

TREES SUGGEST HOME

In discussing the value of wind-breaks, we must first take into consideration the location, for it all depends on the location whether the wind-break is to be of any value or not. Now in Saskatchewan, the prevailing storms come from the northwest, therefore the principal shelter belt should be located on the north and west sides. The nearest approach to our buildings is about one hundred yards, this gives ample room for gardens and a small patch of alfalfa. The garden and small fruits thrive wonderfully well in the shelter of the trees.

Having decided where your trees are to be located, the next step is the preparation of the soil. Now, in our Canadian West, where the rainfall is limited and conservation of moisture is of the utmost importance, too much care cannot be taken in soil preparation. The land should have been farmed for a number of years, and should be in a good state of cultivation. In May, after the crops are in, a careful plowing, about four inches deep, followed by the harrows, is in order. During May and June, occasional cultivation and harrowing is necessary to conserve the moisture and kill the weeds. Early in July the ground should be plowed again, this time about seven or eight inches deep, and harrowed and disced to form a perfect mulch. Too much work cannot be done, and you will be amply repaid for getting your ground in the very best possible condition. It should be worked, too, during the fall, and it will be ready for planting in the spring.

During the winter any available literature may be read in regard to suitable varieties to plant, and much valuable information may be gained by writing to the Forestry Farm, Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

Trees to Plant

In Southern Saskatchewan, the most suitable varieties are the acute leaved willow, Manitoba maple, ash, Russian poplar, and cottonwood. The willow is a quick and sure grower and should be used quite freely, as in two years it may reach a height of six or eight feet or even more.

When your trees arrive in the spring, get them from the station as quickly as possible and get them planted. We put a good team on a sulky plow and plow up and back in the same place and turn out a good, deep, clean furrow. The furrows should be four feet apart and the trees four feet apart in the row. Do not plow far ahead of the planters as the furrows will dry out. The trees should be carried in pails of muddy water to keep the roots moist, and the furrows should be filled in as soon as possible to hold the moisture. The trees may be put in place and the dirt raked in with the boot and firmly tramped. They should be planted just a little deeper than they stood in the nursery.

During the summer frequent and careful cultivation with a one-horse cultivator between the rows is necessary to keep the ground clean and the trees growing. They should not be cultivated later than August, in order that the growth may stop and the trees ripen up before frost. Each summer for about four years, constant cultivation is necessary, and don't be afraid to use the hoe once in a while to cut out what the cultivator misses. If couch or other grasses with creeping root-stocks appear, spade them out, root and branch, and carry them off. It will save you lots of work. Grass and trees will not do well together. By this time the



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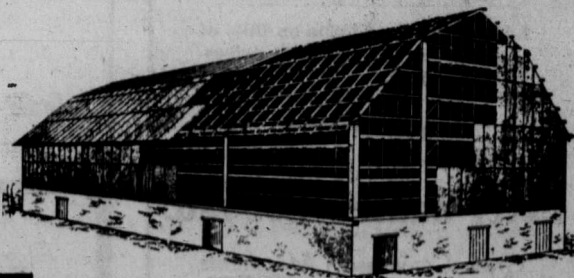
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8	48	16 1/2	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9
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trees will be grown so that you can't get thru with the cultivator, and there will be enough shade to prevent much growth of weeds.

It is at this time that we begin to realize the real value of our trees. As the snows of winter come on, they are caught by our wind-break and form in great banks just inside and cover the raspberry, strawberry and gooseberry plants and keep them snug and warm all winter, protecting them from the rabbits, too.

The snow melting slowly in the spring, keeps the bushes from starting too early and furnishes an abundance of moisture. When they do start, they assure a rapid growth after danger of frost, and lots of nice, juicy fruit during the hot days of summer. The yards are free of the great snow drifts that formed around the buildings in previous years, and it is now a pleasure to do the chores. It makes a nice, comfortable place for the stock during the cold, stormy days of winter. Our wind-breaks are so placed that the water melting from the drifts runs into big ponds and assures us of a plentiful supply of nice, soft water for the summer. As summer comes on and the trees leaf out again our wind-break becomes a thing of real beauty; the birds will build their nests and furnish us song, and the rough winds will be

checked and afford a wonderful protection for the fruit and vegetable gardens. The children growing up will form a love of home and nature, and will not be tempted away to the cities, where life is so uncertain and temptation so great; they will always look back with the greatest pleasure to their childhood days on the old farm.

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—J. W. C.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES

Amsterdam, Holland, Oct. 2.—The Prussian casualty lists, Nos. 330 to 339, covering the period from September 17 to September 28, give the names of 63,468 men killed, wounded and missing, according to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, of Rotterdam. The Courant says that these figures increase the total Prussian casualties to 1,916,148.

"How the severity of the fighting recently has increased," continues the paper, "is indicated by the following figures:

"The lists from 300 to 309 announced 49,705 casualties, the lists from No. 310 to 319 contained 53,396 names, the lists from 320 to 329 gave 58,445 names, and the remaining lists as above.

"Besides the Prussian lists, there have been published 224 Bavarian, 199 Saxon, 274 Wurtemberg, 49 naval, and four lists of Prussian officers and non-

commissioned officers in the Turkish service."

THOMAS KELLY ARRESTED

Thomas Kelly, contractor for the Manitoba parliament buildings, was arrested at Chicago on Friday, charged with conspiracy, fraud and perjury. He was unable to secure bail and had to remain in custody to await extradition proceedings. His lawyers announced that he will fight extradition, and a long and expensive legal battle is expected. The amount which Kelly is alleged to have secured from the province by fraud is stated at \$1,125,000. The preliminary trial of the four ex-ministers, with whom Kelly is charged with conspiracy to defraud the province, is practically finished. The evidence was practically the same as that given before the Mathers commission, the additional details were brought out.

Sir Charles Boucher de Boucherville, the oldest member of the Canadian Senate and the senior member of the Legislative Council of Quebec, and a former premier of the province, died in Montreal on September 10, aged 93 years. He was the only public man in Canada occupying seats in two Legislatures, his appointments antedating legislation against dual positions.



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