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SOME VALUABLE POINTERS FOR AMATEUR GARDENERS

Soil Requires Careful Preparation if Good Results are to be Obtained---Wood Ashes Valuable as Fertilizer---Ground Should be spaded deeply and Leaves and Straw Should be Turned in for Humus.

(Boston Record.)

The soil in the average backyard is not only lacking in plant food, but has been packed until it is hard and unyielding. To make the soil suitable for garden produce requires careful attention.

After spading deeply, being careful to push the spade down as far as will go, the upper three inches should be made fine with hoe and rake.

Stones and rubbish should be removed and all lumps should be broken up the depth of the spade. It's the tiny roots of the plant that give the yield and these rootlets cannot force themselves through lumps.

Barnyard or stable manure is the best fertilizer. It furnishes both plant food and humus. The manure is best when well rotted, and is better when mixed with straw than with sawdust.

The straw will rot quicker underground. To obtain quick action spread a thin layer of well-rotted manure after spading the ground, and work it in with hoe and rake.

Use Wood Ashes.

If you have or can get wood ashes, sprinkle them over the garden before you rake it.

If the soil is sandy, the wood ashes will supply the potash needed. It is better to get your fertilizer (if you can not get stable manure) already mixed. Tell the seedsman what kind of soil you have, clay, loam, sandy, and ask his advice regarding fertilizer.

Probably the best way to use commercial fertilizer is to scatter most of it broadcast and to rake it in lightly, reserving a little to use in the hills and rows as you sow or transplant.

Then the young plants will have plenty of nourishment close at hand to give them a good start, and the roots will find more waiting for them as they burrow in all directions deep in the earth.

Nitrate of soda is a fertilizer that acts almost immediately and is used chiefly for foliage plants and where quick growth is wanted. It is a fine stimulant for rhubarb, asparagus, spinach and kale.

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Liquid Manure.

Liquid manure (water in which stable manure has been soaked) may be used in much the same fashion as nitrate of soda, but for all products.

It is easily made by filling a cheese-cloth bag with fresh manure and suspending it in a tub or barrel of water.

The chances are that your garden, if it has long remained idle, is sour. It needs lime to sweeten it and thus make the plant food in the oil available.

Five bushels of lime will be all that the "sourest" of gardens—50x100 feet—needs. You can tell if your soil is sour by purchasing a nickel's worth of blue litmus paper and experiment in several parts of the garden.

Take some moist soil and cover a piece of the paper. If it retains its blue hue, the soil is sweet; if it turns red, get some lime.

Drainage of the land is important. It should have sufficient fall to drain off surplus water during a rain and yet not so steep that the soil be washed away.

Should be No Hollows.

The surface should be nearly level, so the water will not stand in hollows. Where the natural slope of the land does not provide sufficient drainage, ditches may be dug or a tile drain put in.

If in the garden there is a low spot where water will accumulate after a rain and drown out the plants, dig a deep hole and fill it to within 18 inches of the surface with big clinkers, with bricks, etc., which will provide an escape for all surplus water.

Don't begin to spade until the frost is out of the ground, and the ground well dried.

Heavy soils especially should never be spaded while wet.

To determine when heavy clay soil is ready for the spade, a handful of earth should be collected from the surface and the fingers tightly closed on it. If the ball of compact earth is dry enough for cultivation it will fall apart when the hand is opened.

Don't Burn the Leaves.

Don't burn or throw away any of the weeds, leaves, straw, grass upon the garden plot. Spade it under, thus supplying the soil with humus. Sod is fine turned under.

Remember, if you use commercial fertilizer alone, you must add humus, leaves, sod, etc., to supply the humus which is already present in stable manure.

SCORNED JOKE COMES BACK.

Sprung Without Success by Banker and Finally "Takes."

(Minneapolis Journal.)

When news came of the Russian revolution, Mr. Chapman, of the National Bank, without recourse, he says, to any joke books or almanacs, made up this one: "Now that they've got the Roman-off, why not put the Kaiser-hof?"

Neither the vice-president, the cashier, nor others to whom he told the joke even as much as smiled. Determined to put it across, Mr. Chapman told it to the next twenty men who came into the bank. Not a man laughed. Several frowned and one acted as if about to burst into tears.

Three days later a man came into the bank and said: "Joe, I've got the funniest joke you ever heard—a perfect scream—it's a wonder—listen!" "Now that they've got the Roman-off, why not put the Kaiser-hof?" "Deep gloom settled over Mr. Chapman."



MR. W. E. FOSTER.

Who has been called upon by the Lieutenant Governor to form an Administration.

ROLL OF HONOR

Several thousand officers and employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company enlisted for active military duty with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and the majority of them are now in Europe, bravely battling for Canada and the Empire. This list of those who have given up their lives for their country or been wounded in action does not include the Army Reserves.

