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Suggestions for Tree and Lawn Planting

Planting Trees

By Lelloy Cady

Dig a hole somewhat larger than is absolutely necessary to hold the roots and be sure to spread the roots well. Twisted or bunched roots are likely to decay easily. It is well to cut off the ends of the larger roots with a sharp knife, especially if they have been bruised. Set the tree or plant in the middle of the hole. It may be leaned slightly toward the direction from which the wind comes, fill in about four inches with the richest top soil obtainable. If the tree is set in sandy or poor soil, it is always a good plan to take out considerable soil from the hole and fill with good rich soil. Trees or other plants will not do well on sand. They must have plenty of plant food.

After the tree is set and about four inches of soil thrown in over the roots, tramp the soil well so that it is firm about the small feeding roots. This is perhaps the most important

Just enough vine should be used on a porch to shade it and partly screen it from public view.

Masses of one colour are better than too great a mixture. A few well chosen plants are best.

Shrubs at the base of a building relieve the set, formal character and seem to "lie" to the ground.

Large trees or plants should always be set in the background. Gradations from these may be made to the front.

Wild grape, Virginia creeper, ivy, wisteria, or the climbing rose are excellent for the porch.

Scattered planting over a lawn should never be tolerated. Keep the plants at the sides of the lot and have especially if planted at the corners.

The most important feature of the home grounds is a good lawn. A mixture of 40 pounds of pure Kentucky blue-grass, five pounds of redtop, and three pounds of white clover per acre, makes a good lawn.

Farmers' Movement Progressing

While little has been said in the public press about the work of the United Farmers' Association of Ontario and of The United Farmers' Cooperative Co., Ltd., since they were organized at the 21st farmers' meeting held in Toronto in March, the officers of both organizations have accomplished much valuable preliminary work. Several joint meetings of the officers of both the Association and the Company have been held in Toronto. Legal advice has been secured and the by-laws of the Companies and the preparation of a prospectus have been completed. Clerical assistance has been engaged.

The secretary has been at work gathering information relating to the situation of the local Farmers' Clubs and subordinate granges throughout Ontario. A preliminary price list is about ready for distribution. Meetings of clubs and granges have been attended by the secretary and the objects of the movement explained. Clubs and granges not represented at the Toronto meeting have been writing for information and intimating a willingness to join the movement.

In the near future the officers of both the Association and the Company expect to be able to lay their plans before the farmers of the Province throughout the Province with the idea of giving them an opportunity of consulting with the Provincial Executive. The progress made since the meeting in March has been most satisfactory and the officers feel encouraged with the advance that has been made.

Items of Interest

A first class passenger coach accompanied by two speakers and provided with a lantern and 80 lantern slides illustrating various features of dairying in Saskatchewan, recently toured that province. Twenty-eight points were visited on the Great Trunk Pacific, and 22 meetings held with an average of 138 at each place. The Canadian Pacific itinerary covered 43 points and 48 meetings with an average attendance of 60. W. A. Wilson, Dairy Commissioner for Saskatchewan, writes Farm and Dairy that the value of latest estimates of such meetings cannot be overstated. Many of the evening meetings lasted until after midnight and the afternoon meetings starting at two, seldom terminated before six.

Lawn-Planting Points

Do not overplant the yard. Have a reason for every plant set. Plant in groups—never in straight lines.

Corners and abrupt angles may often be rounded by shrubs.

Vines on a building lighten the somber effect of the stone or brick.

Peonies, iris, phlox and giant daisy are among the best perennials to use.

It is often an advantage to screen the rear of the lot by a hedge or group of shrubs.

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