

in the past has surpassed this for large crops of every known variety suitable to the climate. In all probability the quality of some of the sorts may not equal that of drier seasons; this refers chiefly to the potato crop, which at present promises a record yield, if the tops are any index of what the crop will be. Cabbage, cauliflower, beets, carrots, onions, peas, corn and so on, are all far ahead of former seasons, tending to make this a record year for the vegetable garden. Flowers like all else are surpassing themselves this year in beauty, brilliancy and abundance.

Winnipeg

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Most of the houses of Winnipeg have a garden not only with a view to having a "back-yard beautiful," but from an economic standpoint as well. That Winnipeggers are lovers of beauty in nature is evidenced by the pride they take in showing visitors their boulevarded streets, cemeteries and numerous parks which are kept in splendid order under the able supervision of Mr. G. Champion, Parks Superintendent.

Cosmopolitan as Winnipeg's population is, drawn from the British Isles, eastern Canada, the United States and most of the countries of Europe—there is a tie that binds them all in their citizenship, and that is a love of gardening. No matter in what

quarter of the city you ramble there are plenty of gardens to admire. In the residential districts, where the merchant princes reside—Broadway, Crescentwood, Fort Rouge, St. Johns—the grounds surrounding the mansions are in keeping with the mansions themselves, having fine lawns with tastefully arranged flower beds in which are grown most of the annuals and perennials it is possible to grow in this city. These wealthy citizens, like their less fortunate brothers, vie with each other in keeping abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to gardening, with the result that there is no city of the size of Winnipeg that can boast of prettier residential sections.

In the north end where "foreigners" predominate, vegetable gardens surrounding houses of any or no design are the order, and as the residents are mostly of Teutonic extraction, bringing with them from their old homes a love of "Sauerkraut," the national dish of their country, cabbage, which is an essential ingredient, is grown more than any other vegetable and a good part of every garden is devoted to cabbage culture whilst the other vegetables are grown in smaller quantities and are grown successfully, so that the table expenses of these peoples are kept at a low figure during the greater part of the year. This is a big thing when it is considered that the average number of persons living in a house is from 10 to 15.

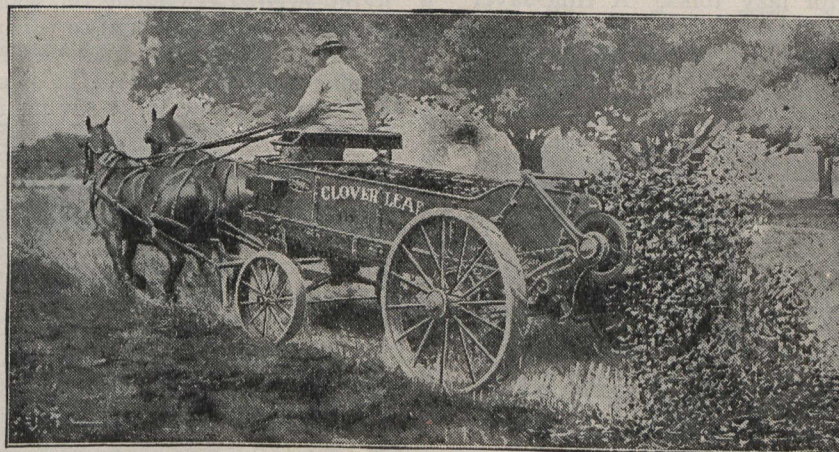
In the centre of the city where the houses

are close together and population thickest, the back-yards as a rule are large enough to contain good-sized gardens, either flower or vegetable, and with a little labor and a small outlay can be made to yield a crop of vegetables that materially reduce table expenses, for it has been proved beyond doubt that the soil of Winnipeg will grow most vegetables, or if a flower garden is preferable, as good results can be obtained from a pleasurable standpoint by planting flowers, as from a profitable one by growing vegetables.

On the outskirts of the city where the population is mostly made up of working men, is where the advantages of gardening are most apparent. There, large gardens, and intense cultivation of both flower and vegetables is the order. This is especially so in Weston, the home of the C.P.R. shopmen, where a cottage gardening association was formed last June and a successful exhibition was held in August. This year an earlier start is possible. The association is in a flourishing condition and the members are busy looking after their gardens in anticipation of the show to be held at the end of the season. To foster artistic and systematic work, the association is offering prizes for the best kept lawn and garden, best flower garden, and best kept vegetable garden.

The advantages of gardening are so many that one could go on writing indefinitely about them. In Winnipeg where all are

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