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Rain Needed for the Crops in the North

Department of Agriculture Report Suggests Weather in May was Good for Crops Here, but Weather Rather Dry Since.

This week The Advance has received a bulletin from the Ontario Department of Agriculture in regard to the crops in the province. This report shows favourable conditions in most parts of the province. It may be noted that so far as the North is concerned the need now is for some rain. Otherwise the grain crops are liable to burn up. While the report from the department was all right when gathered, there has been so much dry weather since that it alters the situation. In regard to the North the bulletin says: "Fall wheat and spring grains are in healthy condition. Good seeding weather prevailed during the early part of May and seeding progressed rapidly. The latter part of May was cool with adequate rainfall. In Manitoulin and Algoma some early sown grain was drowned out by wet weather. Moisture was also excessive in Cochrane, Temiskaming and Thunder Bay where seeding is just now being completed on low land. There was considerable heaving in hay and clover fields. Alfalfa heaved badly too in spots. The weather during May has been splendid for fodder crops and pastures. "Kenora and Rainy River district has experienced splendid growing weather during May. It has been comparatively dry however and a good rainfall is needed. "This district comprises Nipissing, Temiskaming, Sudbury, Algoma, Manitoulin, Cochrane, Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora."

"European countries, notably Norway, Sweden and Finland, recently completed forest surveys which gave them a wealth of information as to how to go about increasing forest productivity by the application of forestry methods. Such surveys also showed the proper utilization of land and permitted the proper demarcation of areas best suited for agriculture, tourist and forestry business. In the past such information, if it had been available and utilized would have saved the country millions of dollars wasted in man power alone. Consider the evidence of thousands of "abandoned farms," and tens of thousands of men improperly located on forest land.

"Up-to-date forestry practice, if applied, would yield us an increase of three or four hundred per cent in our use of forest lands. Is delay good business practice in the management of our forests? "Our forestry needs are many. First we need to know what we have and this can only be accomplished by comprehensive forest surveys in which the proper use of land is clearly indicated. We need to establish at once demonstration forests to show what is possible of accomplishment. We need research data that only intensive forest research will provide. We need to extend our reforestation schemes. We urgently need funds to combat serious insect depredations that even now are within our gates and so strongly entrenched that it estimated that it would take one million dollars to route the enemy. The "Spruce Sawfly" epidemic may prove to be another catastrophe such as the Spruce Bud worm, whose damage was estimated at 100 million dollars timber loss. Our huge figures of timber resources would soon dissolve under such attacks. Only forest practice would preclude such catastrophes.

"Canada is and always will be a wood producing country. Wood production will always be a basic industry. Serious attention to forestry problems, the solution of which is the only safeguard to the perpetuation of this industry, is all important. Here is an investment the profits of which every Canadian shares. "Forestry practice will wipe out the possibility of insect scourges and waste. No doubt we must concentrate our energies on limited areas which will meet our present and future needs, but at the same time give us every protection from waste, insect and fire menaces, from which the present conduct of our forest business gives us no neat safeguard whatever. "Now is the appointed time for intensive surveys and the laying of a permanent foundation for forestry practice. Here is an avenue of employment that will provide for thousands of men a constructive job that will place the forest business and the tourist business on a firm competitive foundation that will provide assured forest income in the years ahead.

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Road Hogs Caused 1,069 Auto Accidents in 1931

Records of the Motor Vehicles Branch of the Ontario Department of Highways show that in 1931 the most common cause of accidents in which the automobile was involved, was middle-of-the-road driving. Life, limb and property are at the mercy of the driver who through ignorance, self-shness or just common carelessness, will not keep to the right of the road. Accidents cannot be blamed upon amateur drivers, as records show that considerably more than half of the drivers concerned in auto accidents last year were between 25 and 54 years old, and more than ninety per cent. of them had been driving for a year or more.

Teething

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About Window Boxes and for Verandahs

Help to Give Charm to Whole Home in Summer. Some Helpful Hints as to Their Use and Care.

The following timely article was received this week from the Dept. of Agriculture at Ottawa:— "Flower boxes, whether displayed at a window sill or on a verandah, add charm to a home during the whole summer. Geranium plants that have brightened the home during the winter, and have not grown too tall, make suitable planting material, and if to these are added the bright-leaved coleus and some vines, even nasturtiums, will, if kept moist, make a fine effect all summer long. Annual plants, but especially the petunia, are very suitable for flower boxes. Bedding varieties of which the Rosy Morn, a delicate beautiful pink, is a good example, provide a charming effect throughout the season. A mixture of purple and white is pleasing, and these colours are usually available at the growers at this season of the year. Miniature zinnias, as well as the dwarf double French marigolds are very suitable window box plants, particularly for a sunny position where they keep up a steady yield of bright bloom. For a drapery sweet alyssum or the trailing lobelia answer well. Nasturtiums alone are particularly suitable, using the dwarf bedding varieties for the main plants and the climbing kinds to drop over the box in front. It should be remembered, however, that nasturtiums bloom best in poor soil provided it is kept moist and has a sunny exposure.

"For good results with flower box plants, except nasturtiums, the soil should be made quite rich, because the plants have to get their necessary food during a long season from a comparatively small amount of soil. An inch or so of rotted manure laid in the bottom of the box will not only help the drainage but will nourish the roots of the plants during the summer. Ordinary garden soil, if well enriched, is quite satisfactory. It should be made fine by sifting and with it incorporated a fair amount of well-rotted fertilizer. When planting, the box should be about one-third filled with the enriched soil. The planting should begin by setting in the taller plants at the back, establishing each by adding the soil and pressing it firmly. In front of and between the larger plants other plants should be set across the box and so distributed as to give a uniform appearance. The planting of the vines should be left to the last. A plant or two of the old-fashioned Dusty Miller gives a fine contrast, particularly among the bright-leaved coleus. After the plants have all been set the spaces between should be carefully filled with soil firmly packed, leaving about one-half an inch of space above the soil for watering.

