

WESTERN CANADA'S PROSPECTS FOR 1914

Excellent Spring for Work and Wheat Seeding About Finished.

The writer has just returned from an extensive trip through the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, in Western Canada. The crop conditions are the very best, and no one locally seems to have an advantage over another in this respect. The uniformity in growth is remarkable, and in all parts of the three provinces spring wheat at the time of writing, May 10th, is well above the ground from two to three inches. Considerable fall plowing was done last year, and this, with the summer fallow, is already seeded, so that practically wheat seeding is over by this date. Everywhere the farmers are busy and the whole country presents one great scene of activity—three-horse, four-horse and five-horse teams are busy preparing land for barley, oats and flax. On some of the larger farms batteries of steam and gasoline outfits are at work, but in a great many districts where these have been operated in the past they are being displaced by horses, owing to no doubt partially to the difficulty of securing experienced men to operate them. Anyway, there is being put into agriculture in Western Canada, greater effort with more promise than for some years past. The soil is in the best possible condition; moisture has been sufficient, there have been no winds to dry out the soil, and if the farmers have had to lay up for a day or so now and again, it was merely that the ground might have the advantage of the rain and an occasional snow, which promise so much for the growing crop. With some warm weather the grain will come along in a manner that will equal the best years Western Canada has ever had.

It must not be thought from this that the farmers are full bent on securing a grain crop alone. In nearly every district there is more and more the indication and inclination to go into mixed farming. Herds of cattle now dot the plains that up to the present had been fully given up to grain growing, hogs and sheep are in evidence. New buildings are to be seen on a great many places, these being pig houses and cow stables, although protection of cattle is not regularly required, excepting for calves and such cows as it may be necessary to house from time to time.

The growing of alfalfa and other fodder grasses is an industry that is being rapidly developed. During this spring a splendid class of new settlers have gone in, many of them from the eastern states. These have seen what success the western and central states man has achieved in Western Canada, and are now going in in hundreds. The movement from Montana, Oregon and Washington to Canada continues without any abatement as to numbers and value of effects, while the central and eastern

states are still sending an excellent class of farmers with means sufficient to begin farming on a scale that will pay from the start.

Those who contemplate visiting the Panama Exposition next year will find that one of the most interesting trips they can make will be via the Canadian West. There will be three lines of railway they can use—the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific, all of which will have through to coast lines completed. Thus will be given a view of prairie, woodland and mountain scenery unexcelled in America.—Advertisement.

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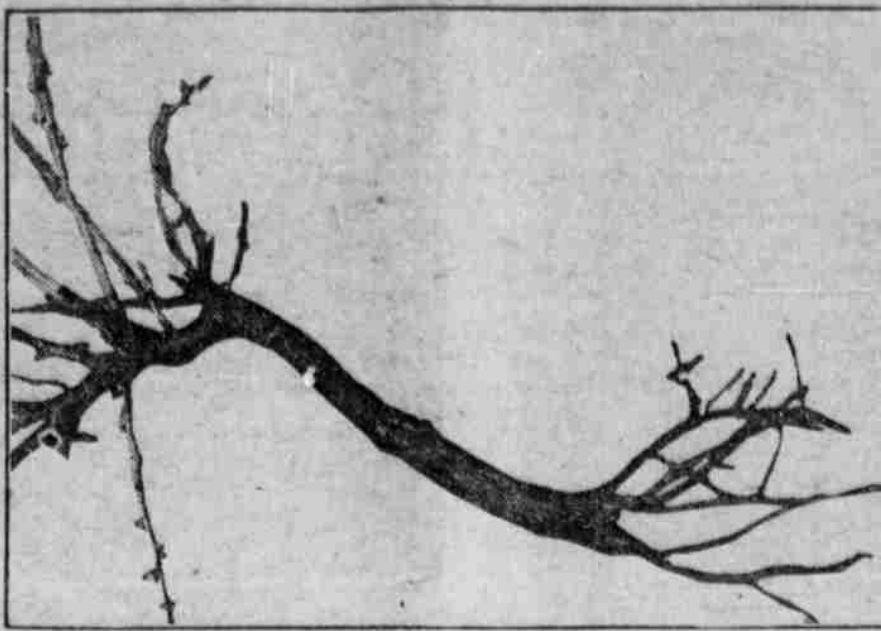
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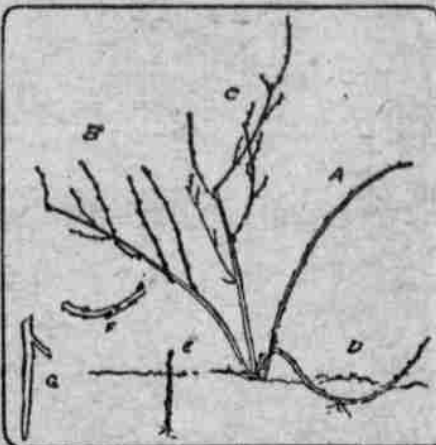
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PROPAGATE CURRANTS AND GOOSEBERRIES



