

The Canadian Gardener

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ARTICLE IV

When To Plant

It is difficult to lay down hard and fast rules as to the proper time to plant the different products. We are able to grow in our northern gardens. Local conditions have much to do with the question. We will not attempt to give actual dates, then, but rather to indicate what conditions and what degree of frost the principal products will stand without injury. Garden vegetables may be divided into groups as to time of planting. The first group will include those plants which may be planted earliest and are able to withstand cold weather and frosty conditions. In this group will be found, certain root crops which are desired for early consumption, such as beets, turnips and radishes. These may be put in as soon as the ground can be worked satisfactorily. When we grow onions from seed planted in the open ground, the planting should be done at the earliest peep of spring. Lettuce and corn salad are leaf plants that are also hardy and will withstand early planting. Peas of the blue-seeded type are also safe to plant with the first seeds put in the ground.

The real danger in planting early is that seeds may rot in the ground before they have a chance to germinate. This is usually caused by a prolonged period of rainy weather coming at just the time the planting is done. A few days of sunshine at planting time will start most seeds into growth at once. For the early garden, the bed or plot should be cultivated or spaded until it is fine and porous. Press the seeds firmly into the soil so they will not be washed out by rains. But slight covering is required by the small seeds, although later plantings of the same kinds of seeds will have to be covered much more deeply. Seeds germinate rapidly when the ground is filled with moisture but much more slowly in the late spring. I have often planted the first crops and had considerable falls of snow come on afterwards. Usually we set the early cabbage plants at the time the first planting is done. Properly-hardened plants will not be harmed by a light snow-fall or by the freezing of the ground.

The second group to plant will be the wrinkled peas, carrots, onion sets, early potatoes, parsnips, salsify, spinach and kale for greens; later plantings of lettuce, beets and radishes; and, in most cases, what is commonly known as the English broad bean. Early potatoes are put in at this time because they require a considerable time to sprout. The sprouting time will be hastened if the tubers are placed in a sunny room for two weeks before planting. This causes the greening of potatoes and the starting of sturdy green sprouts. Parsnips and salsify are long-season roots, requiring practically the entire season for making a good growth. Both of these vegetables may be left in the ground over winter in those localities where snow covers the ground for several months. Alternate thawing and freezing may cause the roots to rot. The seeds of the wrinkled peas are not as hardy as those of the hard-seeded varieties and are more liable to rot because of excessive moisture. The English broad bean is the hardiest of the bean tribe and may be planted at a time when there is no likelihood of having a hard frost after the plants are out of the ground. Peas of varieties like Nott's Excelsior and Gardus should be planted with this group and later tall-growing varieties like Telephone, Admiral Dewey and Champion of England may be put in at the same time. This assures a succession of crops. A few hills of an early variety of sweet corn may also be planted. The third group may be said to be still more sowings or the earliest vegetables, sweet corn, succession crops of peas, beans for snaps and green shelling, including the pole or running sorts. The last-named

require a long season for growth and should be planted as early as it is safe to do so and still escape the ravages of late frosts. Sweet corn, both early and late sorts, should be planted with this group. It is also well to plant a few hills of cucumbers and melons, although the main plantings of these vine fruits should be delayed until the ground becomes thoroughly warm. Ruta baga turnips, for winter use, should be planted with this group, also sowings of seed for winter cabbage and late celery. The last two should be sown in a seed bed, and the seedlings carefully transplanted before setting in the permanent rows.

The fourth group includes all warm weather plants, and the setting of tomatoes and other plants started in the window or hotbed. This is also a good time to make the main planting of beans for winter use and canning. The potato patch should also be planted about this time and beets and carrots sown to furnish a supply of roots for winter storing. The good gardener will also keep in mind the succession of products and plant more seeds of lettuce, early beans and peas, radishes and other things. Just a little after this fourth group is planted it will be time to set the cabbage, cauliflower, celery and Brussels sprouts plants that are destined to furnish these vegetables for late fall and winter use.

There is still another group of plants for fall sowing or in the colder climates, summer sowing. These include early turnips, winter radishes, Chinese cabbage, spinach for fall use and for keeping over underneath a mulch for spring use, endive and lettuce for fall use; also for transplanting still more plants from the previous sowings. The last planting may be of the same ground that has been occupied by early crops. The good gardener keeps all of the ground busy from early spring to late fall.

SKIRTS MUST COME 6 INCHES FROM GROUND

Priest Intends to Have Men at Church Door to Enforce.

Any woman attempting to enter the Roman Catholic Church in St. Sauveur parish, Quebec, with her skirts more than six inches from the ground will be refused admission to the church, if a ruling proposed by Rev. Father Magnon, parish priest is put into effect. He proposes to place men at each entrance to the church, armed with a tape measure, and anyone whose skirts are more than half a foot from the ground, or an inch more, will not be allowed to get beyond the portals. There are about twenty thousand women in the parish of St. Sauveur. About ninety-nine per cent of them are Roman Catholics, and they like to follow the styles just as well as women elsewhere.

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Fashion Fancies

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The finely pleated girdle is held at front by loops of the dark blue satin ribbon which reappears in a softening bow at the side of the square neckline.

