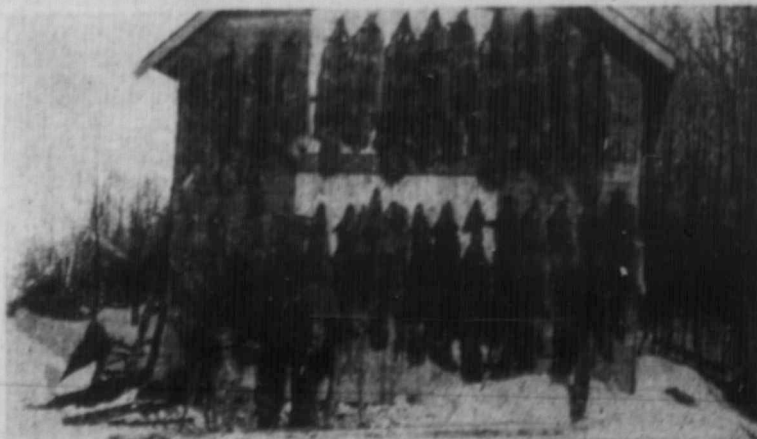
Let it be thoroughly understood in discussing this subject that agriculturists are perfectly willing to pay a just share of the expenses of this great war. But if this tax as set forth, in extracts published by our daily papers is levied indiscriminately under present conditions a grave injustice will be done the farming communities throughout the Dominion and especially the West.

It is generally conceded that agriculture is the back-bone of the prosperity of this country—all other industries, corporations, laborers and various kinds of business look to the farmer either directly or indirectly for their financial success.

If you tax these classes without placing a limit on their prices similar to that placed on the farmers' prices, you simply encourage them to increase their already exorbitant prices enough to cover the tax and likely a generous margin besides.

The farmer must have these classes' goods or services, and under existing conditions he must pay a large percentage if not all the tax.

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