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ROSE CULTURE.

AT the present time there is considerable interest being shown by the householders of British Columbia in the culture of roses. As a means of beautifying the home grounds the rose no doubt stands out pre-eminently, and it is hoped that this circular will prove of value to those who are planting for the first time.

Soil and Site.

When possible, select a position for the rose-bed that is sheltered and one that secures the maximum amount of sun during the day. The rose-bed should not be surrounded by trees.

Before planting a new bed the soil should be trenched and well mixed with plenty of well-rotted barnyard manure. If the soil is light it will be greatly improved by the addition of soil of a heavier nature, such as clay, marl, etc. On the other hand, a very heavy soil will be improved by applications of sand, road-scrappings, or any material which will improve its physical condition.

Planting.

Planting may be done at any time from October to March, particularly on the Coast. If autumn planting is followed, give a good top dressing of rotten manure to protect the plants and also to prevent heaving.

Care should be taken not to plant too deeply. At the time of planting take note of how deeply the plants stood in the nursery row, and when setting them in the rose-bed, plant so that they are at least an inch deeper than they were originally.