

Briefs About People and Events

COLLEGE TREE PLANTING

The degree classes '21 and '22 of the College of Agriculture, Saskatoon, Sask., on May 4th, planted two splendid little groves of spruce and elm trees, a tree being planted for each member of these two graduating classes.

TREE-PLANTING AT CALGARY

On Monday, May 8th, there was inaugurated at Calgary, Alta., a tree-planting campaign of considerable proportions. Three carloads of trees, shrubs and bushes of various kinds were distributed at cost prices through various civic clubs and organizations which took part in the campaign.

PRIZE PORCUPINE KILLER

THE special prize of Five Hundred Dollars in cash offered by F. J. D. Barnjum for the largest number of porcupines killed in Nova Scotia during the month of April has been awarded and paid to Joseph R. Ogilvie, Greenville Station, Cumberland Co., N. S., who killed the highest number.

ONTARIO NURSERIES

The Ontario Government expects to have four nurseries in operation raising young trees for reforestation before the end of this year. The Government has quadrupled the capacity of the nursery at Norfolk and has taken options on land for another near Durham. Two more are planned, one in the eastern portion of the province. The Department of Lands and Forests has been advised by botanical experts against importing seeds from Europe owing to the danger of disease.

HELD ANNUAL MEETING

THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Continental Woods Products Company, Limited, took place recently at Montreal, and the following were elected directors:—Philip T. Dodge, president International Paper Company, New York.; Herman Elsas, President, Continental Paper & Bag Mills, New York.; Thomas Fynes, Louis Gosselin, K.C.; C. A. L. Hibbard, Isidore Kuhe, Chester W. Lyman. At the subsequent meeting of the directors, the following executive were elected:

Louis Gosselin, K.C., President; Thos. Fynes, Vice-President and Treasurer; E. B. Sagendorf, Secretary. Mr. E. L. Bliss, who has had considerable experience in the exploitation of the forests and mill operations has been appointed manager of the company's operations in Ontario and, in particular, manager of the company's Ontario plant situated at Elsas. Under his management much is expected from this plant supplied from the company's extensive timber limits in the district of Sudbury.

AS OTHERS SEE IT

SIMCOE'S GOOD WORK (Toronto Globe)

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the work inaugurated in Simcoe county when Warden Banting set out the first tree in the county's forestry plantation. It is no small thing to make a beginning on the task of changing a thousand acres of almost drifting sand into a youthful forest. The importance of the event becomes vastly greater when one contemplates the influence the example set must have on other counties which have not yet begun to move in a similar direction.

A VITAL MATTER (Manitoba Free Press)

Reforestation in Canada is looked upon as a simple economic matter. Trees are useful for furnishing lumber and timber, and if we allow the sources of supply to become depleted the country is going to suffer financial loss. Few may realize that a country's forests are concerned vitally with the very life of the people, that the trees hold the key to life and death. China is beginning to realize how true this is; it has become apparent that her great famines are due to the absence of trees. Forests, it is now known, affect the whole climatic conditions of a country, and China needs forests to conserve moisture and prevent drought.

Railroad Men Co-operate

Presidents of forty railroad companies in New York were invited to a

conference, on March 22, by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. They considered forest fire prevention methods which they can put into effect to reduce the damage to timberlands adjacent to the railroad tracks in all sections of the State. The railroad representatives discussed with the Department of Forestry plans for safety strip development along the tracks, inspection of engines to see that they are properly equipped to prevent the starting of forest fires, claims for damage caused by forest fires, and methods of publicity to impress the public with the destructive effects of forest fires.

GATHERING OF THE MACS

Scottish Settlers on C. P. R. liner all respond to same salutation

NEWCOMERS to Canada this spring included a party of thirteen stalwarts from the Hebrides which arrived in Canada on the Canadian Pacific liner "Tunisian." On the arrival of the vessel at St. John a reporter seeing a friend aboard called up "Hullo Mac," and every one of the party looked down over the rail. They were all Macs, three McLeans, three McDonalds, two McKenzies, two McTavishes, a McPherson, a McIntyre, and a McIntosh. To accentuate the Scotch flavor the priest who brought the party out from Scotland was Father McDonnell and they were all met on arrival and escorted to the dock by the Canadian Pacific's colonization agent Andrew McDuff. Ensued a meeting of the clans with the air foggy with Gaelic. They were a handsome lot, all single men, under thirty, strong and healthy and hand-picked for their qualities, all bent on tearing up more Canadian soil. They created considerable attention in the vicinity of Windsor Station on their arrival in Montreal for all are near the six foot mark and some over it and their chests and shoulders are built in proportion. Every one is a veteran of the Imperial Army and several wear decorations won in the late war. Best of all they are only the forerunners of one hundred and fifty Scottish crofters coming to Canada this summer to transfer their farming activities to Canadian soil. And every one is a Mac.