

More About Tree Planting In Temiskaming District

Accomplishment of Mr. Thos. MacMorran in Beautifying His Farm and Adding Shelter Features. Uses Sections of His Property for Tree Growing with Pleasing Results.

The matter of reforestation and the planting and care of trees is of such vital importance to this North Land that The Advance makes no apology for devoting considerable space to a discussion of the matter. Recently a writer in The New Liskeard Speaker has been contributing articles in regard to tree planting in rural Temiskaming and each of these articles has been reproduced by The Advance. Last week there was another of these essays by the same writer in The

Speaker and it is republished here with in full:—

"In the last few months reference has frequently been made in the columns of the Speaker by editorials and contributions from readers, regarding re-forestation and tree-planting, and the recent planting campaign carried out by New Liskeard citizens is proof of the practical interest taken by at least one Temiskaming community.

"In view of the fact that the planting of trees by farmers for purposes of shelter and the beautification of their homesteads has been one of the desirable features advocated, particular interest attaches to the effects and plans of Mr. Thomas MacMorran, a new-comer to Temiskaming and Canada from Scotland, and a soldier-settler, whose farm is in Robillard Township, less than a mile from Charlton on what is known locally as the 'West Road.'

"The attention of the writer was first drawn to Mr. MacMorran's work when stopping to chat with him as he was clearing brush by the roadside in preparation for a fence half a mile in length—a sheep fence, it developed. It was young growth that had grown up since the big fire and was higher than a man's head, poplar and willow. The willow and most of the poplar was rapidly disappearing before his little axe, but at intervals almost as regular as he will later set his fence posts Mr. MacMorran has left the stoutest and best poplar saplings, because, as he simply says, he 'likes trees.' His action is a reminder that here is a costless method open to almost every Temiskaming farmer to encourage tree growth on his farm—that is—the roadsides, the banks and the odd corners which he will never plow. And if there be those who regard poplar as an inferior tree there

will be few who will argue that even a poplar is not infinitely better than no tree at all. But that was only one thing, for, once the tree subject was brought up, it came out that Mr. MacMorran has drawn up for himself a plan for successive yearly plantings of windbreaks to protect his buildings and fields, and has already received his first yearly quota of five hundred seedlings for that purpose from the Ontario Forestry Branch.

"It should be mentioned that this is only the second year for Mr. MacMorran and his family on the farm, and the house and buildings they found when they came have all to be moved, or re-constructed, or done away with altogether, to fit in with their future plans and requirements. Therefore in the most approved fashion, he has carefully laid out the ultimate location of the farm buildings and their protecting tree belts. The little seedlings he has received this year he has planted on a carefully prepared plot, in rows a few inches apart so that they can be cultivated, spacing them in by a method he remembers seeing the foresters use on the old estate in Scotland, his home as a boy. This summer he will plow up, manure and keep cultivated a long narrow strip of ground to the west of his building site, and there, next spring, plant out his trees in their permanent position in three rows, possibly ten feet apart with trees the same distance apart in the row, with alternate spacing. One row will be white spruce, one Norway spruce, and the other cedar. Part of his future plans consists of at least one double or triple row of trees extending across the farm from South to North. Another, not so definite yet, is the conversion of a piece of ravine land to a forest plantation, taking advantage of the generous free tree offer of the Government in that respect. But that must wait.

"If anyone could still doubt the tree-enthusiasm of Mr. MacMorran it may be mentioned that back half way across his property, a quarter of a mile from the house and road, is a fence dividing the pasture from the rest of the farm, and along that fence he has, in his spare time this spring, been planting small spruce trees found growing nearby among the brush in the pasture. Whenever that spare

time could be is a mystery, unless a cryptic remark casually passed about the better the day the better the deed has anything to do with it! For Mr. and Mrs. MacMorran, with two fine healthy children, a nice clearing, a good sized flock of sheep and another one of poultry; seven cows, some pigs and the team, must be busy people.

"As an echo of the discussion carried on in the Speaker columns a year or so ago, regarding the merits or demerits of 80 acre homesteads in Northern Ontario, it may be remarked that Mr. MacMorran has already realized that his 160 acre farm cannot provide sufficient pasture for even his present requirements, and has accordingly purchased a fine quarter section for pasture between his home and Charlton and adjoining. Of the fine example being set by a new-comer in tree-planting, if in no other way, little need be said, but lest anyone who has not met Mr. MacMorran should be tempted to think that his plans and ambitions are merely those of one untried as yet by disappointments of a somewhat hard country it may well be mentioned that he has already passed through all the trials and hardships which must have been connected with winning seven medals, including the C. M., the M. M., the Croix de Guerre, and the D. F. C., in his war service from 1914 onwards, and such experiences as nine bullet wounds, passing through the siege of Kut el Amara, 43,000 miles of reconnaissance flying in the East, to mention but these, all calculated to sober undue enthusiasm. His argument for so early in his operations in a country new to him undertaking work which so many old settlers have put off for the slacker times which never come, is perfect. 'I like this country and am making. I put off what I intend to do in any event, when every year I can gain, will bring the benefits I look for that much closer.'

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