

Get Gladioli Ready for Planting This Spring

Blooming Season may be Advanced Ten Days by Starting the Bulbs in Boxes So that They Will be Rooted Before Setting Them Out in the Border.

(Contributed by the Timmins Horticultural Society)

A number of very fine varieties of Gladioli bloom too late in this North Country to enjoy them in comfort before the chilly days of Autumn set in. The blooming season can be advanced at least ten days by starting the bulbs in boxes so that they will be rooted before setting them out in the border. Instead of planting to a depth of from four to six inches, the usual depth for Gladioli bulbs, plant the sprouted bulbs so that only the tips of the shoots are covered.

It may seem rather premature to discuss the actual planting of Gladioli while the ground is still covered with snow, but it is not necessary to wait until all danger of frost is past before setting out Gladioli, so long as you cover the shoots should frost threaten. Gladioli will stand a fair amount of frost and cold weather and the earlier they are in the ground the sooner will they establish themselves.

It is customary to dip Gladioli bulbs before planting, to guard against attacks from thrips or wireworms. Many growers use a solution made up of one quarter of an ounce of corrosive sublimate dissolved in a gallon of water, peeling the bulbs, or corms, to give them their correct name, and soaking them in this solution for three hours, keeping the solution at a temperature of seventy degrees Fahrenheit. This solution, by the way, is an effective remedy to use against root maggot. Pour a little into the ground before setting out young cabbage plants, larkspur, godetia, or later, around the roots if they show signs of being affected. Plants attacked by root maggot collapse suddenly. Inspection will show that the root has been denuded almost entirely of fibre, leaving only a bare stump. Prompt application of corrosive sublimate will save the rest of your plants, but it is better to take preventive measures beforehand and be sure.

Corrosive sublimate has several dis-

advantages, however, that make it rather difficult to handle. It is a deadly poison, so do not keep on hand more than what can be used up immediately; it also has a powerful corrosive effect on metals and must be mixed only in earthenware, glass or wooden containers. Emulsified oil of eucalyptus has lately been introduced as a very effective substitute for corrosive sublimate. Eucalyptus was used last year in this district by several members of this society, both as a dip for Gladioli and a general spray against cabbage worms, caterpillars and aphids. It is neither poisonous nor corrosive and, being highly concentrated, can be diluted to many times its original bulk. These members are anxious to use eucalyptus again this year. By buying in large quantities the Timmins Horticultural Society can obtain it at considerably reduced prices, less twenty per cent discount allowed Horticultural Societies, which will, of course, be passed on to members. It might be mentioned that we are looking for new members and hope that most of the old members will take advantage of this opportunity to obtain eucalyptus at a reasonable price.

To quote a well-known professional grower of Gladioli in Southern Ontario: "Besides being a splendid dip for thrips, eucalyptus is also a plant tonic and will improve the growth of your plant and foliage. It helps to rid your plant of the various fungi and you will get very clean bulbs when you dig. It is also a very fine thing for sprinkling on your lawn to get rid of worms, slugs, etc., and because of this you will find no wire-worm damage on the bulbs you dig. One important thing that it does do is to bring your plants into bloom about a week earlier, and if you are planting for a certain date this should be considered. It will also enable you to get bloom from smaller bulbs which normally would try to bloom after the first killing frost."

Connection of Barbers with Surgical Profession

(By John W. S. McCullough, M.D., D.P.H.)

The universal totem of the barber, the pole painted in alternate stripes of red and white is familiar to everyone. Does everyone know how it started?

The history of this pole dates back from the Middle Ages when the barber was the only surgeon.

In the reign of Edward IV a charter of incorporation was given to the "Freemans of the Mystery of the Barbers of the City of London using the Mystery of the Faculty of Surgery."

