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Beware of Drastic Pruning.

As the leaf canopy gets higher up and these dominated stems die they may be cut off close to the main stem if thought advisable and the wounds painted.

The pruning of a plantation is a delicate operation that is usually best left to Nature. She is the great teacher and when we interfere unduly with any of her methods she always comes back with a counter punch we may regret. Better leave the shelter belt alone, till it is about 30 feet. high when the dominated trees can be removed leaving the vigorous ones to be the permanent plantation.

The soil is the most important consideration in a shelter plantation and the only way to keep it in good condition is to maintain as much as possible, the close canopy of the leaves.

Tree Planting is Booming on the Prairies

EXCELLENT proof that the prairie province resident has not lost his head through temporary business depression is self evident from the keen popular interest in tree planting throughout the prairie provinces this year. The success attending the Tree Planting Car of the Canadian Forestry Association in this year's journey across the three prairie provinces outstrips the record of the two previous years. Although the Lecture Car will hold only about 100 persons at a time, it has already accommodated since April 1st, and mostly in very small communities, over 40,000 people. It has travelled in the same period (up to July 9th) 4,624 miles with 334 lectures to the credit of Mr. Archibald Mitchell, the chief officer in charge, and his assistant Mr. Angus Cooch. For some time the Tree Planting Car was attached to the Better Farming Train of the Saskatchewan Government

which touched at two communities daily, Mr. Mitchell giving as many as 51 tree planting talks in a single week as well as practical demonstrations at advantageous points showing how to plant trees, how to prune and how to combat destructive insect and fungus diseases. The Canadian Forestry Association's unique enterprise, which aims to give practical help to scores of thousands of prairie residents each year, and to stimulate popular interest in the planting of shelter belts about farms and the improvement of farm conditions, has no connection with any government or commercial interest but is a citizens' undertaking entirely. The financial support comes from small government grants and from the occasional subscriptions of business firms and private individuals, who realize the meaning of tree planting to the future life and prosperity of the prairie provinces.

Memorial Trees for Soldiers

HOW ANY well-organized society, such as a woman's club, branches of the Daughters of the Empire, or a Rotary or Kiwanis Club or other group of men or women concerned in community improvement can develop a Road of Remembrance with fine avenues of memorial trees is indicated by the success attending the Montreal Women's Club. Mrs. H. B. Pope, Convenor of the Conservation Committee of the Club has been so good as to furnish the Canadian Forestry Magazine with the following particulars:

"The idea of a 'Road of Remembrance' for Montreal was suggested at a meeting of the club early in the year and I made many enquiries both in England and the States of their experience in planting Roads of Remembrance in these countries and also in Victoria, B.C.

"In each locality, the conditions were different and the mode of handling the scheme varied. In Victoria the trees were all donated from the Government nurseries, the planting was all given free, and there was no expense attached for the relatives of the soldiers who were killed.

"In Montreal it was found advis-

able to make a nominal charge of \$3.50 for each tree, which included the tree, guard around the tree, and a tablet giving the name of the soldier and the date of his death. This charge did not cover the actual cost of the tree, etc., but it was thought that these memorial trees would not be within reach of the poorer people were the price made any higher. To help defray the cost, the Club secured generous donations of lumber, paint, nails, screws for the guards around the trees and were able to have a small balance left to pay a man to look after the trees carefully for this year. This will give the trees a good chance to get well rooted. It is the intention of the Club to give the trees such care for at least three years, by which time they will have had a good start.

"One of our manufacturers here, made for us the tablets, which are of cast aluminium, painted in black enamel, and rubbed so that the letters show through like silver. They look very neat and are practically indestructible. These were made for us at one dollar each, which was at a loss, which the manufacturer, from a patriotic reason, was willing to stand.

"We put a guard of four posts 2x3x6 with a band of 1x4 around the top to which is attached the plate, until the tree grows large enough to carry it. These are painted dark green and present quite a nice appearance.

"We have planted nearly 800 trees on each side of Sherbrooke Street West, in Notre Dame de Grace ward, from Claremont Avenue to Montreal West. As Sherbrooke Street is destined to become the main motor thoroughfare from one end of the city to the other, and eventually from one end of the Island to the other, it was chosen as the most suitable street by the committee of the Club. It is expected that further plantings will take place each year until there will be a Road of Remembrance from one end of the Island to the other.

"I would like very much to see every city and town in the country have a 'Road' as it seems to be one of the most fitting and appealing sort of memorial that has been yet devised. The idea of the living tree seems to appeal so strongly to every one who has lost their loved one, rather than the cold stone or marble monument."