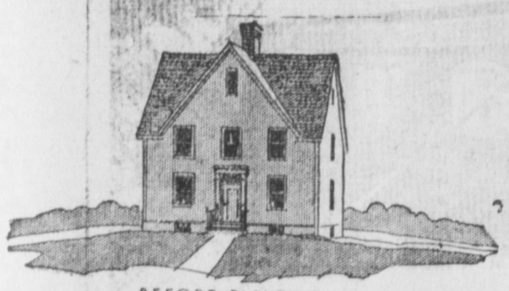
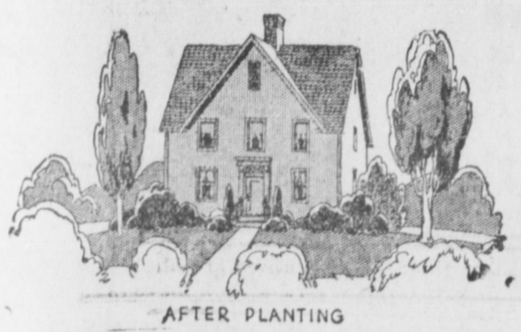
Gardens and Gardening In Northern British Columbia

PLANTING IMPROVES HOUSE DESIGN



BEFORE PLANTING



AFTER PLANTING

Notice the contrast in the above pictures. They are identically the same, except in one an improved appearance has been created by the use of planting. Almost any desired effect can be achieved with planting. If the house seems too tall, it can be made to look lower with planting. If the house seems harsh in appearance, the house picture can be softened with the proper use of shrubs, trees and flowers. If the home picture lacks color, it can be secured through blooming trees, shrubs and flowers.

Whether you realize it or not, your opinion of the man you met today for the first time is largely influenced by his personal appearance. Clothes do not make the man but they are a great factor in the impression which he creates in those who come in contact with him.

The same principle applies to the home even more than to the individual, and the mental pictures which the casual visitor carries with him of your home is largely of the outside appearance of the house and grounds. And his impression of your home and family is influenced to a considerable extent before he ever sets foot inside the house.

In planning your improvements always bear in mind the fact that, aside from the house itself, the most important feature of the grounds is the lawn, and any shrubbery plantings and trees which are used should be placed in such a way as to bring out the beauty of the house and lawn and make a setting for them.

Shrubbery and trees are absolutely essential on any grounds, but it is highly important that they be so arranged as to produce the best effect possible on the place as a whole. To obtain satisfactory results it is necessary that you have a definite idea of the ultimate growth and appearance of the shrubs and trees you are using, and be sure that the varieties you select are hardy in this climate.

In planting the shrub, the important thing is to get the soil worked in among the roots. This is done by using loose soil, by shaking the plant gently up and down as the soil is thrown in, and by working the soil down among the roots with a stick about the size of a broom handle. Before the hole is completely filled the soil should be packed firmly by pressing it with the feet. If the shrubs are to be watered filling should cease before all the soil is thrown in, so a good portion of water can collect there and soak in. Watering is done in case of late spring planting when there is apt not to be much rain and the weather has started to become quite warm. After the water has soaked in the soil should again be made firm, the plant straightened and the hole filled up with loose soil, left loose, to act as a mulch.

Try a Daily News want-ad. It will bring results.

PLANT for BEAUTY and UTILITY

Gardens for flowers as well as for vegetables! Seeds and plants must be bought with care to assure the perfect development of your "crops." Make sure that your months of labor on your gardens will not be in vain. Buy only the finest! They cost no more than inferior ones.

Prince Rupert Floral Shop

(MRS. R. McCARTHY)

Third Avenue. Phone Red 183

The A.B.C's of Landscape Gardening

May is the month of rapid-fire action. Lay your plans to make every day count.

Prune shrubs that flower on this season's growth now; prune all other early flowering shrubs after they have bloomed.

To grow a hedge in a shady position two things are necessary; heavy fertilization, and very severe pruning. Prune hedges early and often to keep the bottom dense. A-shaped, that is, to give the base sunlight and air so necessary to dense leaf growth.

