LOTS OF TIME YET—

A few days of warm sunshine seem to put a lot of people into a fever to get all their garden planted. This is a mistake. Seed and plants are rushed in too hurriedly and there is liable to be neglect later on. In practically every section of the country both vegetables and flowers can be planted successfully at regular intervals right up to the end of June. It is far better to have things coming on periodically with a continuous supply of fresh vegetables and fresh flowers than to rush the whole garden in on a single afternoon. Go at the job gradually, advise those who know, get the soil properly prepared, and enjoy a succession of bloom and fresh vegetables.

Beets, carrots, beans, spinach, lettuce, radish, etc., can be planted every other week or so right up to late June, and the harvest will be spread accordingly. Flowers, too, can be spread over several weeks. Some things, however, like grass seed, nursery stock, garden peas, sweet peas, are best all planted early. But bedding plants like petunias, zinnias, stocks, spider plants, tomatoes, cabbage, etc., should not be set out until all danger of frost is over. Tender things like gladiolus, cannas, melons, squash, corn, etc., also come in this category.

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EARLY JOBS—

After the first seeds are started the next major job is thinning and spacing. This is vital work and applies to either flowers or vegetables. Crowded flowers will grow thin and spindly, will not bloom freely and the biggest plants will topple over in the first storm. They should have half as much room between as they will grow tall. This means about four or five inches for things like nasturtiums, less for alyssum, much more for tall marigolds, cosmos or spider plants.

With the smaller vegetables a couple of inches between plants is sufficient. This applies to leaf lettuce, early carrots, beets, etc. Beans and peas should have from four to six inches between plants, and as all the seed usually germinates it should be planted about this far apart. Rows should be from 15 inches to two feet apart. Corn is usually planted from three to six seeds to a hill, about eighteen inches apart each way, or rows two to three feet apart. Tomato plants require at least 18 inches each way, melons, squash and cucumbers three plants to a hill, and hills about two to three feet apart.

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CULTIVATION AND PESTS

Two points which the gardener must keep in mind at this time are cultivation and pests. A garden kept well cultivated up to the middle of June will stay clean with little trouble from then on. Pests, and this includes weeds, are much more easily handled if caught in the earlier stages. Cultivation will take care of the weeds in most cases, though in lawns or in large and well established clumps, some of the new sprays are advisable. Bugs and disease should be attacked just as soon as they show themselves. Commercial sprays are available at any seed or hardware store.

LIFE in this Prince Rupert

by BIDDEE JINKS

Nationally this week we have chosen one day in which to honor mothers. Thereby, in a closer, individual intimacy, we remember our own. We have but one and many are fortunate and grateful that she is still their own while others reflect lovingly of her who lives only in memory.

Most of us presume that we fittingly remember our mothers, yet when this special day draws near we find ourselves with new thoughts, striving to find a suitable avenue of expression toward this one to whom we owe our existence.

To the very young it is easy. Life is one great spontaneous affair and mothers are included as a part of it. Whether it be a sticky kiss or a trifle chosen and paid for by "daddy," the gift is inconsequential—to both parties!

But to teen-agers it is awkward. They know so many things so much better than their mothers. They resent ever so slightly, or quite openly as the case may be her advice, her seemingly senseless restrictions. They wish violently that she would start to recognize the fact that they are now adult. Yet, when they think quietly, they know she is kind and fair—and loving. Reciprocating this love in an inconsistent, half-comprehending fashion, they come to deep grief. Suddenly, this age-group of inutterable nochanlance discovers two difficulties that must be met and successfully met—how to save up enough pocket money to buy an extravagant gift, and then to present it without showing the depth of reeling that accompanies ie—that is the problem.

Without a doubt this day thus designated means most to those happy people who have lived long enough to learn appreciation of their mother. Having passed the age of knowing everything, we bow to her depth of wisdom and patience with our impertinence. And having found humility, we find also that our love and gratitude deepen as the years fall behind. Childhood scenes frequent our minds. The innumerable small things she taught us, and the great pillars of principle stand side by side. And in new perspective we view method taken whether it be gentle phrases or the stinging, green switch!

We remember. Picnics and holidays and birthdays, of course but most of all the little things. The way she hummed a tranquil tune when she sewed; or the small sound her cookie-cutter made as it obeyed her swift fingers. And sometimes, how she sat in her chair, quiet-like. How careless—and ignorant—we were of her weariness and of the things that hurt.

There is balm in knowing that youth is always careless—and that she possessed that knowledge. For she too had been young, and she had learned a multitude of things that even now are just dawning on the horizon of her children's understanding.

Because all the tangible and intangible things she did for us are beyond words, or acknowledgement, we sum it up, as has so many by saying that everything we are or hope to be we owe to mother. Yet in a simple manner, Jane Taylor expressed what each of us must feel about our mother's love.

"Who fed me from her gentle breast,
And hushed me in her arms to rest,
And on my cheeks sweet kisses prest?—My mother.

"When sleep forsook my open eye,
Who was it sang sweet hushaby
And rocked me that I should not cry?—My mother.

"When pain and sickness made me cry
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,
And wept, for fear that I should die?—My mother.

"Who taught my infant lips to pray,
And love God's holy book, and day,
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?—My mother.

"And can I ever cease to be
Affectionate and kind to thee
Who wast so very kind to me—My mother.

"Ah! no, the thought I cannot bear,
And if God please my life to spare,
I hope I shall reward thy care—My mother."

TRIANGLE AND JASPER TRIPS

Special triangle tour—Prince Rupert, Jasper, Vancouver — fares will be available again on the Canadian National Railways this summer, commencing May 15 with date of sale up to September 30 and return limit October 31, it is announced by William Cruickshank, district passenger agent here. There will also be available this year special 21-day return limit round trip tickets from Prince Rupert to Jasper which will make possible a very considerable saving on regular fare sfor those desiring to make a trip to the mountain resort.

Chief Justice to Preside at Assize

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