

Other fine flowers which begin to bloom in June are: *Achillea Ptarmica flore pleno*, *Anthemis tinctoria kelwayi*, *Clematis recta*, *Dictamnus albus*, *Linum perenne*, *Oenothera Missouriensis*, and the hybrid *Potentillas*.

Most of the *Campanulas* begin to bloom in July. Of these, some of the best are: *Campanula carpatica*, *C. Persicifolia*, and *C. latifolia macrantha*. The *Platycodons*, which are closely related to the *Campanulas*, are very desirable plants with large, deep blue, striped or white bell-shaped flowers. They are all varieties of *P. grandiflora*. The beautiful Cashmerian Larkspur (*Delphinium cashmirianum*) is deserving of special mention. It begins to bloom about the first week of July, and its bright blue flowers continue to be seen until autumn. There is a pale blue form of this which is also fine. These Larkspurs only attain a height of from one and a half to two feet.

No garden is complete without a few pæonies. There have been such great improvements in these flowers of late years that the intending planter should make enquiries before buying, so as to get the very best varieties.

Perhaps no plant of recent introduction has become so popular, and deservedly so, as *Rudbeckia laciniata*, Golden Glow. Introduced only four years ago, this plant has now become almost as common as many of the old varieties. Unlike most plants of great merit, it multiplies rapidly, and it has thus been possible to supply all demands for it. It begins to bloom about the latter half of July and continues until late in the autumn. The flowers are large, very double and of a bright lemon-yellow colour, almost equalling a chrysanthemum of the same size and colour. It is a profuse bloomer and attains a height of from six to eight feet.

Some other fine flowers which begin to bloom in July, and which there is not time to take up individually, are: *Aconitum Napellus*, *Eriqeron speciosus*, *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Helenium autumnale*, *Lychnis chalcedonica fl. pl.*, *Rudbeckia maxima*, *Heliopsis pitcheriana*, *Scabiosa caucasica* and *Statice latifolia*.

During the months of August, September and especially October, the Michaelmas Daisies, or wild asters, help to extend the season of perennials. These flowers are now so common in our woods and waysides that they are not valued as they should be, but when brought into the garden they become most attractive during the autumn months. The best of our Canadian asters is probably *Aster Novae-Angliae roseus*. The flowers of which are bright pink. Several species and varieties which were obtained outside of Canada, and which are of the most exquisite shades of purple, pink, white and lilac, are: *Aster Amellus bessarabius*, *A. alpinus*, *A. Newry seedling*, *A. laeviagatus*, *A. undulatus*, *A. turbinellus*, the latter blooming until late in October.

There are a few other late blooming plants worthy of note, namely: *Aconitum Fischeri (autumnale)*, *Funkia subcordata (grandiflora)*, *Helianthus doronicoides*, *Helianthus laetiflorus*, and *Hibiscus moscheutos*.

Though perennials thrive best when given good soil and good cultivation, a large number of them will also succeed with very little attention, and it is this fact which makes them valuable to the busy man, the lazy man, and the man who only grows them because he thinks it is the proper thing to have some flowers about his place. Once established, many perennials will hold their ground, though often shamefully neglected.

Mr. GAMMAGE: I suppose the varieties you have mentioned are all perfectly hardy at Ottawa?

Mr. MACCOUN: Yes. The great secret of preserving some perennials is to give them a good mulch of straw in the autumn when winter sets in. They can be got in the United States, or be got still cheaper by sending to Holland for them, and anyone wishing to get any of those can secure from me the names of firms in Europe or the United States who will supply them. First of all I would recommend you to apply to our Canadian nurserymen. Dr. Saunders reminds me that the seed can be had of a great many of them in the United States and in Europe.

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