Consider your apples and pears and spray them at the right time. First when the cluster buds show pink and are separate; later when three-fourths of petals have fallen and calyx end of the apples closes.

Most annuals may be started out of doors now. Have the soil prepared far enough ahead so that it will pulverize when being worked.

A few long blooming annuals will, in many cases, improve the looks of the border, due to their fine flowering qualities.

Keep the tall flowers supported with individual stakes, the grass edges clipped, and remove old stalks from the bed.

Formal evergreens and hedges should now be clipped. Hedge shears are the best tool to prevent any voids in the trees.

CARING FOR PERENNIAL BORDER

No garden or border of perennials should be allowed to become overcrowded or too bare. Removal of a few plants, where they have become crowded, may entail a sacrifice, but it should be done.

Bare places are bound to occur at unexpected times and in unexpected places. If left unfilled they are apt to ruin the appearance of the border. Where possible, it it best to replace the plants that have died with the same varieties. For emergency use and for general supplementary planting, annual flowers are the life savers. Many of the annuals can be sown directly in the place where they are to serve, while others ran be moved in as needed. There is hardly a border that can present a good appearance throughout the season without the use of annuals. Many annuals can be moved from the nursery or service garden into the border in mid-season if the proper precautions are taken not to disturb the roots.

Flowers should be removed by cutting, instead of breaking.

Flowers having gone to seed will appear unsightly and discourage further blooming if not removed immediately.

Staking Perennials

Many of the coarser growing plants have to be staked if they are to remain in an upright position. Staking is an art in itself. If improperly done, it will appear unsightly. One stake, preferably green and inconspicuous, should be used for each branch requiring support. Never should the whole plant be bunched around one stake. The best material for tying the plant to the stake is raffia, which can be secured in light buff or natural color and stained green or brown if desired.

SPRAYS FOR FRUITS

Pears, plums and cherries bloom early and should have preventative sprays directed against insects and diseases which establish themselves almost when the first buds swell. Apples, also, need a course of spraying for the same reason, though they bloom later and their spray program extends into June.

There are three sprays applicable in general to all fruits above named: 1. Bud spray, just before flower buds open. 2. Calyx spray, just after petals fall. 3. When fruit is set, about two weeks later. A spray mixture on the basis of one-fifth pint lime-sulphur concentrate, two-thirds ounce arsenate of lead paste and one gallon of water, may be used for all three sprays. This is known as a "summer strength mixture." If powdered arsenate is used, only one-third ounce is needed.

Aphis is controlled by lead arsenate or nicotine sprays. Currents and gooseberries should be sprayed just before leaves develop fully, with lead arsenate, two-thirds ounce paste or one-third ounce powder to a gallon of water. This is a preventative against worms.

One teaspoon commercial nicotine, such as Black Leaf 40, to one gallon of water, is sufficient for aphids. Add about an ounce of soap to soften water and spread the spray.

Leipzig is the paradise of the bookworm. It has been selling books for two centuries, and the streets might have been paved with the total sales.

HOW TO PREVENT SLUGS EATING UP GARDEN PLANTS

There have been a number of replies in regard to stopping the depredations of slugs. One local person suggests that soot taken from the kitchen stove or stove pipes will do the work but another says soot is not always effective although it is beneficial. Where there are only a few choice plants to protect broken pieces of glass laid in such a way as to form a ring around the plants will keep the slugs way. Coarse sand or gravel around a plant will also prove an almost insurmountable obstacle.

Salt will kill the slugs or keep them away but rain soon dissolves the salt and much salt injures the soil.

Garden Field Seeds

FERTILIZER

BULKLEY VALLEY HAY AND GRAIN

Prince Rupert Feed Co.

PHONE 58

GARDENING---A GLORIOUS HOBBY

"It seems agreed that a hobby not overridden is a wise possession for every one, and it has grown on me, during these gardening years, that no hobby is so safe and sane for a woman as a garden. It centres about the home; the children and other members of the family may have a part in it; friends may enjoy it, and the influence of its beauty and sweetness reaches far and wide."—Louise Beebe Wilder in "My Garden."