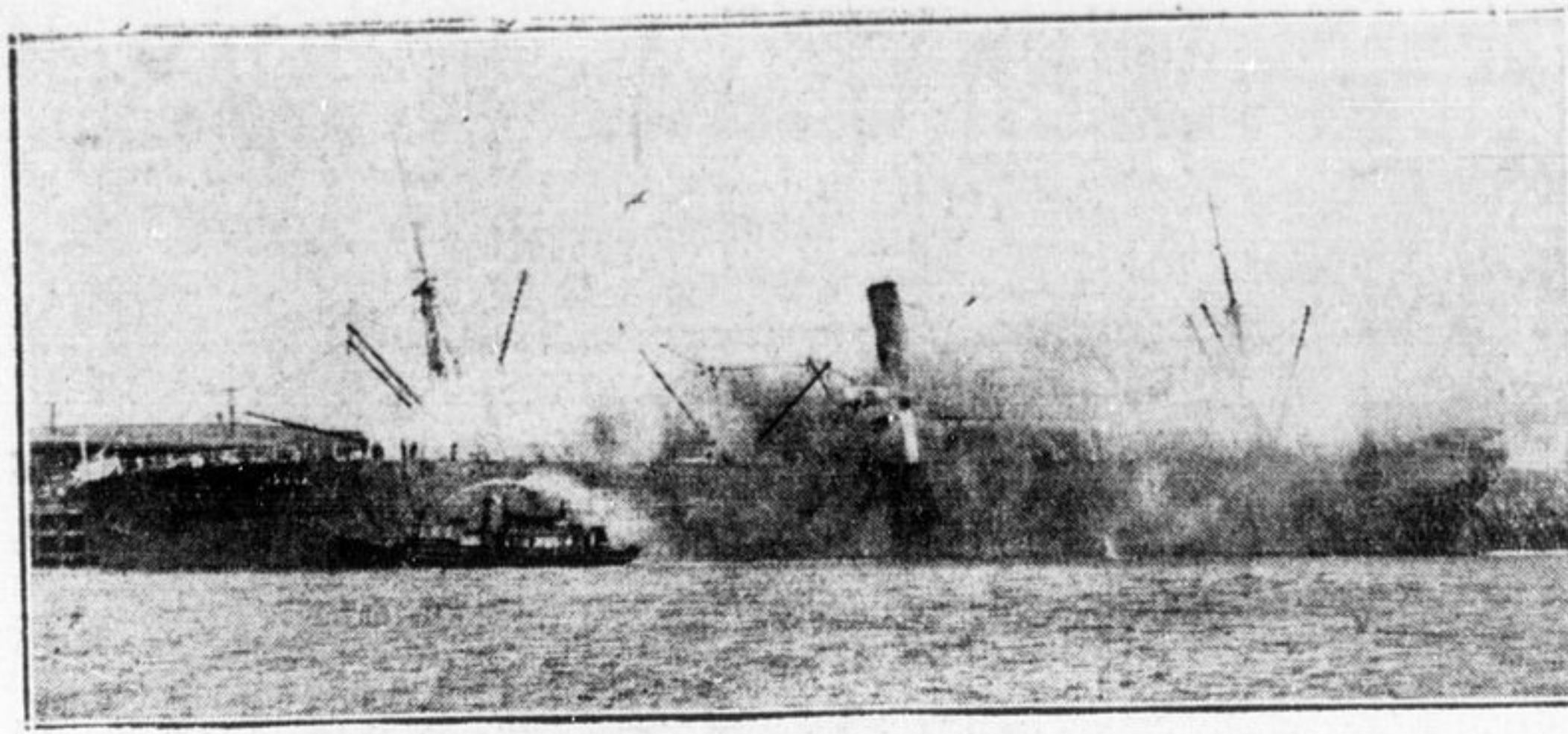
Thus the art of the surgeon and the trade of the barber were combined. Governors of this combination were appointed and this step may be said to have been the inception of what is now the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In the reign of Henry VIII, the barbers and surgeons of London were merged into one body under the name of the "Mystery and Commonalty of the Barbers and Surgeons of London," and Holbein the celebrated artist, made a painting of the event.

The charter of King Henry was confirmed by Charles I, but in the reign of George II, the old union of the Barbers and Surgeons was dissolved and henceforth the surgeons of England were left to struggle along as best they could. They haven't made such a bad job of it.

The colours of the barber's pole represent incidents of far away times!

FREIGHTER BURNS IN HARBOR



Newark firemen and the Newark police fireboat New-Hawaiian line. This picture was taken at New York. arker fought a fire of undetermined origin in the hold. Much of the cargo had been removed. The ship listed of the 12,000-ton freighter Texan of the American-Flag.

the red signifies blood, the white the bandage.

But the barber-surgeon, if divorced from his former occupation in England, survived for a long time in other lands. As late as 1864 in the south of Spain, barber shops generally had a notice that the barber did mid-wifery and surgery as well as shaving, and far more recently Sir John Simon says that "he had the honour of being shaved by a barber who had Pro. Virchow's (the great German pathologist's latest publications on the back-sheaf beside his basin."

