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Trees Flourish in the Experimental Farms at Brandon— hat the Farmers Are

Superintendent Bedford of the Brandon, Manitoba, Experimentar Farm, has made his six handred and fifty acres like a city para, so many and so flourishing are the tress. Ite has gone into hedges, too, and has accomplished wonders along that line. He has a small plot devoted to fruit trees, and he is quite confident

line. He has a small plot devoted to fruit trees, and he is quite confident that some day Manitoba apples will grade up alongside Manitoba No. 1 hand. He sees no reason why some of the firm-fleshed apples, crossed with the crab, should not do well in the north country.

The Manitoba Experimental Farm is working hand in hand with the forestry department. In 1902 one million soft maples were distributed. There are orders for twice as many next year. Manitoba is going to have a garment of verdure that will vie with old Ontario. The countryside is to be garnished with soft maple, elm, Russian poplar, ash, and balsam, all of which do well under these skies; the river willow, the white reacher and the same and the same and the same all of which do well under these skies; the river willow, the white sam, All of which do well under these skies; the river willow, the white poplar, and the scrub oak, hardy endogens that they are, have approved their right to live on. The quickset hedge will counterfeit old England. The Asiatic maple makes a beautiful leafy barrier, a veritable wall of boscage against which storm and wind chafe in vain.

And yet you must not imagine that Manitoba can ever grow trees like British Columbia, or like Eastern Canada, for that matter. The prairie soil will brook no tree that puts the wheat out of countenance. The wheat must be the dominant note in the landscape, the trees a mere accompaniment. Manitoba trees do not tower. They do not aspire to be

accompaniment. Manitoba trees do not tower. They do not aspire to be lofty or noble. Their duty is to bloom, be sturdy, and look pleasant. They are little trees to the Eastern eye, and a hedge of Asiatic maple can easily outtop the tallest. Still, they are trees, with shade under them and shelter beneath them. The birds will sing in them, and lovers will walk in lanes of them. The experimental farm pays for itself when it mental farm pays for itself when accomplishes this tree mission. It is gratifying to know that the rough-and-ready West will spend some of llence on appearances Manitoba farmer m

igh at the Easterner who conceiv augh at the Easterner who conceives that a Western landscape is featureless. If the land happens to be flat, look at his illimitable horizons, the burnished sun, the blue dome of the sky, the hoary majesty of the moon, and the brilliancy of the stars. moon, and the brilliancy of the stars. Picture the oceans of grain surging green in the spring, and golden in summer. And when the harvest ripens, what can be more beautiful than the tender yellow of the barley, the gold of the wheat, and the white of the oats, great chequers of color which please the eye with their tints, satisfy the mind with their oderliness, and tickle the heart, with their ness, and tickle the heart, with their satisfy the mind with their orderliness, and tickle the heart with their promise of plenty. If his eye is not filled with that, he looks at the black band of summer fallow, or further on to the unbroken prairie sod, spangled with the gentle and the flame-like flowers that the poet sings about. Even the broken sod, with the murdered flowers thrusting their heads above the furrows, carries sentiment with it. Poor flowers, your day is over! Happy, laughing soil, your pleasuring is done! You must your pleasuring is done! You must work now, and put the glad clothes

aside!
And still the half hasn't been told The Manitoba farmer casts his eye over the landscape again, to see his fat, contented cattle browsing on fat, contented cattle browsing on prairie hay or, brown grass. No stalled ox has such juicy fare. Perhaps there is a little sag in the prairie, and at the foot of it, a land-locked pool, fringed with sedge and rods. It bristles with duck, mallard, teal, widgeon, blue bill, spoon bill, and a dozen others. The prairie chicken makes his covert in the edges of the wheat fields and gorges on the fat, red grain. Be sure the busiest farmer will find time to pot a few of these toothsome little robbers. And if a man is keen on the shoot there if a man is keen on the shoot there is always the busy little gopher to

Telephone 20 stimulate marksmanship.

The fact is that Manitoba is rich in those sentimental adjuncts which men affect to despise, but secretly long for—H. F. G., in Toronto Star.

fact that colonies of beaver are still to be found in Manitoba, a quantity of new dams being in evidence in Boggy Creek, which, we believe, is on the northeast slope of the Riding Mountains, states, says The Boissevain Recorder, that few outsiders are aware of the fact that there are still beaver, in Manitoba. The position which some of these interesting animals occupy on the banks of the Souris, near the town of Hartney, and along the Assiniboine and Souris Rivers those who are interested can find in many places evidences of their presence, although the exigencies of the situation have compelled them to abandon the smaller streams and their habits of building dams

Canadian Cartoonists.

