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VILLAGES AND TOWNS CAN HAVE PARKS AT LOW COST.

The experience of the town of Davidson (Sask.) is establishing a central park for the town is used by the Town Planning Branch of the provincial municipal department of what can be done in beautifying the villages and towns of the province at a very small outlay.

"The treeless prairie towns and villages suffer a handicap in the establishment of park through the lack of any wooded areas where a start might be made," says Mr. Begg, Town Planning Engineer. "While the value of parks is generally recognized and land is frequently available the first cost of the improvements and the annual cost of maintenance, generally unknown quantities, stand in the way of the ambitions of the community."

"According to Mr. H. C. Arnold, Chairman of the Davidson Parks and Streets Committee, a new park of nearly one and one-half acres in area was laid out last year adjoining the site of the town hall. The land was bought up at a tax sale, and the cost of the same outside of the value of the land has been about \$805, made up as follows:

Fencing, two strands of smooth wire.....	\$ 36.00
Ploughing, etc.	20.00
Cinder walks	175.00
500, 6 to 7 ft. trees.....	175.00
500 shrubs, 4 ft.	160.00
80 lbs. lawn grass.....	33.00
1 lb. Caragana seed.....	6.00
Upkeep for one year.....	200.00

\$805.00

"The trees planted were chiefly Manitoba maples, elms and ash, and the shrubs used were lilacs, spireas, honeysuckle (Lonicera), alders, Russian olive, amorpha and flowering currant.

"The cost of the work has been borne by the parks fund and the town together, the parks fund being derived from the proceeds of an annual concert.

"This unique method of providing for the annual upkeep has again proven a success as at a Burns' night concert re-

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