Says Communism, Fascism, Teach End Justifies Means

Forces of Evil and Their Teachings Cannot Combat Spirit of Easter Says Rev. Wm. Mustard.

Nineteen hundred years ago something came into man's life which has since not been snuffed out—not even by the powerful forces of evil rampant to-day, said Rev. William Mustard, speaking on Tuesday at the regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Empire Hotel.

The real sign is Easter should, said the speaker, be the reception into man's heart of a vision of eternity.

However, today there were so many conflicting theories even among the organizations which were trying to achieve the same good end and there was so much chaos in men's minds that they were inclined to look upon Easter in a spirit of cynicism.

One of the fundamental beliefs of the subversive forces of Communism and Fascism was that the end justified the means, said Mr. Mustard. Christianity on the other hand, did not believe that the end justified the means. It was fallacious to cite the end, which might in itself be good, to justify means to that end which were wrong.

The means to an end must be in keeping with the truth or they ultimately would fail, said Mr. Mustard. It was only by building on the highest and best principles that we ultimately could achieve anything worth while.

Mr. Mustard cited the case of a man who was converted away from Communism after the Bolshevik blood purge in which "the Fathers of Confederation" of the Russian Revolution lost their lives. The man was tired of the philosophy of hate which was Communism and was ready to try the Christian philosophy of love.

Forces of evil were apparently winning all along the line today but, in reality, they were not, said the speaker. They could not as the forces of good would always triumph over those of evil. Similarly as long as our lives were built along erroneous lines we could not hope to achieve any lasting happiness.

Quoting the line from John Macfie, referring to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Gone forth where neither Jew nor Roman can harm," Mr. Mustard said that dictators would never be able to take away that light from the hearts of men—the light which ultimately would transform men's hearts and through them, the world.

A. F. McDowell was in the chair during the meeting as the President J. L. Fulton was out of town.

Frank Feldman, recently returned from Florida was present at the meeting as was a new member, Mr. Ireton, recently of Rouyn.

O. R. Kennie spoke briefly on the necessity for a full attendance at each meeting and Phil R. Kinkel announced that the Kiwanis Carnival would take place this year in August.

Fritz Woodbury introduced the speaker, and Ernie Kibb moved a vote of thanks at the conclusion of Mr. Mustard's address.

Sudbury Man Not Keeping up With the Fashions?

(From Sudbury Star)

By the looks of things Sunday, Sudbury's men must have neglected reading the latest fashion books. Not one gent was brave enough to sport a bright red suit coat, said by New York clothiers to be the coming thing this summer, as the male styles call for color and more color. One consolation about those over-gaudy clothes they're threatening the well-dressed man with, is that they're taking a long time in coming. They were first talked of back before the crash in '29, and they haven't arrived yet.

Toronto Star—The sawdust resulting from the sawing of a diamond is black. We just thought we'd let you know in case you were thinking of sawing any diamonds on the clean tablecloth.

Canadians in First Place as Talkers on Telephone

Canadians continue to lead the world as the greatest telephone talkers, but have yielded second place to New Zealand in the matter of the number of telephones per 100 of population, according to figures on world-wide telephone development and usage, just released by the statistical department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

For some years Canada has ranked first in the number of yearly conversations per capita, and with 236.0 for 1937, compared with 224.2 of the year previous, this lead in talking by telephone is well maintained. Canada's nearest contender is the United States, which reports 220.2 conversations for the average man, woman and child during the year. The people of Great Britain (and Northern Ireland) have only 46.4 conversations per capita, but even then lead Germany, which with 40.1 is far down the list.

New Zealand reports 11.97 telephones per hundred of population compared with Canada's 11.90. The United States is well to the fore with 15.69, while listed among the first five countries are to be found Sweden with 11.75, Denmark with 11.25 and Switzerland with 10.25. The average figure for the world is 1.79.

Vancouver leads Canadian cities with 26.37 telephones per 100 population and is listed tenth among 95 of the world's leading cities. Toronto with 26.27 ranks second in Canada and eleventh in the world. Washington leads with 33.82 followed by San Francisco with 33.17 and Stockholm with 36.08.

