

SEVEN YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY

Then He Had 6 Mules, \$660
Cash and Some Equity—Today
He Has \$20,000 and Owns
2 Sections of Land.

The story of the wealth of Western Canada cannot be told too often; the truth will bear repeating. And in telling of it it is hoped that advantage will be taken of the great opportunities that Western Canada offers by those who are today struggling for a mere existence, by those who are occupying lands, high in price and high in rentals.

From grain, live stock and dairying in 1914, there was a return of the three Prairie Provinces of \$25,000,000, or an increase of four million dollars over 1913, and 113 million dollars over 1914.

A prominent Trust Company says: Some of our contract holders have paid off their purchase money on lands bought a year ago out of this year's crop, and what one man can do another can do. Thousands of Southern Alberta farmers harvested an average of 40 to 50 bushels of No. 1 wheat to the acre. These farmers have more real money to spend than any other people on the American Continent.

Dr. Johnston of Bladsworth, Sask., left Johnson County, Kansas, seven years ago. When he left he had \$600 in cash, six mules, some settler's effects and an equity in some prairie land. Mr. Johnston tells his story:

"In my seven years' residence in Saskatchewan, I have raised seven good crops the value of this year's crop alone being Twenty thousand dollars. I now own Two Sections of improved land, 17 horses and mules, 40 cattle, a large steam thrasher and a full line of farm machinery."

We have made five trips to Kansas, one trip to the Pacific Coast and return. We have enjoyed the society of a class of people than whom none better can be found. The climate is healthy and invigorating. The soil is fertile and productive, well adapted for the production of the best quality and large yields of all cereals and vegetables, wild and tame grasses. It is an excellent stock country."

The question of taxes is one that carries with it considerable weight. Coming from a man like Mr. Johnston the same weight should be given the answer. He says:

The tax system especially commends itself to me as being simple, reasonable and just. All direct taxes are levied on the land at its appraised market value, exclusive of improvements thereon. No tax on personal property. This tends to discourage the holding of lands by speculators who prevent its cultivation or improvement, hoping to realize profits from the enhanced value of their holdings due to the industrial activities of the bona fide settlers. It tends to encourage the settlers to rear substantial improvements upon their land without paying a penalty in the form of taxation therefor. It encourages the raising of live stock and the possession of other personal property necessary to the development of the country.

The laws are well and economically administered. Citizens of the Dominion vote on election of members of parliament and members of the Provincial assembly, while on questions of local improvements and school matters the franchise is exercised by ratepayers, irrespective of citizenship.

The people are enterprising, school facilities are good, taxation, just and reasonable. Military service voluntary. Patriotic fervor unsurpassed, law and order the rule, and crime the rare exception. It is the land of banks, schools, telephones, grain elevators, broad, fertile acres, good crops, good citizenship and abundant opportunities for the industrious man or woman of good morals, in short, the land of promise and fulfillment. I know of no better anywhere."

—Advertisement.

He slipped a "v" to the King. According to Harry Meyers, postmaster at Yuba City, Cal., many Hindus have accumulated sufficient wealth in the orchards and vineyards of Sutter county this season to justify their retirement to India, where they and their families may enjoy a life of idleness upon the earnings.

In the last fortnight the sum of \$12,000 has been received by the postmaster for money orders, ranging in amount from \$100 to \$5,000. There was one at the latter figure.

One Hindu bought a \$5 money order payable to King George of England, explaining, through a letter written to the ruler, that he is a loyal subject of England and a sympathizer with the ally. He then purchased a suit of American clothes and also a ticket on the largest steamer for Calcutta—Sacramento (Cal.) Bee.

Words to Girls. The late Inez Mitholland Bolsceva, the beautiful suffragist, never weary of impressing on young girls the duty of being as beautiful as possible, for she knew what an instrument for good beauty, rightly used, can be.

One of Mrs. Bolsceva's favorite dicta was:

"A girl can't help her looks, but her looks can help her."

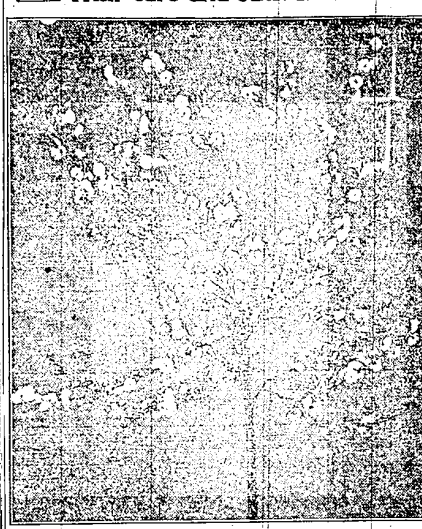
Keep Them Busy.

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"Maybe, but you seem to give what few you have plenty of work."

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PLANT TREES AND SHRUBBERY

If you are planning to plant ornamental trees and shrubs, plant in groups, always leaving an open space for grass.

Cut-leaved birch is a favorite tree for planting on the home ground. It is pyramidal in shape, with drooping branches.

The Japanese maples are very beautiful, small trees in bush form with vivid coloring of cut leaves.

Many shrubs are more beautiful in foliage than in flower, and some of them carry their fruits through the winter in bright colors.

In setting trees or shrubs, make a hole wide enough so that the roots can be spread out, avoiding twisting and crowding as much as possible. Work the soil in about the roots, leaving no spaces, and packing firmly.

Avoid planting trees between the house and the street, in such manner as to hide the view from the windows and doors. To obstruct the outlook is very annoying to those who live in the house. Trees and shrubbery should be placed so as to form a background or setting for the dwelling.—E. V. B.

PROPAGATING BY CUTTING

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

Where thousands of plants are grown for positions in the open air during the summer, this is an important operation from March onward.

Considerable forethought and knowledge of the work are necessary to obtain the plants in suitable condition and in sufficient numbers when the time for planting out arrives.

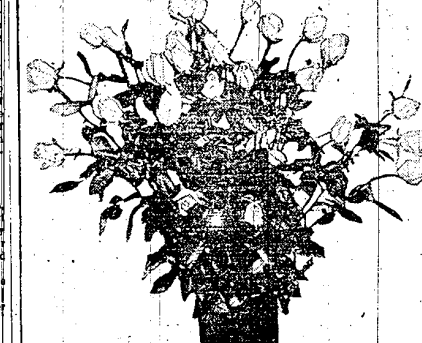
Although decayed by some, the scarlet geranium still has hosts of admirers, especially since the introduction of so many beautiful varieties.

Cuttings of the varieties of which the numbers are short can be inserted now. These may be obtained from the old plants lifted from the beds in the autumn, or a few tops may be taken off the strongest of the young plants. Inserted in light, sandy soil, they will soon root on a shelf in a warm house.

Cuttings of ageratum, celosia, heliotrope, larkspur, fuchsia, fibrous-rooted begonia, etc., when required in quantity, should be inserted in a bed of sand made up in a propagating frame with bottom heat.

Three inches of sand will be sufficient, and if this is made firm, well supplied with water and a bottom heat of 75 to 80 degrees maintained, many of the cuttings will be rooted in a week and ready for potting up singly in small pots.

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Her Consolation.
Another pathetic little feature of the general situation is the way almost any given elderly maiden can look carefully about among her friends' husbands and be honestly glad she hasn't any.—Columbus (O.) Journal.