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New Nasturtium Has Forty Petals

Hybrid From 40,000 Crosses Is Brought Out After 11 Months Cultivation

NEW YORK, March 28: (CP)—A new type of nasturtium has been placed on view, and a reception was held for its creator, David Burpee of Philadelphia, at the Gardens of the Nations in Rockefeller Centre.

The new flower, which has been patented, is known as Burpee's Super Double Nasturtium, and in the United States patent office is called *tropaeolum majus* Burpeeii, plant patent No. 141.

The flower has between 40 and 50 petals and resembles a camellia in shape, whereas the ordinary nasturtium has only five petals, and the double hybrid has 10. Two colors have been developed to date, brilliant scarlet and golden. It was the result of 11 months' work, during which 40,000 flowers were hybridized and three generations of seeds were produced.

Mr. Burpee said work began in June 1933, and before it was through it was necessary to hire 100 Japanese women in California to pollinate the flowers and to use airplanes to rush seeds to South America and back, to get continuous summer growing conditions.

The 40,000 crosses were made between the golden gleam double-nasturtium, introduced from Mexico in 1932, and all the colors of the single nasturtium. One problem that arose was how to prevent bees from mixing up the pollen and interfering with the hybridization work. This was solved when it was found that bees would not touch those flowers whose petals were clipped off, because they had lost their beauty.

The object of the experiment was to prepare for market the result of this hybridizing and not to produce any startling new flower. The super-double type was an accident, Mr. Burpee explained, and was just as much a surprise to him as to the horticulturists.

WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Rail Shipments of Halibut Commence—First Halibut at Vancouver From B. and Y.—Oolachan Run On

Shipments of fresh halibut from Prince Rupert by rail to the eastern markets for the 1936 season opened during the past week when a total of 206,100 pounds was landed of which 89,300 pounds was from thirteen Canadian boats and 116,800 pounds from eleven American vessels. Prices opened well enough with a top of 10.9c and 8c for American fish and 9.9c and 7c for Canadian but this fell off towards the end of the week to 7c and 6c for American fish and 6c and 5c for Canadian. Total landings for the season up to yesterday were 217,400 pounds consisting of 100,600 pounds from Canadian vessels and 116,800 pounds from American.

An epidemic of influenza, some of the cases resembling the malady as it appeared in 1918, is sweeping the Prince Rupert halibut fleet following the opening of the 1936 season. Many boats have been forced to return to port with short catches owing to the illness among members of the crews. Some of the boats are reported to be tied up at North Island with sick fishermen.

Armour Salvage Co.'s power tug Daly, Capt. Reg Green, returned to port yesterday following a towing trip to Big Bay with a boom of logs from the Auril camp at Denise Arm. The Daly had gone out on this trip Thursday morning.

To take a tow of logs from the Billmor sawmill at Porpoise Harbour to Vancouver the Armour Salvage Co.'s power tug Algie, with Capt. Reg Green in command, left here yesterday. The Algie returned on Wednesday after a week's absence at Ocean Falls on a towing job for the Pacific Mills.

Model Yacht Race

The annual race for the Prince George Cup will take place on April 10 (Good Friday) or Sunday, April 12, according to weather conditions, and a meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the office of Captain J. R. Elfert, harbor master, to appoint committees and to register entries. Competitors will attend personally for registration and to furnish full particulars regarding length (waterline), sail area and weight of models. In order to allow sufficient time for marking, race positions will be drawn for at this meeting and later entries will be allotted numbers following in rotation.

Vancouver's first halibut of the season this year was landed on Monday of this week by the B. and Y. Capt. Don Yelf, which sold 11,000 pounds at 8.5c and 7.6c.

Having been delayed by heavy freights for cannery points, Union steamer Cardena, Capt. J. E. Boden, did not arrive until 7:45 this morning from the south, being about half a day late. The vessel sailed a couple of hours later on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

First oolachans of the season from Fishery Bay on the Naas River arrived at Prince Rupert on Monday, loads being brought in on that day and again on Wednesday by Joe Wright and James McKay of Port Simpson. Johnny Mather, also of Port Simpson, delivered a load to Port Essington.

Although quite a few of the trolling boats are out, spring salmon are still scarce in waters contiguous to Prince Rupert. H. Enocksen on Thursday landed a catch of 400 pounds to the Bacon Fisheries for which he received 11c and 5c.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, making the last of three voyages for the steamer Princess Adelaide, which has been undergoing annual overhaul at Victoria, arrived in port at 4:30 yesterday afternoon from the south and sailed at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

The Marine Department announces the finding of an uncharted rock at the entrance to Oliver Cove near Port Blackney in Matheson Channel near Milbank Sound. The rock dries two feet at low water.

