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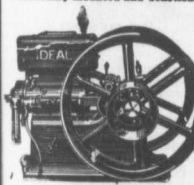
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## Tree Planting

R. Caskill, Oxford Co., Ont.

Now is the time of year to plan for tree planting. Spring work may have started somewhat strenuously, but a few hours might be taken to get some nice young trees from the bush. I have a few ideas to offer gleaned from my experience in tree planting on several farms.

Don't select the largest trees for transplanting. Their root systems are larger and the shock of transplanting gives them a setback that it will take two or three years to recover from if they recover at all. Small trees stand transplanting best and grow rapidly.

Don't be afraid to prune the top of a tree heavily. In removing the tree from the bush much of the root system is removed, and the remaining roots cannot possibly feed as large a top as the tree will have developed. In the case of rock maple, I would cut off almost every branch, leaving little more than a straight pole.

Plant permanent trees. We live in a rushing age and like to get quick results. Hence the popularity of the Carolina poplar and trees of similar variety which grow quickly, but do not last long. Make your main planting of rock maple, elm or oaks, and if Carolina poplars are planted at all let it be in such positions that they can be removed when more permanent trees have reached a respectable size.

A few evergreens around the house give it a cozy appearance in winter, and they also make an attractive tree in summer. I would not overdo the planting of evergreens, however, as they are practically valueless for shade.

## Queries About the Maple

Does the sand that is so often found in maple syrup come from the tree with the sap in solid form or in a mineral in the sap, that forms in sand from boiling; or is it material that is blown in the bucket? Why is it so much worse some years than others? Is it the sweetness or sugar that is in the sap come from the roots of the trees from the ground or does the tree get the sugar through the limbs or twigs from the sunlight and fresh air? Why does the sap of the maple run so much more freely than the sap of other trees?—H. A. M. Lambton Co. Ont.

The bulletin "Maple Sugar" answers the questions asked by your correspondent fairly completely.

On page 50 is a reference to sugar sand. The quotation on that page makes it fairly clear, I think, what sugar sand consists of and where it comes from. I am unable to answer why it is much worse some years than others. At any rate, there can be no doubt that the white sand-like material that forms into a sediment at the bottom of the syrup can come from the soil through the tree along with the sap.

Page 22 explains the source of the sweetness or sugar found in maple sap. It is the product of an action that takes place in the leaves during the season, and becomes a part of the sap, which begins to move when life commences to show itself the following year.

I am not able to answer why sap runs more freely from the maple tree than from others. Page 49, under "Vinegar," shows very clearly that the maple tree is not the only one that produces large quantities of sap. The birch gives a much more copious flow, and there may be other trees of which I am not aware that produce sap freely.—J. B. B.S.A., Editor, Publications Dept. of Agri., Ottawa.

I find that worry never scared away an untimely shower, never ended a drought or cured a sick horse. I have given it up.—J. W. L.



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