Alexander, Geo. B.	Laborer	Calgary	Wounded
Allingham, J. R. E.	Brakeman	Medicine Hat	Presumed dead
Armstrong, Albert P.	Brakeman	Cranbrook	Presumed dead
Bailey Arthur	Clerk	Outremont	Wounded
Beggs, P. J.	Switchman	Glen Yard	Wounded
Beil, Gerald Joseph	Clerk	Winnipeg	Wounded
Bennet, John George	Nut Tapper	Winnipeg	Wounded
Bibby, Lawrence	Wiper	Calgary	Wounded
Biddlecombe, Geo. A.	Constable	Vancouver	Wounded
Bishop, Gilbert	Clerk	Montreal	Wounded
Blois, George	Loco. Engineer	Regina	Presumed dead
Bowden, Chris. J.	Checker	New Westminster	Presumed dead
Brown, John Aymer	Trainman	Regina	Suffering from shock
Buckle, Thomas W.	Loco. Fireman	Brandon	Died of wounds
Campbell, George	Fireman	B.C. Co. Strs.	Killed in action
Chaffey, Joseph	Waiter	Montreal	Died of wounds
Chapman, George	Checker	Vancouver	Wounded
Clark, Chas. Branch	Clerk	Angus	Died of wounds
Colley, Vincent	Loco. Fireman	Minnedosa	Killed in action
Copping, Ernest Noel	Instrumentman	Weyburn	Wounded
Corbin, Harold John	Steam Fitter	McAdam Jct.	Killed in action
Cornwall, Chas. W.	Builder	Angus	Presumed dead
Clegg, Jack	Tinsmith	West Toronto	Wounded
Crouch, Joseph	Porter	Port McNicoll	Died of wounds
Cummins, Butler P.	Night Watchman	Harler House	Presumed dead
Davidson, Henry	Abair Carpenter	Winnipeg	Suffering from shock
Davies, John Thos.	Brakeman	Winnipeg	Wounded
Decker, Archie	Apprentice	Moos Jaw	Killed in action
Delaney, Martin	Loco. Fireman	Cosquiam	Wounded
Dickinson, Chas. E.	Mach. Apprentice	Outremont	Presumed dead
Dove, Andrew	Janitor	Winnipeg	Killed in action
Lubols, John	Painter	Regina	Presumed dead
Edgar, John	Clerk	Brit. Col. Dist.	Wounded
Fawcett, Archie	Checker	Moos Jaw	Wounded
Gallagher, James W.	Loco. Fireman	Cranbrook Wharf	Presumed dead
Gammion, Lee	Wiper	Cranbrook	Wounded
Gordon, Harry	Loco. Fireman	Medicine Hat	Presumed dead
Gray, David	Loco. Fireman	Brit. Col. Dist.	Wounded
Green, John	Rodman	Minnedosa	Wounded
Greenlee, Geo. D.	Boiler Mks. Appr.	Strathmore	Killed in action
Guyot, Alex. J.	Wiper	Angus	Suffering concussion
Gwynn, Cecil	Storeman	Dunmore	Wounded
Hall, Joseph	Trimmer	Montreal	Presumed dead
Harrison, Robt. H.	Loco. Fireman	West Toronto	Wounded
Henderson, John	Clerk	Kenora	Wounded
Hern, Lottus Roy	Car Repairer	Edmonton	Presumed dead
Hill, Albert	Car Repairer	North Bay	Presumed dead
Hinton, Thomas	Clerk	Windsor, Ont.	Killed in action
Jenkins, Alexander	Cook	Montreal	Died of wounds
Johnson, W.	Pantryman	Chat Frontenac	Killed in action
Kay, Robert	Cook	Montreal	Wounded
Keay, George Ness	Loco. Fireman	Cranbrook	Wounded and missing
Kinne, Hudson P.	Trainman	La Riviere	Wounded
Lamourie, Peter	Switchman	Winnipeg	Wounded
Lawson, Frederick	Lineman	Revelstoke	Wounded
Leard, Frederick	Specialist	Angus	Presumed dead
Lewis Arnold	Cook	Montreal	Wounded
Longmire, Harold	Transferman	North Bay	Died of wounds
Loveridge, Harold D.	Laborer	Glen Yard	Wounded
Low, George	Loader	Lethbridge	Wounded
McDermott, Charles	Bell Boy	Winnipeg	Presumed dead
McKenzie, Alexander	Cook	Montreal	Wounded
McNicol, James	Trainman	North Bay	Wounded
Marr, Lionel Geldert	Gardner	Duncan	Suffering from shock
Mead, Mark	Cook	Montreal	Died of wounds
Morkill, Francis E.	Trans. Student	Toronto	Killed in action
Newman, George S.	Clerk	Winnipeg	Wounded
Norton, Cecil Herb.	Draftsman	Montreal	Presumed dead
Parkinson, Alfred O.	Brakeman	Red Deer	Killed in action
Parnell, Reginald R.	Laborer	Muskoka	Wounded
Pope, Christopher L.	Stakeman	Koot. Cent. Rly.	Presumed dead
Queenville, Stephen	Sectionman	Green Valley	Wounded
Renton, Sidney C.	Loco. Engineer	Lethbridge	Presumed dead
Robinson, Alfred	Leading Handler	Montreal	Wounded
Robinson, John R.	Cook	Montreal	Wounded
Roughton, Clifford G.	Baggage Checker	Calgary	Presumed dead
Sexton, F. J.	Laborer	Winnipeg	Wounded
Spencer, Kenneth M.	Clerk	Cranbrook	Killed in action
Sweeney, James A.	Purser	B. C. Lake Strs.	Died of wounds
Todd, Arthur	Brakeman	Laurentian Divn.	Died of wounds
Wade, Robert C.	Loco. Fireman	Winnipeg	Killed in action
Westwood, William	Chef	Montreal	Believed dead
Wood, W. J.	Waiter	B. C. Coast Strs.	Presumed dead
Woodward, Fred K.	Car Repairer	Cranbrook	Killed in action

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NOTE.—Where "presumed dead" appears above, the employees referred to have been missing for long periods, and their death is presumed by the Militia Department.

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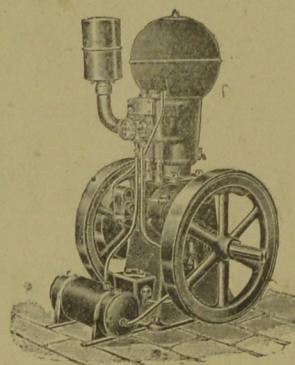
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