Oscar Haveroy, well known local towboat master, who has been on a trip to his native land of Norway, returned to the city on Thursday night's train.

Fish landings at the port of Boston for the month of February this year totalled 18,097,900 pounds, a compilation of statistics shows.

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Presbyterian Sunday School Holds Concert

A very acceptable concert was presented last night before a large audience in the church by the Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church. The program included a variety of vocal and instrumental numbers as well as recitations, drills, skits, etc. John E. Davey had charge of the program and acted as chairman.

The program was as follows: Selections by Miss Nellie Lawrence's orchestra—Miss Nellie Lawrence, Miss Venetia Feero, Jack Eastwood, Robert Rudderham, Bobby Hale, James Hadden, Billy Hadden, Ralph Morin and George Hankinson.

Choruses, Mrs. R. Cameron's class. Solo, Donald Prendergast. Recitation, Jean Calderwood. Song, Molly Frew.

Violin solo, Jack Eastwood. Recitation, Joyce Taylor. Song, Margaret Lamb. Dialogue, Forbes Lee and Viola Mary Prendergast.

Piano solo, Joan Squires. Solo, Pat McClymont. Fan Drill, Miss Winnie Cameron's class.

Solo, Master Roi Judge. Dialogue, Mrs. W. L. Sandison's class.

Piano solo, Pat McClymont. Skit, "An Operation," Rev. W. D. Grant Hollingworth's class, Bertie O'Neill, Harold Ivarson, Bob Davie and Billy Hadden.

Robert Cameron presided at the door.

Prince Rupert Club Dance is Enjoyed

One Hundred Persons in Attendance at Affair Thursday Night

One of a series of monthly social affairs being held by the Prince Rupert Club took the form Thursday night of a delightful dancing party of which Max Heilbronner and W. E. Drake were in charge and at which about one hundred persons were present. Music for dancing was by Bert Cameron's string orchestra and G. P. Tinker was master of ceremonies. Dancing was in progress from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. A feature of the proceedings was a prize drawing of which the winners were C. C. Mills, Walter Hume and T. N. Lepage. Fine refreshments were another feature.

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the management of Mrs. Robert Blance assisted by Mrs. G. H. Arnold. The Woman's Auxiliary figure was Miss Violet Stamp-Vincent and the Diocese of Caledonia, Miss Anne Boddie. The shields carried by the representatives of twenty-eight dioceses were the work of Mrs. G. H. Arnold and were most effective.

The Junior program was in the capable hands of Mrs. F. N. Good and Mrs. A. L. Holtby and was much appreciated.

Representation of branches in the foreign field was carried out by Mrs. G. P. Tinker and Miss E. G. Lenox M.D. and brought forth great applause.

Branches in this diocese were represented as follows: St. Andrew's, Miss Alice Hanson; Seal Cove, Miss Dorothy Rushbrook; Old Massett, Miss Edith Smith; Metlakatla, Miss Noreen Gibson; Japanese, Miss Sachiko Tsumura.

The dialogue representing foreign lands consisted of Miss Hariko Suehiro, Miss Kamako Yamana, Miss Mary Nishikaze and Miss Sumi Nakamoto, Japan; Miss Edna McLean, China; Miss K. Baker, Palestine, and Miss Rosie Cox, India.

The grouping of performers in the closing scene was dramatic and charming.

Refreshments were served.

The committee of management consisted of Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Mrs. F. A. MacCallum and Mrs. Robert Blance. The convener of refreshments was Mrs. T. Andrew assisted by Mrs. N. Rorie and Mrs. W. J. Greer. Decorations were in charge of Mrs. G. H. Arnold. Pianist was Mrs. C. E. Cullin.

France Boosts Discount Rate

PARIS, March 28: (CP)—The Bank of France today raised its discount rate of three and a half percent to five percent.

AGED FATHER DIES
John Harmond Mott passed away at Vancouver on Sunday last at the ripe old age of 106 years. Mrs. J. C. McLennan of this city is a daughter as also is Mrs. Fred Clements, now of Victoria.

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7:30 P.M., Guest Speaker, Rev. Nelson Harkness B.A., B.D. of Vancouver
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