This quotation from "My Garden," by Louise Beebe Wilder, tells a story which will be sympathetically appreciated by all garden lovers. Coming from one whose glorious hobby is gardening it should be convincing to all who read it.

Suppose, though, you have never tried gardening. You might feel that anyone who has a hobby could make as convincing an argument about their hobby as the quotation above. And this, perhaps, is true, but wait until you have tried gardening, we counter.

You can "ask the man who owns one," then try it and see for yourself — so the automobile people tell us. The same holds true in gardening. Try it once, see how much it holds in store for you.

We believe the real secret of the fascination of the gardening hobby—the thing which makes it glorious—is the genuine satisfaction of creating that which is useful and beautiful through our own efforts.

One need not be a great artist, a gardener of experience, or a person of wealth or ease, to indulge in and to get something with gardening. As a hobby it gives you material accumulation in things of use and beauty—it creates things others admire and wish to see and have. It gives you inspiration, bodily rejuvenation and mental relaxation. And best of all ,it gives you fun if it is practiced as a real hobby.

The Hedge

LARGEST SKATING RINK IN EUROPE

Switzerland has the largest skating ring in Europe at the mountain resort of Davos. It measures over seven acres and is divided into sections for skating, curling and hockey—all of it in perfect condition.

"NUGGET" Shoe Polish

gives a brilliant lasting shine with a minimum of effort. Use it daily on your shoes, not only for appearance's sake but also because it preserves the leather.

THE "NUGGET" TIN OPENS WITH A TWIST! 61

Fashion Fancies

Patou's Charming "Mimosa" Achieves Deserved Fame

The famous frock called "Mimosa," for which Patou is responsible is here reproduced in black chiffon. It is soft and feminine without being "drippy."

The dress is perfectly fitted, with a swathed portion attached to a band up the back. This flares into a little train at the heels. Note the charming V-neck in back which develops into a ruffled bertha.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert is:

The terminus of the Canadian National Railway.
The Central administrative point for the whole of central and northern British Columbia.
The nearest point in British Columbia to the Orient.
The centre of the halibut and salmon fishing business.
The centre of an extensive mining and lumbering district.

Prince Rupert has:

One of the finest harbors in the world.
The largest fresh halibut business in the world.
The largest fish cold storage plant in the world.
A large, strictly modern drydock and shipbuilding plant.
A grain elevator leased to the Alberta Wheat Pool with capacity of 1,250,000 bushels.
A large, modern ocean dock.
A new modern lumber mill, planing and shingle mills and box factory with capacity output of 60,000 board feet daily.
Fish reduction plant.
A new mill at Porpoise Harbor and another building alongside it seven miles from the city.
Railway shops employing about 75 men.
Several ship sheds for building and repairing small craft.
Provincial government district offices and court house.
Dominion government fisheries, customs, and other offices.
Marine department central station.
Dominion government wireless station.
Canadian National district offices.
Dominion fisheries experimental station.
B. C. Packers district offices.
Consolidated Mining & Smelting district assay office.
P. Burns Co., Ltd., modern abattoir.
Several docks and wharves used by coasting vessels.
Number of fish houses doing an export business.
About twenty salmon canneries in the neighborhood.
Several fishery supply and shipchandlery establishments.
Several wholesale houses doing a large business in the district.
Fine modern retail stores.
Good steamship services to Alaska and south to Vancouver and Victoria and west to the Queen Charlotte Islands.
Three large oil and gasoline distribution stations.
Good hotels and restaurants.

Prince Rupert has:

Modern high school with first year university classes
Four public schools with over thirty teachers.
Seven churches representing the most important demonina-tions.
Paved streets and concrete sidewalks in the business section.
Well kept gardens and pretty residences.
Number of clubs and fraternal organizations.

Prince Rupert has:

No severe cold in winter.
No extreme heat in summer.
No mosquitos or other insect pests.
Great opportunities for boating, fishing and hunting.
Fewer climatic or other disadvantages than most places in Canada.
A harbor that never freezes.