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Under ornamental gardening comes the culture of ornamental trees, sarubs, and herbaceous plants; the study of their m dividual characteristics, such as height, form, coloring, and season of bloom, of that information will be available to Canadians to enable them to plant their places in such a way that the trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants will blend or be contrusted with one another to form pleasing landscape effects. The education of the people by lectures and bulletins on ornamental gardening and the encouragement of the beautifying of hone surroundings, so much needed in Canada, is also a part of ornamental gardening which received at tention during the year. In addition, large collections of roses, irises, phloxes, pacen ies, lilacs, gladioli, geraniums, and other ornamental plants have been got together to study. There was a fine display of these at the Central Farm in 1912, and visitors were much interested in them and pleased with the ornamental grounds as a whole.

The forest belts, planting in which was begun in 1888, furnish interesting data on the relative growth of the different timber trees and the merits of having the species or planting them in blocks of one kind. The annual measurements of a number of trees were taken in 1912, as in previous years.

PLANT BLEEDING

The improvements of fruits, vegetables. and ornamental plants by cross-breeding and selection and the study of the laws of inheritance in different kinds and varieties of horticultural plants is, in brief, the field of work which is covered in plant breeding in the Horticultural Division. Up to comparatively recent years, Canada has had to depend almost entirely on other countries for her new varieties of fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants, and while many of these succeed admirably in this country, it is felt that, if originated in a climate more nearly like where they are to be grown than has been the case in many instances in the past, those that show expecial merit are likely to prove more useful than those introduced from climates very dissimilar. During the past twenty-fiv years, much attention has been paid to the breeding of horticultural plants at the Central Experimental Farm Many varieties of hardy hybrid apples, crosses between the Siberian Crab (Pyrus baccata) and the apple originated by Dr. Wm. Saunders, bay- already been introduced into the prairie provinces and have proved hardie than any previously tested there. crosses made by Dr. Saunders with more blood of the larger apples and having fruit of good marketable size were propagated in 1912 for introduction. Many varieties of apples of handsome appearance and cook quality have originated in the Horticultural Division and the best of these have been sent out for test to different parts of Canada to compare with those already in the market. More than two hundred of thee new sorts have been propagated, and eighty-two of the best, named.

A large number of seedling strawberriehas been raised in the Horticultural Divi sion, and some of the best are being propagated for introduction. Special attention is being paid to the development of earlistrains of vegetables which will be of great value in the colder districts of Cane la st well as in the more temperate parts. Good progress was made in this work in 1912, and provision has been made for greate