"One who can make a success with house plants seldom fails in caring for the flower boxes, which require careful attention to watering, particularly if in a sunny position. Not only do the plants themselves take up much moisture, but the evaporation from the soil is rapid particularly during warm days. The condition of the soil is the best guide as to the frequency and amount of water to be used. Rather than add a small amount frequently, the watering should be thorough whenever it is done, and then delayed until good judgment indicates a further supply. Flower boxes sent out by the middle of June should very soon reach a luxuriant condition and continue to improve as the season advances.

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MUNICIPALITIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSES BILLBOARDS

The following from The Amherstburg Echo should be of general interest:— "Municipalities have the right to assess the big billboards erected on vacant property or farm lands, according to a recent judgment handed down at Osgoode Hall. The question came up by way of a stated case from an order of the county judge of Essex confirming the decision of the Sandwich court of revision which held that billboards belonging to a bill posting company doing business there were properly assessable. The company carries on an advertising business, and in connection therewith arranges with the owners of lands for the erection of billboards on payment of an annual rental and providing for their removal. These billboards were held to be structures assessable under the Assessment

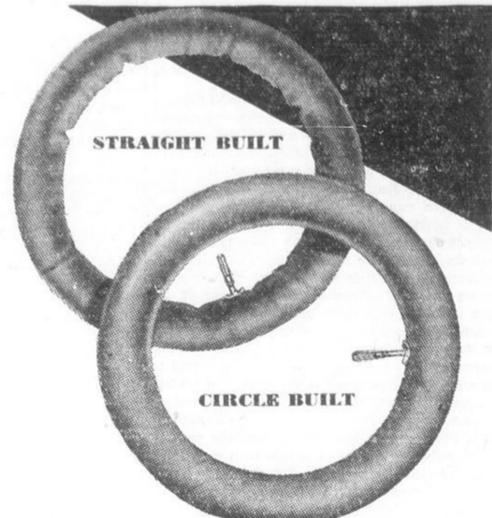
Act. In the special case stated it was asked whether the structures were assessable, and if so should they be assessed against the appellant as tenant as well as against the owner of the land; and if the appellant is properly assessable for business tax in respect of each structure. The judgment declared that the structures are assessable as buildings; both owner and tenant are liable to be assessed; and each structure assessable for business tax. It will now be up to the municipalities to see that these billboards are made to bear their proper share of taxation."

Unemployed at North Bay Ask Work and Not Charity

Last week there was an unemployment association formed at North Bay and some points about this new organization are worthy of note. In the first place it is composed of Canadians and other Britishers and its purpose is to protect and advance the welfare of the unemployed by lawful and peaceful means. In the past year or so there have been literally scores of so-called associations of unemployed, but as soon as they are scratched they are found to be designed and controlled by alien agitators. The North Bay society is evidently much different to the other associations trying to create trouble by capitalizing the troubles of the people without work. Another way in which the North Bay association is different is in the resolutions passed at its first meeting. One of these resolutions approved of the city relief work provided being apportioned on an equitable basis with regard for men with families. Another resolution suggested to the North Bay city council that construction work should be encouraged as a means of providing employment and that something might be done by the city to give encouragement to building and other activities by offering tax exemptions for a period of two years on buildings erected this year. It is doubtful if this plan would be practical but it shows thoughtfulness and constructive ideas. "Why would it not be practical?" some one may ask, pointing out that any new building will help out now, while the city will not be missing any taxes. The objection that The Advance sees to it is summed up in an illustration like the following:—A owns a building erected last year or the year before and paying taxes. A finds it difficult these days to meet the high taxes, but he is doing his best. His new building isn't making any money but he feels that he can carry on somehow and that the building of it helped the unemployment a year ago or two years ago, when it was built. Then along comes B, who builds a new structure, does not have to pay taxes on it, and takes all A's tenants. Where is A going to get the money to pay his taxes? Of course, there may be ways to overcome such cases, but in any case here is an unemployment association that is doing some constructive thinking. The best thing however, about the attitude of the North Bay Unemployed Men's Association is the earnest desire expressed for work, not charity. Here, again, they differ from the alien agitators whose demands are for cash and minimum pay, working or idle. The reds will no doubt make a determined effort to get into the North Bay Unemployed Men's Association and break up its possible usefulness, but these mischief-makers should be kept out. The organization is now completely in control of loyal citizens and it will be able to do quite a bit to help the unemployed and to impress a right attitude on the various governments—Dominion, provincial and municipal.

Sudbury Star:—A special feature of Wolf Week, says the Sault Star, will be a contest between teams of Lamp-post Troubadors, the test piece upon which the prizes will be awarded to be that well-known classic, "Sweet Adelaide." We still don't know whether to view this as bona fide showmanship or a crafty bit of camouflage designed to forestall undue curiosity by the police.

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Up-to-date Forestry and Unemployment

Intensive Surveys of Forests Might be Made Now and Permanent Foundation Laid for Forestry Practice.

The chief topic of the day is unemployment and few questions of public interest can be adequately dealt with to-day without making reference to the bearing upon employment. On this account, there should be particular attention given to an editorial article in the last issue of The Canadian Forest and Outdoors, the official journal of the Canadian Forestry Association. This article is headed, "Forests and Employment," and reads as follows:— "In these days of reduced incomes and trimming of budgets it is well for us to consider the question of whether we can afford to economize drastically in our Forestry programmes with a de-

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