

gain a footing in the plantation after the trees are planted. Naturally it takes time to get well established, and there is always ample time to check it when it is just beginning if its nature is understood. Usually too, this attempt is made, but it is done the wrong way. The hoe or the cultivator are used, and these, while they do dig up some of the roots, in reality only serve to aggravate the trouble by chopping them up into small pieces which immediately begin to grow afresh and so the area affected is enlarged. The only safe way to check grass is to fork it up when it first appears and throw it away. Then it is done with. And it is not such a big job either, for the roots are only about four or five inches beneath the surface of the ground.

These little centres of grass spread

How the West Regards the Tree Planting Car

Compeer, Alta.

As a Representative of this Community permit me to express our sense of obligation to the Canadian Forestry Association that has made possible this visit of the Car. We have enjoyed the service rendered much, and would appreciate another visit at some subsequent date when other citizens may have an opportunity of hearing the instructive and interesting lectures and see the fine set of pictures.

The members of the staff with the car have done their work efficiently and well, being cordial and considerate in their attitude and willing to help in matters under consideration. The lectures were given in a manner creditable to the Association and the demonstrations were clear and enlightening.

This "note" is altogether unsolicited, but we wish to acknowledge our appreciation of the efforts of the organization to encourage better agricultural conditions and add a little of the aesthetic to the homes of our people. (Sgd.) Rev. Percy Halstead, Pastor.

PERDUE'S VERDICT.

Canadian Forestry Assn.

PERDUE, Sask., July 25th, 1921.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Perdue Agricultural Society held on 23rd inst. a resolution was unanimously passed, instructing me to write on behalf of the society, to express the appreciation and satisfaction which was derived from the visit of the "Tree Planting Car" which visited here on July 6th.

I may say, that not only the members of the Society, but every one who attended the exhibition and lectures were well pleased and interested in the discussions, etc.

throughout the plantation are the result of improper sod rotting the year previous to planting. Little pieces of the roots have managed to survive, and form the centres of the trouble. There are never many of them to begin with and they are easily removed if taken in time.

But the grass-spread often, and indeed usually, comes in also from the two sides of the plantation. This can be hindered quite materially by plowing a furrow 9 or 10 inches deep, along the edge of the grass after the planting is done, throwing the soil in towards the trees. In time, the grass will work its way in, but meantime the plantation has become established and the trees are big enough to escape serious damage from mice when the straw smothering-mulch is applied.

The Society hope that you will be able to make arrangements to again visit our district on some future occasion, when I can assure you an appreciative audience. Again thanking you on behalf of the Society.

FRED. J. BATRITE,
Secy.-Treas.

FROM A SASKATCHEWAN DOCTOR.

Should have written to you before to thank you and the Directors for having sent the Forestry Car to this place. Some who at present have no trees are going to plant. One man in particular and a bachelor at that, intends to plant over a mile strip and is getting his neighbours to do the same. He told me the other day that if all these fellows will do it we will make a change in the looks of this part, I might add that the land about him does not drift.

I spent several hours with Messrs. Mitchell & Cooch, and from the former learnt much about wind breaks. Though I have no land myself I could well see the advantages of tree planting. Their task is a hard one to try to make men put in trees in this country where all seem to be after the easy made dollar and do not look to the future. I presume the only thing to do is to keep at it and in time you will bring trees.

Yours truly,
F. JOHNSTON.

A TYPICAL DAY'S WORK ON THE TREE PLANTING CAR.

(From the Car Diary).

Nanton, Alberta: Worked in car all morning and had numerous callers. Amongst those who called were Mr. John Glendinning, ex-M.L.A.; Rev. Mr. Lytle,

and Mayor Holmes. There were also a number of farmers and one or two of the Councillors. Mr. Mitchell visited the town and advised different people about their tree and shrub planting.

The school children came over in two lots. Total audience, 287.

The evening lecture brought out 140 people and scores could not get into the lecture car. Many questions asked, all characterized by keenness and intelligence. Lectures lasted until after eleven. Everybody except those having children in their care remained to the very last.

A MOST PECULIAR CASE.

By Douglas Malloch, the Lumberman Poet.

There was a man in our town
With seven children that
Inside a box-car settled down
And used it for a flat.

Demurrage was not much a day,
But rent? My lord, my word!
In fact high rent he wouldn't pay,
And so this man demurred.

The railroad, tho, at last declared
The man would have to move.
The man refused. To court they fared
The law and fact to prove.

"You can't evict him," said the judge,
"But you your car can haul;
And, if the man declines to budge,
Can move him car and all."

"And, if he boards aboard your car,
The law relief affords—
For you can charge whatever are
The usual rates for boards."

And so an engine took the car
And switched it to the line.
The fellow said, "Ho-ho! Har-har!
This travelling is fine."

But now his family was freight,
From father down to pup.
The railroad charged the lumber rate,
The rate soon ate him up.

FROM PERTH, N.B.

In enclosing his cheque for membership and subscription of a friend, Mr. C. O. MacDonald, Manager of the Royal Bank at Perth, N.B., writes: "It is always a great pleasure for me to bring to the attention of any friends the excellence of your work and of your publication, both of which I have seen demonstrated."

HOW MEMBERS VIEW IT.

From a member in Briercrest, Sask.: Enclosed please find postal note to pay my membership fee. It is with the greatest pleasure I make this contribution.

FROM HON. JACQUES BUREAU.

Three Rivers, P.Q. "I am heart and soul with the object of your association and think that everybody ought to join and try to make it prosperous and put it into a position to extend its operations as it is doing a world of good for Canada.