The first of the famous Canadian cartonists was, of course, Mr. Bengough. Fun formed a large ingredient, especially in his earlier and much-prized plates. Sam Hunter is a happy successor. Mr. Hunter grows more felicitous the more he draws. Some of his most recent efforts have been particularly well conceived, and when it is remembered that the modern cartoonist is called upon for three or four cartoons for every one that Nast drew it must be admitted that he of to-day must live at higher pressure than the draughtsman of a quarter century ago.—Toronto Globe.

SNOWLITTLING

One of The Globe's Eest sporting Articles od Exercise for the Pleasu: Loving Camediause

Snowshoes were originally used by the Indian as a means of travel and in the pursuit of gam. hile they are still used for the same purposes by his white successor, it is as a means of enjoyable exercise that the resources of snowshoeing are inexhaustible. haustible.

haustible. The use of snowshoes is confined more particularly to the country and small towns of the north, and it is to be regretted that the young people (and the older ones also) living n our 'arger cities are so handicapped by their surroundings that they cannot enjoy the pleasures which this sport offers to its devotees. For the enjoyment of this pastime parties are formed, and, as in most sports, the companionship is the great secret of its popularity. Each member of the party is not only physically benefited by the exercise, but is also socially benefited by the companionship.

snowshoeing districts evening parties find particular ber of young A number of young people meet, and, having gone for long walk over the snow-cover ed fields, they return, and, after several states of the states of the several states of the states of the several states of the s number snow-cover ed helds, they return, and, after several minutes of brushing and drying, having discarded 'toque and centre sash,' their host entertains them with luncheon and games. A moonlight night is the ideal night for such a party. What could be more sublime than the picture presented by the silver moon, the fleecy clouds and scintillating snow? Far away looms the dark woods, and nearer the shadowy movements of street looms the dark woods, and nearer the shadowy movements of straggling members of the party. Here and there in the distance is seen the twinkling light of a lonely cottage; and over and around it all the stillness—the solemn stillness of a winter's evening—broken occasionally by the baying of a distant watch-dog. It is the custom on the afternoon of New Year's Day to form parties.

of New Year's Day to form parties and the beauties of the sunset viewed from across the level expanse of snowy whiteness more than repays the pleasure seeker for any slight fatigue he may feel after the prolo ed walk. A sunset in winter is p ed walk. A sunset in winter is pen-cilled in harder lines and dyed in deeper colors than a summer sun-set, but the deep crimson of the clouds and the darkening haze of the horizon make a picture which any lover of nature cannot fail to ap-

preciate.

A level expanse of snow is the easiest battle ground for a beginner, but as he becomes more proficient he adds to his enjoyment the climbing and descent of hills and long wanderings through the fields. Snow is white—and white is the emblem of conditional profiles and nothing is more beauti-

and descent of hills and long wanderings through the fields. Snow is white—and white is the emblem of purity—and nothing is more beautiful than a wide expanse of spotless snow, unbroken in its sameness, save for here and there a straggling fence with its fringe of alders and withered mullen stalks, and occasionally a solitary tree, rising up as a monument to the beauties of the summers which are past and a herald of these which are past and a herald of these which are past and a herald of these which are pet to come.

The best stretch for an easy run is over the snow-covered ice of a lake or stream. Traveling in the woods is next to impossible because of the danger of tripping over underbrush, but by following the windings of a stream in its sinuous course through a forest one has the double advantage of traveling on the level and of seeing the beauties of the woods on either hand. The lower boughs of the evergreens, snow-laden, dip down to touch the snow beneath and sometimes a limb high up loses its fleecy load, which, falling softly, scatters into a silver shower as it descends. All is still save for the breathing and laughter of the snowshoers and the crackling of an occasional twig. Sometimes the dry leaves still clinging to a beech rustle in the wind like the whisperings of the dead. A "peewee" twitters from a brush heap, and on the colder days, when the smaller forms of life are quieted, the crack of the frost in the trees serves to show us that nature's forces are not dead, but only sleeping.

Snowshoeing. like other pastimes, has its accidents to add zest to the sport—just enough danger to keep the snowshoer wide awake. The beginner usually has the habit of walking on his own shoes and precipitating himself headforemost into the soft, yielding snow. His frantic ef.

Beaver in Manitoba.

