



Mr. Sovez, of Alsask, Saskatchewan, refused to take the bare prairies as a visitation of providence and therefore beyond human remedy. This is how he establishes rows of evergreens to strengthen the belts of shorter-lived species.

For Every Prairie Farm a Tree Belt!

How the Sutherland, Sask. Nursery is Aiding Western Farmers to Improve Their Lands.

The value of trees as an ornamental feature of home surroundings in both urban and rural municipalities needs no argument or emphasis, but the additional value of tree-planting to the farmer in the prevention of soil-drifting should be known and appreciated by every agriculturist who desires to get the best return from his grain fields. The disastrous results in many prairie sections during the last two years occasioned by the high winds should make this subject one of vast importance to the farmer, and every assistance offered by the government should be taken full advantage of.

To help the agriculturists overcome this seemingly great misfortune which may any year attend their efforts, and to aid them in making their prairie homes assume the most attractive appearance, adding comfort as well as pleasure, the Dominion Government through the De-

partment of the Interior, has established the Forest Nursery Stations, the chief of which is at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and the most important branch at Sutherland, Sask. Comprising three hundred and twenty acres of average prairie land and operated under the superintendency of James McLean, this nursery station, serves the greatest need of the prairie farmer, who may more or less successfully cope with other difficulties, but who in the face of the soil-drifting problem finds himself helpless except as he takes advantages of the solution afforded through the planting of trees.

Founding of Nursery

The land for this forestry farm was purchased in 1912 and in the summer of 1913 was first plowed. Planting was commenced in the spring of 1914, so that six years is the maximum period of growth of any trees or shrubs to be