

PLANTING PERENNIALS IN AUTUMN

ALTHOUGH perennials are so easily grown they are comparatively scarce in Canadian gardens. There are sufficient hardy varieties adapted to northern sections to brighten up the gardens in the coldest districts. The trouble is the people do not know the plants. In some cases success has been achieved with some common plants, such as the Sweet William, but the grower became tired of such commonplace specimens and began experimenting with new ones which are not so easily grown nor yet so beautiful.

The object should be to get those which add the most beauty and can be grown most easily. Although experiments should be carried on with new introductions, this should not cause the old stand-bys to be discarded. If the new plant is a success, get more of it, but also keep some of the kind which seems more common. What flowers give better effect than a bed of perennial phlox or some Rudbeckia or even a row of hollyhocks?

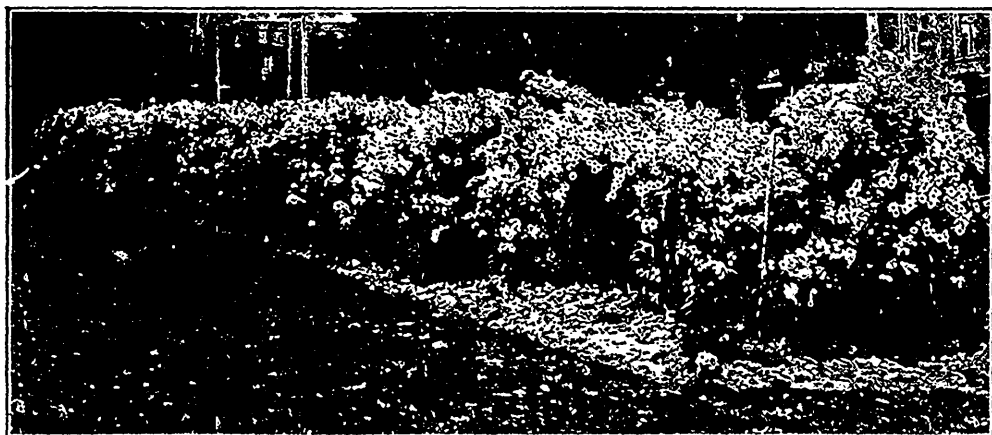
The border represented in the illustration is composed of coreopsis and perennial poppies, which gave good bloom during the early part of the season, and different

species of Boltonia, perennial phlox and pyrethrum for bloom later in the season. This border produced a very striking effect.

The different perennials capable of enduring the most severe winters of Ontario are too numerous to mention. The attention required by them does not vary much. The common method of propagation is by root division. In past years the usual practice has been to do the transplanting in the spring of the year. Recently, however, many growers have been adopting fall planting, and in most cases success has been the result.

"Such plants as phlox, peonies, golden glow, bleeding heart and the German iris," said Mr. Geo. Long, manager of Wm. Rennie's greenhouses, to *The Horticulturist* a few days ago, "do better when planted in the fall. All those plants which make an early start in the spring can be set out about the last of September or early in October. This usually results in earlier bloom and a larger truss of better flowers.

"There are, however, some perennials, such as the hollyhock, which are very unsatisfactory when fall planting is practiced. The frost kills a large percentage of them.



Beautiful Border of Hardy Perennials