North America with 21,050,000 telephones has over half the instruments in the world, and New York City with over 1,623,000 telephones has more than the combined total of Russia, China and British India, in which countries can be found approximately one-half the world's population.

Northern Man's Leg Saved by Surgeons

Opasatika Settler Home Again After Notable Treatment in Toronto.

Cochrane, April 12.—Jean Baptiste Levesque, 41 year old settler, is back home at Opasatika, near Hearst, in good health and strength after a trying experience in which the notable skill of Toronto surgeons had a part. Several months ago Mr. Levesque was attacked by one of the two huskies he used as a dog team. The dog sat down and refused to answer Levesque's commands. Mr. Levesque went to the front of the team with the intention of taking the animal by the collar and dragging him into action. As he reached for the dog's collar the animal sprang at him, knocking him down and tore his right leg with its teeth. In some way or another Mr. Levesque managed to subdue the dog. He used his handkerchief as a tourniquet and stopped to some extent the flow of blood from the wound. The incident took place in the dense bush not far from Opasatika, and Mr. Levesque has only a hazy idea how he got home. From his home he was taken to the hospital at Hearst for treatment. He was several months at Hearst, but despite the care and attention given him it appeared as if he might have to have the injured leg amputated before his health would be restored. Later it was found advisable to send the injured man to Toronto. He spent three months in hospital in Toronto, where the surgeons did their best to save the injured leg. Eventually they were able to bring the leg back to health without a major amputation. The doctors promised Mr. Levesque they would have him cured and home by Easter and much to his delight this promise was redeemed. Mr. Levesque, who is the father of eight children, was back home at Opasatika for Easter with the highest opinion of the skill and interest of the surgeons and doctors.

Huntingdon Gleaser—"In all my life I have had only one friend—my dog, a mongrel, like me. He always stood by me when I was in trouble, and I thought it was my duty to avenge his death." That is said to be the defence of a 38-year-old villager named Camora, of Sao Joao da Madeira, in the North of Portugal, now held for the murder of a motorist. More than a year ago, Camora was out walking with his dog when the motorist ran over the animal and killed it, then drove on. According to a statement he is said to have made, the villager took the number of the car, then bought a revolver and waited for revenge.

Globe and Mail—In Spain the war seems to be all over except the shooting.

Candidate "Dares" Men to Vote for Him

Frank Platform of Candidate for Arizona Mayor-ality.

Nogales, Ariz. (UP)—Voters of Nogales were dared to vote for Martin Loughman, tomato broker, when he filed his candidacy for mayor. Here's why:

"Nogales' big opportunity, and I mean big—240 pounds—well, it was cold and I says to myself: 'I haven't anything to do, anyhow, so what, I'll run for mayor.'"

So Loughman continued: "Qualifications? What's the difference? The job doesn't pay anything, anyhow—but like other candidates, it's civic pride that urges me—that and the fact if I am elected I'll find a way to make the job pay."

"Behold America's most outspoken politician. I guarantee I'll not be on the job 30 days until I find a way to make some money out of it. My candidacy is sponsored by 6,700 non-voters from Sonora (Mexico)—up to date I haven't been able to contact voters from this side of the border."

"My platform—is founded on a give and take basis—you give and I'll take."

"I guarantee to make a new deal of it. I'll fire everybody now working in the city from the chief of police down—say, I've got to fire that guy twice, I'll put friends of mine in every office and only demand that they give me 20 per cent of their salaries and the guy that doesn't kick in gets kicked out. Loyalty is one thing I demand."

"I'll have every tomato man in town pinched for vagrancy, maybe then I can get an order for a car of tomatoes myself."

"I have no doubt in my mind that I can be elected, but just as a gesture I am willing to be reasonable and talk business and will withdraw for a

stipend. Business being what it is I am easy to talk to.

"As for my chances of being elected, I have gone over that very thoroughly in my own mind and reasoned out that if every one to whom I owe money votes for me, I'm a cinch—and if the vote is too close I'm willing to borrow from a few more people just so that the election won't be in doubt."

"Another innovation for a candidate. I'm willing to give my autograph to any young lady in town in return for her telephone number."

"And to show how broad-minded I am I'm not opposed to big business, I'm willing to give my autograph to the First National Bank if they will in response give the amount that is written above my signature. I think this shows my willingness to co-operate in things civic."

"I owe allegiance to my country and money to my friends. I am different than the other candidates. They plead for your vote for them. I dare you to vote for me."

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