

as fine as possible with a sharp steel rake or a fine toothed harrow before sowing the seed and it should have an application of finely ground bone dust applied at the rate of four to six hundred pounds per acre. The bone dust should be raked or harrowed into the surface before sowing the seed.

It is a mistake to think that seed can be sown only in the spring. It can be sown at any time during the summer or early fall if it is desirable to do so. All that is necessary is that there shall be sufficient moisture at the time of sowing to germinate the seed. Newly sown ground should be watered daily with a fine spray during the dry weather.

To obtain a close, thick sod, seed should be used liberally. It is a mistake to use poor seed. The very best seed from a reputable seed-house should be used and not less than fifty pounds per acre is required and even seventy-five pounds will not make the turf too close. The grass should be sown when the air is still so that seed will fall evenly. By going over the ground from end to end and then again from side to side a more even distribution will be secured. When sowing the seed should be lightly covered with fine soil by going over the surface lightly with a fine rake. If the ground is dry at the time of seeding it should be watered daily with a fine spray. The finer the soil and more thorough the covering of the seed and the better watering the better will be the lawn.

If the lawn is well covered, properly fertilised, and kept closely mown, the sod will improve from year to year, as many of the old English lawns have been established and maintained continuously for over two hundred years. The close, frequent cuttings keep weeds and coarse grass from getting any foothold in the lawn, and if the roots are well and frequently fed with bone and other suitable fertilisers, the finer grasses spread and become more dense, excluding the coarse crab grass which is apt to smother out the fine grass in lawns during the hot summer months in some sections.

Many gardeners think that the grass should be let grow rather taller late in the fall to make a protection for the roots, but that is a mistake, and the lawn should be kept closely mown all through the fall months and until it ceases to grow, for if left to get tall in the fall a great deal of the grass will die out during the winter, and this long, dead grass will have to be raked out by hand in the spring before the lawn can be made to take on a fresh velvety appearance. If it is closely mown late in the fall it will start into growth very early the following spring. When ground is dry on surface, early in spring, a good raking will assist the growth very much.

## Unity in Diversity

LORD MILNER, in his address to the Canadian Club of Vancouver, said that the success of Confederation was due to the combining of independence in local affairs with an effective union for common affairs. This is quite true but it is not the whole truth. It would be perhaps nearer the truth to say that the Dominion by taking away from each of the provinces some of their greatest functions made itself strong enough to impress on each division the danger of trying to quarrel with the central government. If the Maritime Provinces had known how to "break away," they had assuredly done so. Even now they would favour independence if they had the courage to go through the struggle which it would require.

To reverse the picture, it is a question if local independence does not tend to breed local jealousies which work against the general good. Go west, and you will find Manitoba jealous of Ontario, though Manitoba was created by Ontario people, and also jealous of Saskatchewan and Alberta which are larger and developing very fast. British Columbia has been jealous of the assistance given to the three prairie provinces and has long complained that it did not get "its share" of the general favours. The rivalry between Ontario and Quebec is as keen as the rivalry between Toronto and Montreal, and rivalry is a modest term indeed in this case. When the National Transcontinental was being arranged for, the Grand Trunk did not want to go through Quebec and the Maritime Provinces by a new route. The Quebec and Maritime Province representatives, however, forced Mr. Hays' hand and the line was extended to Moncton, via Quebec city. Now Moncton is an inland town, instead of a seaport, and why should it be the terminus of a national railway? Simply because, the jealousies of Halifax and St. John prevented either one being named as the chosen one.

Confederation is solid, however, in spite of these provincial and sectional jealousies. In some ways they work against the federal authority and in some ways they help it to maintain its authority. The Dominion cabinet adroitly plays one section against another, one set of provinces against another set and profits by the dissensions thus created. Moreover, by holding the provinces together for a period of forty years, they have become accustomed to the chains that bind them. Indeed, they have come to love them and admire them. They glory in the larger outlook which their membership in Confederation gives them. They realise that to be a Canadian is to be greater than to be a Nova-Scotian or a British-Columbian. They realise that a strong federal government can do many things which a number of small provincial governments could not do. The rivalries and the jealousies remain, but we are all proud of the federal authority, of the national organisation, of the national name and fame. When the pass beyond the boundaries of our local habitation we are Canadians, not Quebecers nor Manitobans. When the nation is spoken of by other peoples, the nine provinces are forgotten and only the Dominion is remembered.

Perhaps, reflecting on this situation will bring home to some of us, that these local jealousies are weak and foolish, and that we will be a stronger nation as we weaken the force of unsympathetic sectional feeling.

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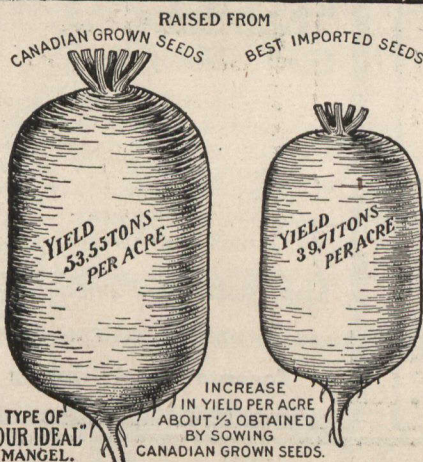
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