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Gardening....

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

STILL TIME—Everyone likes to boast about the first potatoes or the first bloom of a certain flower, but there is as much satisfaction, perhaps even more, in having blooms and fresh vegetables long after the regular season. In most parts of Canada this is easily possible. As a matter of fact late plantings usually grow faster and often better than those things planted early. With certain tender plants, too, including a long list of flowers, and the melons, cucumbers, squashes, corn, etc., there is no advantage in planting or setting out before the soil and air are really warm.

Aside from things like grass, sweet peas and nursery stock, which should get established before the really hot weather, one can go on planting regularly right up to early July in most parts of the country. Expert gardeners who want to get the most out of their land, indeed, make a regular practice of sowing a few rows of beets, carrots, beans, corn, and such things every fortnight up to the end of June or even into July. If we give these late gardens a little extra cultivation, a little watering and possibly some quick-acting commercial fertilizer they will come along fast and mature in plenty of time before frost.

A GOOD TIME TO PLAN—From now right through to fall is an excellent time to look around and make notes for the bigger and better garden we are going to have next year. It's an excellent idea to keep a note-

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book and list certain things we are going to have for sure next year. We should jot down such items as color and season of bloom, height, resistance to disease and drought and, of course, the name of anything we see growing in a neighbor's garden that we hope to have in our own.

With certain lines of nursery stock, most shrubs, trees, vines, etc., one can buy and plant in the fall just as well as next spring. By doing this we get these established earlier and save time for other jobs next year.

GIVE THEM ROOM—Thinning flowers and vegetables, especially those that come from fine seed, is a bother but it will be well worthwhile in sturdier and better plants. With flowers this will mean earlier and bigger blooms and less loss from winds and heavy rains. With vegetables like carrots, beets, lettuce, etc., it will be finer flavor and quicker growth, which means more tenderness. Properly spaced, properly thinned vegetables are much easier to cultivate, too. If at all possible one should leave enough room between each plant so that a small hoe or a special long-handled cultivator can be used. These implements will save hours of hand-weeding drudgery.

SAVE LABOR—And speaking of long handles, this is a good point with all our garden tools. Cultivators, spudders, spades, rakes, and practically everything we use to dig, cut or prune are much more easily operated if they have long handles. Even the little single-pronged cultivator is handier with a three-to-five-foot handle. Thus equipped it will save a lot of stooping.

Another point in this labor-saving business. The average person is inclined to plant rows far too close together. Of course one can grow beets, carrots, beans, etc., in rows only 12 inches apart if space is very limited, but it will be much easier for cultivation if these are two feet or more apart, and with a garden cultivator they should be at least 30 inches or better still, three feet.

local and PERSONAL

● S.O.N. meeting, June 11, 8 p.m. (136c)

Mrs. H. R. Frost of Masset arrived in the city on the Coquitlam yesterday afternoon for a visit of a few days in the city.

● Salt Lake Ferry running every Sunday starting at 12 noon, weather permitting. (11)

J. S. Eckman, president of the Canadian Fishing Co., after a brief visit to the city, sailed by the Coquitlam last evening on his return to Vancouver.

● Attention Oddfellows, Rebekahs and sojourning members—Memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. Place: Oddfellows' Hall. (137c)

J. H. Patterson, president of the Mining Corporation of Canada, Toronto, was a passenger aboard the Camosun last evening going through for a visit to the Torbit mine at Alice Arm.

● Regular Moose meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 8 p.m. (137c)

Mrs. H. Mork returned to the city on Saturday afternoon's plane from Victoria where she attended graduation exercises of her daughter, Miss Solveig Mork, from Royal Jubilee Hospital training school for nurses.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hartwig returned to the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon from Victoria where they attended the graduation exercises of their daughter, Miss Rosemarie Hartwig from Royal Jubilee Hospital training school for nurses.

G. H. McKinnell, manager of J. H. Todd & Sons cannery at Klemtu, came north from Vancouver to the plant down the coast on the Camosun at the end of the week. He was accompanied by company executives from Vancouver in the persons of D. Pollock and J. H. Leaver.

Mr. and Mrs. James McVie and two children, Margaret and Jimmy, have arrived in the city to take up residence and are making their home temporarily on Borden Street. Mrs. McVie is the sister of Alex Haig and Mrs. William Baxter of this city and it is 23 years since they last met. Mr. McVie was a building supervisor in the Old Country and he intends to follow that line here.

If you want to advertise

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark of Mill Bay were passengers aboard the Camosun last evening returning to their home on the Naas River after a visit to Vancouver and Victoria. They are the foster parents of Frank Calder, MLA for Atlin.

Gerry Woodside, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Woodside, McBride Street, arrived in the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon from Vancouver. Recently he had been at Oliver in the Osoyoos district of southern British Columbia. He may decide to locate here.

Announcements

At Catholic Hall, tea and home cooking sale, June 14, commencing at 2:30 p.m. In evening, final tournament card party, prize-giving and raffle, commencing at 8 p.m.

Past Mistresses L.O.B.A. sale of homecooking and candy, June 16.

Girl Guide Tea and Sale, Annunciation Hall June 16.

Queen Mary L.O.D.E. tea, June 21, Mrs. F. Thornton's, 400 4th West, 2-5.

Soroptimist Novelty Square Dance, June 25.

Canadian Legion Auxiliary tea, homecooking sale, Legion Hall, June 28.

Women's Coordinating Tea, Sept. 20.

Catholic Fall Bazaar, October 3 and 4.

Rebekah Bazaar, October 20.

Presbyterian Fall Sale, November 15. (153c)

Cathedral Bazaar, November 17. (153c)

St. Peter's Fall Bazaar, November 29.

Port Edward, nearby Watson Island, was originally laid out as a townsite in 1910. It was conceived then as "Prince Rupert's Industrial Annex." The townsite was recently surveyed by the provincial government and lots are available there.

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Victoria Girl Is Navy Bride

Principals in a quiet wedding in St. Andrew's Cathedral at 8:30 last night were Miss Anna Isobelle Hansen of Victoria and Writer Tony Chursky, RCN.

The groom, a veteran of the Korean war theatre aboard HMCS Cayuga, was recently transferred from Esquimalt to HMCS Chatham, Prince Rupert. His bride arrived yesterday for the marriage.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, 1917 Quadra Street, Victoria.

The bride wore a pale blue crepe dress with white hat and accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

Her attendant, Miss Rita Oullet, R.N., of the Prince Rupert General Hospital staff, wore a turquoise and black nylon dress with a gardenia corsage.

Both the groom and groomsman, P.O. William Thompson, wore Navy uniforms.

Canon Basil S. Prockter, who conducted the ceremony, wore his chaplain's scarf as reserve chaplain of the RCN.

Reception was held in the Chief Petty Officers' mess, at Chatham, and the toast was proposed by Staff Officer Lieutenant-Cdr. J. W. Gobby.

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