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**SMALL FRUIT CULTURE.**

The failure of many who occupy land to grow an abundance of small fruits, at least for their own use, is due to a mistaken idea that it requires too much time to look after a garden. This is the view taken by Mr. W. T. Macoun, the Dominion Horticulturist, and expressed in a paper read by him last winter before the Senate committee on Agriculture and Forestry. This paper, which constitutes a pamphlet of thirty-five pages, is an exhaustive treatise, expressed in the plainest terms, on the culture of small fruits. The fruits dealt with are the strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, gooseberry, and the several classes of currants. Besides giving full instructions for planting and cultivation, notes are given on the relative merits of varieties. This pamphlet contains an interesting table on the cost of growing and the returns from an acre of strawberries. At a selling value of five cents per box, a net profit of eighty-four dollars is shown. A section is devoted to the preparation and application of insecticides and fungicides that are useful in fruit growing. Having the information of this paper to guide him there is no good reason why every farmer should not have a productive fruit garden. A large edition has been printed to be sent free to all who apply to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

**BIRTHS.**  
KERSWILL—At 166 Sydenham St., Toronto, on Friday, September 20th, 1912, the wife of Chas. Kerswill, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**  
READ—MATTHEWS—On Wednesday, September 13, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents, 209 Sherbourne St. Toronto, by the Rev. L. E. Davis, Lillice Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Matthews, to Alexander Pollock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Read.

**IN MEMORIAM.**  
BONE—In Loving Memory of our dear Dora A., who died Sept. 27, 1911, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Bone, Carrville.  
God needed one more angel child  
Amidst his shining Band,  
And so he bent with Loving Smile  
And clasped our darling Dora's hand.  
FATHER AND MOTHER.

**SEPTEMBER ROD AND GUN.**  
Bonnycastle Dale's "Every Day Scene with the Indian Trapper" opens the September issue of Rod and Gun in Canada. The Adventures of a German hunter in America, being a translation from the German by Hon. William Renwick Riddell, L. H. D., etc., relates the experiences of Freidrich Gerstacker who visited America in 1837 and went bear hunting in the Ozark mountains. This is "some bear story." Duck Hunting is given considerable attention in this issue and includes Duck shooting on the river Scugog, at Long Point, on the St. Lawrence, in the Kootenay district and an amusing Western tale entitled "Hunting in Sage Brush Ike's Duck Pond." Decoy Shooting by Reginald Gourley is deserving of special mention as is also a well illustrated article on Rearing Wild Ducks in Captivity. Mr. James Dickson a veteran sportsman makes some suggestions and criticisms regarding Mr. Kelly Evans' Fish and Game report. "Pens and Dens" is the subject of a Fox article in this issue.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**  
The Annual Thanksgiving Services will be held in St. Mary's Church, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The Ven. Archdeacon Warren will preach the sermon, and the choir of the church will furnish the music. A collection will be made, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Improvement Fund. The Service will begin at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**MUSICAL FESTIVAL.**  
Commencing Monday evening, Oct. 7, the great Musical Festival to be held in the Arena, Toronto, and continuing every evening during the week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, promises to be the musical event of the season. The Festival will be conducted by Naham Franko who has an orchestra of sixty men, and the greatest soloists from the American cities. Among the artists are Miss Alice Neilson, soprano; Orville Harold tenor; Arturo Tibaldi, English violinist; Miss Felice Lynne, soprano; Mme. Rosa Olitz, Russian contralto and many others of note. Seats from 50 cents upwards are now on sale at Bell Piano Ticket Bureau, 146 Yonge street.

**Maple.**

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary met on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Wm. Camp. The ladies of the society decided to pack a box with new or second-hand clothing and send it for distribution among the needy of Toronto. After the business was transacted tea was served by Mrs. Camp. The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied on Sunday morning by Rev. T. White of Kleinburg. The musical part of the anniversary services held at Carrville on Sunday, was given by the Maple Methodist church choir. The induction of Rev. Mr. Robinson will take place in St. Andrew's church on Friday afternoon. Mr. J. A. Rose has rented Miss Cameron's house for the winter and with his family is moving this week. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Henry of Thornhill spent Monday afternoon at Mr. T. Cousins. Mrs. J. Grey is visiting friends at Sharon.

**Grand Valley.**

Owing to the unusual amount of rain the farmers of this district have been greatly delayed with the harvest. Rev. and Mrs. D. Smith recently returned from England, where they had been visiting with the former's parents. Miss Poole is visiting with her brother, Rev. C. L. Poole. Miss Mowat of Toronto is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker. Miss Mary Boswell is holidaying in Acton, Shelbourne and Galt. Mr. R. F. Taylor returned home on Saturday after a pleasant trip to the Pacific Coast. Mrs. J. McIntyre and son, Harry, have returned from Toronto. Miss Bessie Sawtell, who spent the last few weeks with Miss Gladys Varcoe returned to Montreal recently, taking with her Master Briton Varcoe. Mrs. M. G. Varcoe returned home last week, after spending several weeks with her mother in Montreal. Mr. Thos. Keith returned last week from a Business trip out west. The council have been busy fixing up the village streets. Last week they took up the bridge on mill street and put cement tile all across the street. Mr. John Graham is now putting down a cement sidewalk to the station, to take the place of the old board walk. Born—in Grand Valley, on Sept. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Baker, a daughter.

**News Notes.**

An armed and masked robber held up G. W. Skuce, the telegraph operator and station agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Aurora, early on Saturday and secured \$21 in money. The man met Skuce on the platform, drove him into the station at the point of his revolver and compelled the agent to lie upon the floor while he rifled the till. Skuce was unable to give the alarm until the arrival of a northbound train shortly after the stranger's departure, and he could give no detailed description of his midnight visitor. Two men were brought before Magistrate Love in Aurora last week for being drunk and disorderly, and each was fined \$5 and costs.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

The Forty-seventh Annual Provincial Convention of the Ontario Sunday School Association will meet in Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton, on October 21-24, 1912. This is the largest assemblage of representative religious workers that meets in the Province. The Ontario Sunday School Association includes all Protestant Sunday Schools that can be included under the term Evangelical in faith and teaching. It is the Ontario branch of the International Sunday School Association, which is the backbone of the Sunday School Movement of the World. The opening sessions on Monday evening, October 21st, is for members of the General Executive only. This is the governing body. It is composed of three representatives from each county and city unit in the Province, and is an incorporated body. The public part of the programme continues from 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning until 10 p.m. on Thursday, and is the strongest ever presented to the constituency. The host city, Hamilton, agrees to entertain 700 delegates on the Harvard plan (lodging and breakfast free). This number has been allotted to the various subdivisions in the Association in limited numbers. All applications for credentials must be made to the Ontario Sunday School Association, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, and accompanied by the enrolment fee, 50c. Bulletins, outlining particulars, may be had on application to the above address.

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