

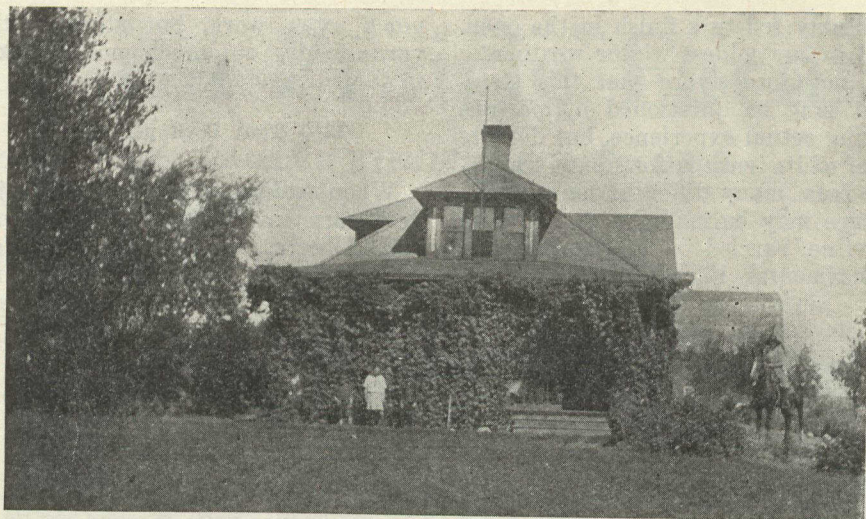
has done such widespread and in many cases irreparable damage.

Forest Belts or Lost Farms?

It is a much more serious and expensive undertaking to provide wind-breaks for an entire farm, than it is to plant the sheltering trees necessary to protect the small area occupied by the home buildings and garden. Nevertheless, while other agencies may also be of value, it is Nature's safest and surest way of holding things down where they belong. On many Southern prairie farms it is a pressing question today and will be an even more exigent one next year and after, as to whether the forest belt shall come or the farm shall go, either on the wings of the wind, or for what it will fetch, less the humus already gone.

The writer does not care to assume the responsibility of advising the individual farmer in so important a matter, and one involving so great an expenditure as that of providing shelter for an entire farm, but he would strongly urge those who are interested in this phase of the subject, and they are many, to avail themselves of the valuable knowledge and advice of the experts of the Canadian Forestry Association; and the officers of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior.*

*Editor's Note:—Full and free information is always available by addressing Superintendent of Tree Planting Division, Dominion Forestry Branch, Indian Head, Saskatchewan.



There's nothing "bleak" about this prairie home. Mr. H. A. Suggitt of Coaldale, Alberta, is a great "practitioner" of treeplanting, witness these two scenes from his farm property.



Mr. Suggitt has the advantage of irrigation but similarly beautiful results are not denied the dry farmer. His trees are only 11 years old.



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There's all the difference between 'existing' and 'living' when one compares a treeless prairie homestead and a beautifully planted and sheltered property. The pictures tell their own compelling story.



'Comparative Pictures of Prairie Homes in Saskatchewan.