The English Gooseberry Borer is a Thing to Look Out For—Spraying is the Best Preventive.

There are many ways to propagate the gooseberry and currant, says Rural New Yorker. If new varieties are wanted seeds are used, which are washed from the ripe fruit and planted in the fall, or stratified until ground is fit for planting in spring. If one desires to propagate a certain variety it may be done by separation, layering or cuttings. Many times these fruits will send up suckers, which if separated from the plant with some roots attached, make good plants. Layering is a very easy means of propagating. Cuttings are also easy to start, and though a large percentage may fail if carelessly handled, it will be the quickest way to increase the plants. The drawing shows a one-year-old shoot of gooseberry at A. This is the proper age to use for cuttings and layering, although the two-year-old shoot at B may be layered, but would not be apt to give as good a plant as



Propagating the Gooseberry.

the one-year shoot A. The three-year-old shoot at C is not desirable for either fruiting or propagation, and should be removed to give the younger wood a better chance. D shows a one-year-old shoot bent down and covered with earth. The tip is left uncovered, and usually a cut is made on the under side at the bend, as shown at F. This hastens root formation. The cut should not be made too deep. A small forked stick, as shown at G, is handy to hold in place the shoots that are too stiff to be held down by the soil placed over it. The layers should be laid down in the fall or spring, and left in place till the following fall, when they may be removed to permanent quarters.

Cuttings should be taken from the one-year shoots such as A. Wood for cuttings should be cut with knife or shears, as broken ends seldom heal as well. The cuttings should have from eight to twelve eyes or buds, and are best taken in the fall, tied in bundles and buried with butts up till spring. The cuttings should be entirely covered, and in a well-drained place. The object in inverting the cuttings is to give the butts a chance to calous without starting growth in the tops. In the spring the cuttings must be dug up as soon as the ground will permit, and are then ready to plant in rows about two or three inches apart in the row. Only two or three of the upper buds are exposed. The cuttings should be given clean culture. The plants

should be removed to the permanent quarters the following fall.

If it is not convenient to take the cuttings in the fall, they may be taken in the spring and planted in the rows the same as the trenced cuttings were. The age of the parent plant will make little or no difference to the cuttings, provided these are strong one-year-old shoots. Great emphasis should be given to the fact that cuttings should be taken from the best plants. If the plant is weak, if poor in its habit of growth or subject to disease more than the others, it should be discarded so far as propagation goes.

SPRAYING POTATOES TO AVOID BLIGHTS

Increased Yield Is Sufficient to Pay for Operation—Grower Is Winner Either Way.

The results of 20 years' work with potatoes at the Vermont station shows that spraying with bordeaux mixture, even in years like 1910, when no blight occurs, increases the yield of the plants to which it is applied. This increased yield is always sufficient to pay for the cost of spraying operations. Spraying is to be regarded as an insurance that pays for itself.

