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GARDENS AND GARDENING

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In one of our recent noontday ramblings through the book stores we came upon a small book tucked away between larger ones. The title was intriguing and we became so engrossed in it that appointments were forgotten for some time. The book was called "Bread and Roses from Stones." Naturally one of pass through one's mind would be how can one get bread and roses from stones. Upon delving between the covers we found that the book was a sort of handbook on the culture of the soil and dealt to a considerable extent on Hensell's theory of using a mixture of finely ground rocks as a fertilizer in place of commercial fertilizers and manure.

The use of the 'Stone meal' as it was called, was first proposed in Norway in 1885 but met with considerable ridicule from those of the old school who were strong proponents of manure. Nevertheless it appears that Hensell proved that his fertilizer was of sufficient value to justify giving it a thorough tryout and this was done by a number of gardeners and farmers with excellent results. It was also tried out in England with success but the inventor, if such he may be called, was forbidden to sell it under the name of fertilizer, but was permitted to dis-

pose of it under the name of 'Soil Dressing.'

The little book contains a number of very interesting testimonials and certainly speaks very highly of the 'Soil Dressing.'

The theory advanced by Hensell may to a considerable extent account for the fertility of the soil in West Vancouver. The action of the rain during the winter months washes away the rock and top soil from away up the mountain side and carries it down to our gardens, there to act as a fertilizer.

We have no information as to any experiments being conducted in this country with crushed rock and if any of our readers know of any work of this kind having been done, we would appreciate hearing from them.

We hope to receive some expression of opinions from the readers of the West Van News in regard to the proposed plan to beautify the parks and school grounds by community effort.

NOTE—The writer will consider it a pleasure to answer questions concerning the garden in this column. The questions should be addressed to the writer in care of the Editor. The answer will appear in an early issue or if a personal reply is desired a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

Today's Thought

The vision of the ideal guards monotony of work from becoming monotony of life.

PERSONALS

Grace Gibbons, 11th and Esplanade, who is a pupil at St. Ann's Academy, Vancouver, has passed into high school also getting a special certificate for handwriting.

Harry Atkins, 18th and Marine Drive, has bought a ranch on the lake shore three miles east of the town of Williams Lake. He expects to be leaving here for the ranch some time next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leggatt and son Douglas, have left for a month's trip to Winnipeg, going by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Crampton and family, who have been summering at West Bay, have returned to the city.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Nash, 1495 Clyde, left yesterday for a short visit to Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. Hood has returned to her duties at the municipal hall following her annual vacation.

Miss Harrop and Mrs. Ogilvie of West Bay left on Wednesday for a motor trip to Seattle and Portland.

J. W. Neill who resides at 15th and Waterfront, is building a house at 13th and Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Carley, 2152 Marine Drive, left here on Thursday to return to Winnipeg, where Mr. Campbell is on the clerical staff of the C.P.R.

Norman McLeod is building an addition to his house at 15th and Duchess.

Lloyd Clement, 11th and Mathers, has returned from a week's business trip in Vancouver Island.

Mrs. Valentine, 10th and Esquimalt, who has been ill at her home for some weeks, is now making slow progress towards recovery.

T. Barnott, 23rd and Jefferson, returned on Monday from a short holiday visit to Victoria.

C. A. Cameron is building a cottage at Fisherman's Cove.

Mrs. Edgley, 20th and Gordon who has been very ill, is now out of danger and slowly improving.

A. O. Lundberg, 30th and Marine Drive, left for a trip to Victoria on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. White and family of Vernon, who have been visiting Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. R. Wilson, 18th and Bellevue, left for home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Angel and family who come from Alberta are summering at West Beach.

Captain H. I. Vince, 13th and Marine Drive, is away from his duties on the ferries this week and enjoying his annual vacation.

Mrs. Charles Stephenson, 19th and Bellevue, is confined to the house through sickness.

Chas. A. Wallace of Eburne, has purchased a lot on Marine Drive at Sherman.

Legge Willis of Vancouver, has taken the Turner bungalow at 20th and Mathers.

Roland, the little son of Mrs. W. H. Holliday, 15th and Esquimalt, who has been sick, is now better.

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Scottish Society

CEREMONY OF UNVEILING BURNS' STATUE

All members and friends interested are asked to attend the unveiling of the statue to "Robbie Burns" in Stanley Park at 2 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday). Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald will perform the ceremony and several prominent speakers will be heard. Continuing their interest in the statue fund, the local society will place a wreath on the statue. This wreath, which will be in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, will be designed by Robt. McVean, and the blooms for the entire cross will be taken from the gardens of West Vancouver members and friends. A large turnout is expected.

The programme tomorrow will open with an invocation by Rev. J. Richmond Craig. The Vancouver Scottish Choir will sing "There Was a Lad." The former prime minister of Great Britain will then unveil the statue. Following the ceremony the Seaforth Highlanders' Pipe Band will play "A Man's a Man." Premier Tolmie will then speak, followed by Dr. MacLean and Ald. H. E. Almond, on behalf of the city.

The Scottish Choir will sing "Scots Wha Hae," following which Mr. P. McA. Carrick will hand over the statue to the custody of the Parks Board. Mr. E. G. Baynes, chairman of the board, will make formal acceptance.

The Seaforth band will play another selection, followed by a presentation of wreaths by Scottish and kindred societies. The assemblage will sing "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the National Anthem.

BLACKBERRIES GROWN HERE GET FIRST PRIZE AT THE EXHIBITION

Blackberries grown in West Vancouver have taken first prize at the Vancouver Exhibition in the eight years they have been exhibited. This remarkable record stands to the credit of Mr. Reginald Woodman, who lives each summer at camp "Outside Inn," Marine Drive, between 22nd and 23rd. A dish of the luscious fruit was presented to us this week, and they are indeed exceptionally fine blackberries.

The exhibits at our horticultural shows have been a surprise to many strangers to the district, and it is hoped that Mr. Woodman will exhibit his blackberries at the show to be held in Dundarave Hall on September 8th.

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