

of the California fruit producers was feasible. He thought that before any such campaign could be carried on to make honey popular, the beekeepers themselves must be educated along lines of organization and co-operation. He favored Manitoba having a "honey day," say in conjunction with Thanksgiving, when everybody would observe the day by eating a little honey. He thought that grocers and the local papers would co-operate in making such a day popular. He further advocated the use of some moving pictures on the subject of bees in connection with the schools.

He pointed out that the beekeepers of Manitoba were in an enviable position compared with parts of Eastern Canada and the United States, as the demand here for honey is largely in excess of the supply. The present duty on honey was no guarantee against competition. The reciprocity agreement might yet be accepted and we should anticipate greater competition by more publicity. Ontario white clover honey could easily be combatted as ours is equally good. At present prices honey is one of the cheapest of foods.

Horticultural Association

Valuable papers and discussions filled the time of the Horticultural and Forestry association convention on Thursday.

"Vegetables for the Farm" was interestingly dealt with by C. I. Barager, of Elm Creek. The farm garden should have a place on every Manitoba farm. Too few farmers had gardens that deserved to be called such. One-third of the requirements of the farmer's table could easily, and with little effort, be raised without a great deal of time spent on it. A supply of good vegetables was an absolute necessity to every family. Usually from a half to one acre should be found sufficient for a garden. Part of this should be planted with small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries and currants. After the planting is accomplished a little work at the right time will keep them in the proper condition for fruit bearing.

Vegetables can be grown from the lightest soil to the heaviest clay. Cultivation and a liberal supply of good manure would go far to ensure a good garden. The soil could scarcely be made too rich. Great care should be exercised in the selection of good seed, which should come from a reliable seed house.

J. A. Neilson, of the Manitoba Agricultural College, spoke on "Preparing a Horticultural Exhibit for the Fair." Quality should be looked for first. Size is the second qualification. Medium-sized vegetables are superior to the larger or smaller specimens. Firmness is a point always to be desired in vegetables. All specimens should be thoroughly cleaned and uniform in size. They should be properly classed and named.

Fruits for the Farm

A. P. Stevenson, of Morden, who is undoubtedly the most experienced and best known fruit grower in Manitoba and perhaps in Western Canada, spoke on "Fruits for the Farm." He dealt solely with his own experience. The main thing in growing fruit trees was to have, first, a shelter belt of forest trees. These should be planted forty or fifty feet away from the fruit trees, principally on account of the spread of the roots. By planting in long rows horse cultivation was made easy.

Strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries he had grown successfully. For strawberries he recommended the Ever-bearing varieties. The best of these was the "America."

For growing apples Mr. Stevenson said you must select a tree of sufficient hardiness to stand Manitoba winters. You must have shelter. He had a thousand apple trees. Some are crabs, thirty years old, and large apple trees, twenty-five years old. All are still bearing fruit. He thought anyone could grow these fruits in Manitoba who would give the subject a little thought and a little labor.

"Farm Forestry" was the subject of a very interesting address by Norman M. Ross, chief of the tree-planting division at the Dominion government forestry farm at Indian Head. We cannot give Mr. Ross' address in this issue on account of lack of space.

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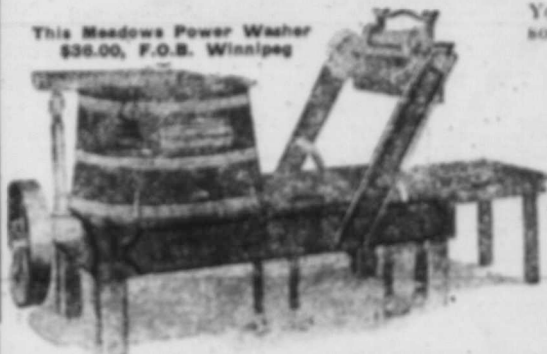
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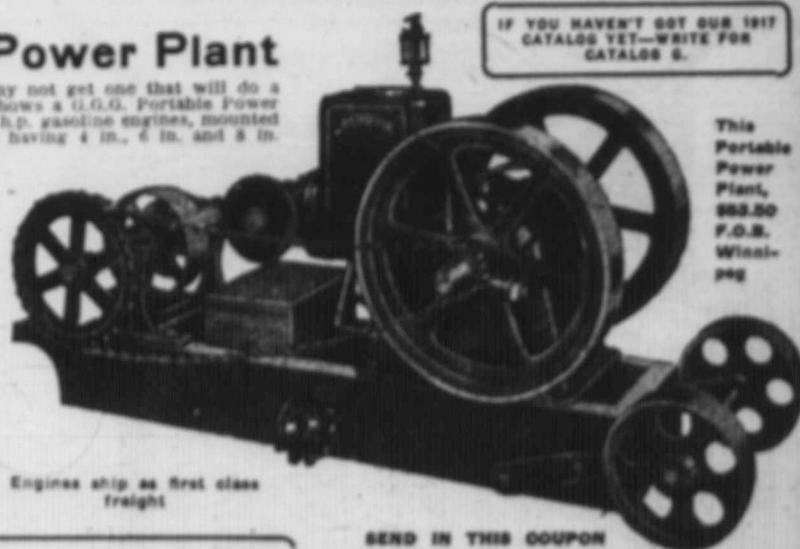
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