If the blights are prevalent, the potatoes, if thoroughly sprayed, are insured against loss therefrom; if the season is a dry one and no disease occurs, still the crop will be enough larger to pay for all the cost of spraying. The careful potato grower wins either way, no matter what the weather or disease conditions.

Buttermilk for Calves.

Experiments have shown that calves fed on buttermilk make as good gains and are less subject to scours than those fed on skim milk. The condition of the buttermilk should be the same at all times, just the same as skim milk. It should not be too old, lumpy or bitter. Buttermilk has practically the same composition as skim milk, and should be fed in the same quantities and manner. It should not, however, be fed to the calf before it is at least three weeks old, and the change from sweet milk to buttermilk should be very gradual, taking at least three weeks.

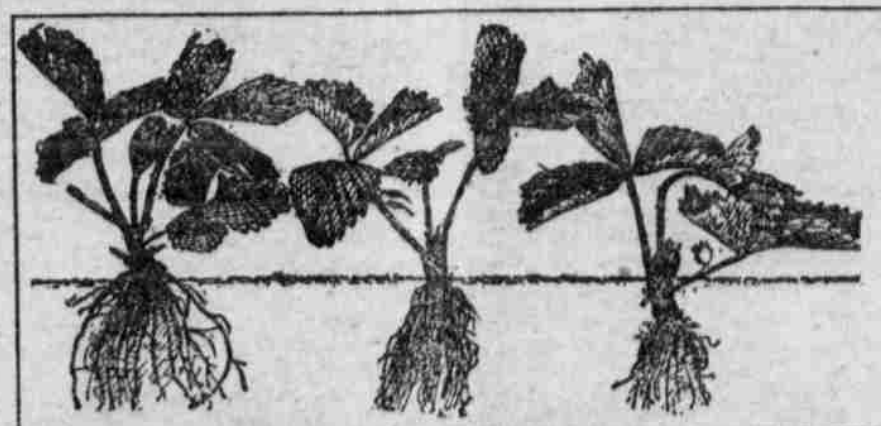
Returns Plant Food.

Only a comparative small proportion of the millfeed is actually utilized by the cow. Practically all of its plant food may be returned to the soil if it is properly conserved. Herein rests a very important factor in the operation of the dairy.

Mulch for Raspberries.

A mulch of manure on the raspberry patch is good for next season's crop, but it should not be so heavy near the plants as to furnish a harbor for field mice, beneath which they can dig down and eat the roots.

CHIEF ERRORS IN STRAWBERRY PLANTING



Methods of Planting Strawberries.

There are several methods of planting strawberries in general use, which may be modified to suit the planter. The method in common use, is the matted row system.

In the spring, when land is in good condition to work, harrow, smooth and mark out rows four feet apart and as long as possible. Then set the plants at 18 or 20 inch intervals in the rows, cultivate often enough to keep weeds out and the soil loose until September, when, if the plants are vigorous grow-

ers, the runners should be about six inches apart.

Many people fail to get strawberry plants to grow after being set. Probably the chief mistakes are shown to the right and the left in this drawing. The plant at the right is set too deeply; that at the left too high or shallow. The correct method is shown in the center. The crown of the plant should be level with the surface of the ground to give the plant proper chance for development.

Law Condoned Negligence.

In Kelsey vs. Rebuszini, in the supreme court of errors of Connecticut, it appeared that defendant, after notice that a division wire fence between his lot and a lot where plaintiff pastured his cattle was broken, took no steps to repair it and the following day plaintiff's heifers passed through the broken fence and reached a lot lying south of both of such lots and there cropped grass which had been poisoned in the mixing of a spray for potato vines, in consequence of which part of them died. Defendant did not know that the potatoes had been sprayed, or that any poison had been spilled on the grass and could not have anticipated that some person might have scattered poison about the grass there. It was held, assuming defendant's negligence, that it was not the proximate cause of injury.

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