



The above picture shows the new addition to the St. Mary's Academy which was officially opened last Saturday. The new \$80,000 wing provides the school with many modern facilities and increased accommodations for the growing student body.

## Canadian Garden Service

No hurry — It is impossible to over emphasize the importance of the gardener taking his time when it comes to the actual sowing of seeds and setting out of plants. There is no hurry about this business and the more it is spread out the longer the feast of garden fresh vegetables and the display of bloom.

In most parts of Canada one can go on sowing flowers and vegetables right up to the first of July with excellent prospects of success. And in some of the warmer areas it is quite possible to sow such things as beans, corn, carrots, beets, spinach and lettuce every two weeks well into July.

The main thing is to spread out the planting season so that the harvest and pleasure and satisfaction will also be spread out. So often one sees a beautiful display of bloom in July and some wonderful vegetables only to find a few weeks later that practically everything is finished. With a bit of help for nature in the way of watering, fertilizer and cultivation, the garden

can be made to produce an abundance in colour and top quality vegetables right up to the first frost and later.

Transplanting — Some people seem to think that there is a mystery about transplanting that only those with a green thumb, whatever that may be, are successful in moving plants or trees or shrubs. This is a lot of hocus pocus. All that is needed is to keep in mind a few important points.

First, in moving anything whether it is petunias out of a flat or a three year old maple or apple tree, don't expose the roots to the air for a moment longer than is absolutely necessary. Sun and air will kill roots, that's why nature puts them below ground.

Second, spread out the roots and cover with fine soil and press down firmly.

Third, water well and keep moist for a day or two in the case of small plants to several weeks if we are planting a big shrub, vine or tree. And a bit of stimulant in the way of liquid fertilizer will al-

ways help at transplanting time.

Also, if possible, do the transplanting in the evening or on a cloudy day and shade from the sun for a little while. Also with big nursery stock like trees, stake and tie firmly so that the wind will not whip around and loosen and let air in around roots.

Wanted or Weeds — Most people soon become familiar with the appearance of a new seedling plant. It is rather important that they do so, otherwise they may find it difficult to distinguish from thriving weeds. It is not good practice to wait until seeds have sprouted and the plants wanted have grown up, before thinning and weeding. If we do, we are going to have a jungle and not a garden. Learn to know the flower and vegetable plants from the weeds and get rid of the latter quickly. All seedlings have two sets of leaves, the first are seed leaves, simple affairs that usually have no resemblance to the permanent leaves that follow. By glancing down the vegetable row or at the more or less regular clumps where the flower seeds were sown, one will notice that there is more or less a pattern of the same kind of plants and these

## Whitewash That Won't Flake

New developments in structures have solved many farm building problems, but the problem of cleanliness is common to all farm buildings, old or new. And one of the best aids to cleanliness — and an easy way of increasing the amount of light available — is good old-fashioned whitewash.

But if you've run into trouble with whitewash chalking and rubbing in your stable, take O.A.C. engineer H. E. Wright's advice: use a stiff brush and a wet cloth or hose on the old whitewash before applying the new.

of course are the ones from the seed sown and the ones we want to protect and grow. With larger seeds, beans for instance which we sow evenly two to four inches apart, the plants come from them come spaced in this way and we know exactly where to look for them when we start to weed or cultivate. That is one very good reason for straight rows and careful sowing in the vegetable garden.

Watch out for bugs. Next week we will discuss control.

Explains Wright: "The brush removes the old scales and flakes and the washdown takes off the dirt and grease. The surface should be damp when you're applying the whitewash so that (like concrete) it will dry slowly; otherwise chalking and rubbing will occur."

He suggests putting on the whitewash with either a brush or sprayer. Use a wide brush and don't attempt "brushing out" as with paints. Lay on a thin coat so that it dries opaque. If you intend to use a sprayer, stir in the whitewash through a few layers of cheesecloth or a strainer to take out coarse flecks which might plug the sprayer jet. Clean the sprayer when you're finished.

For a mixture that will cover 200 square feet per gallon, try Wright's system: First, make up a cream of 1 bag of hydrated lime and 7 gallons of water several days before you're ready to work. Next, dissolve 6 pounds of salt in three gallons of boiling water and mix the solutions when they're both cold. Then stir in three gallons of Portland cement into the final mixture.

The custom of throwing rice at a wedding may have originated as a bribe. Rice may have been an offering to evil spirits to persuade them to stay away from the newlyweds.



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Left to right, Robin Valentine, Emerson Cote and Richard Adams of the Haileybury 1st Cub troop stand at attention before the tent they helped erect for the first annual Northern Ontario Cub Sports day which took place at the New Liskeard beach last Saturday afternoon.

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