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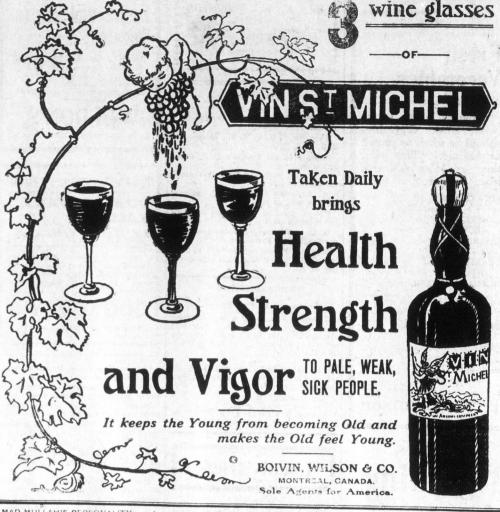
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#### Flour Mills 100 Years Old.

That wheat was grown in Alaska That wheat was grown in Alaska by the Russians a century ago is proven by the discovery of two old flour mills, built by the subjects of the Czar. One of these has been discovered on Wool Island, in Southeastern Alaska, and the other in the interior.

Under all circumstances make the



MAD MULLAH'S PERSONALITY Interesting Particulars Obtained From Mohammedans.

One of the most interesting counts of the personal characteristics of the Mad Mullah has beer obtained from some charitable Mohammedans residing in Aden, who were dutiful subjects of Queen Victoria and who received Abdullah when he sought their hospitality as a pilgrim. These merchants, when asked as to the impression they had formed of their guest—who only stayed a day with them—replied that he had edited them by his knowled. them by his knowledge and his great

piety.

That was about four years ago, at which time they described Abdullah as a man of about thirty' years of age, of regular features, who by his height and his whole appearance, presented the characteristic type of the Somali. His practice of shaving his upper lip is said to have given to his countenance an expression of cruelty and of cautious decision. Like most and of cautious decision. Like most of the fanatics who have risen to a high position in Maham and the control of the fanatics who have risen to a of the fanatics who have risen to a high position in Mahommedan politics, Abdullah is of very humble extraction. His father was a poor shepherd, and the Mullah passed his childhood in his native land among the flocks, but his precocity was observed by a Mussulman theologian, and he was taken while still very young away from his parenes in order to be instructed in the sacred books.

Between his twentieth and thirt-leth year Abdullah's history is with-out exception, that of all believers who aspire to saintship. He made three or four pilgrimages to Mecca. In Somaliland his companions receiv-In Somaliland his companions received him with entaysiasm, and soon his fame because in noised abroad, and people me from far to hear him. He received a less avorable welcome among to people of the Dolbahanta to which country is mother belonged. Abd the first set to have desired to use and influence to police these territories, in which the Somali live a life of rapine and perpetual hostility. His object was, in the first place, to cause the British Government to look upon him as an influential person, whose assistance might be obtained by a public recognition of his religious authority; and, in the next place, he was desirous of increasing his prestige among his increasing his prestige among his people, which he was sure of doing if the inhabitants of the plateau should learn that he was a friend of the powerful British nation. In this he was not very successful, and it became recovery successful, and it became recovery successful, and it became recovery successful. powerful British nation. In this he was not very sucressful, and it became necessary for him frankly to confess himself an insurgent. He welcomed a band of deserters that had abandoned a European who had gone to Somaliland to hunt big game. Immediately after this incident he declared himself, assumed the title of Mullah, and boldly announced that he was a reincarnation of Mahomet. From that time forward he has given a great deal of trouble to the British Government and, being admirably served by spies, undoubtedly occupies a very strong position. The Aden Gazette relates that the Mullah, who had converted everyone of the plateau, had failed to convert his own father. The brave shepherd would not hear of his claims to be a reincarnation of Mahomet and roundly abused the new prophet of Islam. There was only one thing wanting to put the seal on the authority of the Mullah, and that was a miracle. Eventually, of course, the miracle arrived, and was perfectly successful.

His historic likes and dislikes wer one of the unexpected things about Mr. Gladstone. Mary Queen of Scots and Oliver Cromwell were two notable examples. In a speech on the works of Scots which he delivered years ago, he went out of his way to declare his dissent from the favorable picture of the most remarking. declare his dissent from the favorable picture of the most romantic of Queens, which Scott, with his old Cavalier leanings, had drawn. He left it there, doubtless not wishing to offend the widespread sentiment of sympathy with Mary's tragic fate and magnetic personality. But his aversion to Oliver Cromwell was quite outspoken. quite outspoken.

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