With this is worn a smart little hat of blue grosgrain and felt. The same costume could be carried out most effectively in beige, which still holds its place of fashion importance.

AN ORGY OF EXPENDITURE

"It is time someone spoke for the taxpayer," was the bold statement made by Hon. James A. Robb, finance minister in the King Government, when a member of Parliament was urging further increases in the salaries of the civil servants. Mr. Robb should have maintained his courage as the spokesman of the taxpayers during the closing days of the session of Parliament, when millions of dollars were voted in the mad rush to close Parliament before Easter. Three days before the House closed supplementary estimates of over \$11,000,000 were tabled in addition to the main estimates of \$354,000,000. How could there be any serious consideration of such votes?

The pork barrel was opened wide by the King Government this session and there was a return to the old system of "to the victors belong the spoils." Money was lavished in ridings which voted right. The country is prosperous at the present time and revenues are increasing, but despite this there is just as much need of administrative economy as ever. Our national debt is practically as large as when the war was over. Taxes cannot be reduced and Government expenditures increased. There is need for someone to speak for the taxpayers and it is rather discouraging that the only time Mr. Robb speaks for the taxpayers is when the underpaid letter carriers' salaries are under consideration.

The Toronto Globe is alarmed over the orgy of expenditure manifested on the part of the Government. It says:

"When an analysis is made of the various supply bills it will be seen that appropriations throughout have been overgenerous. There was, indeed, something like a spending orgy. Money sought by constituencies for many years was forthcoming. One town got a clock for which it has waited long. A village of a few hundred population was given a public building at a cost of \$12,000. An appropriation of \$31,000 was made for a prospective Quebec town. The sum of \$100,000 was voted for Governor-General's quarters in Quebec, and another \$50,000 for a building in a suburb of Quebec City. A long-term committal was made for improvements in the capital

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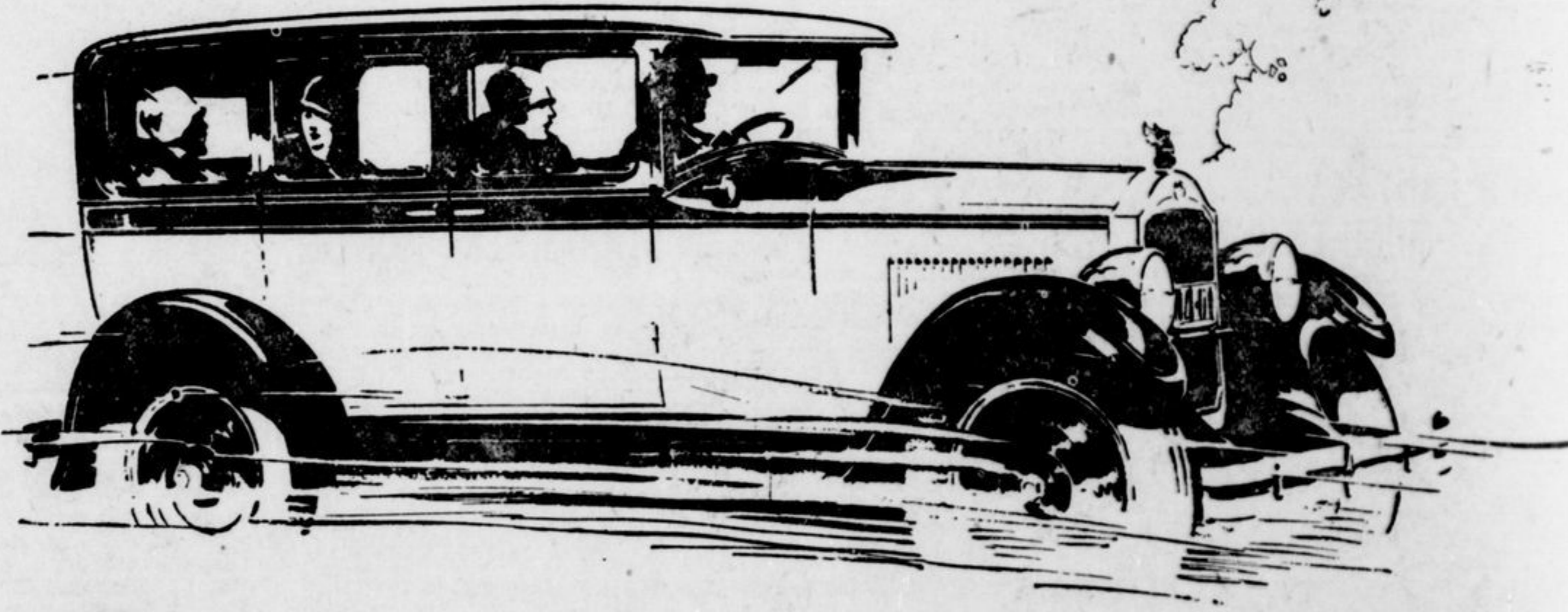


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Everybody seems to expect that every day, Spring is a little further away. We expect that every week, our village of few weeks will be at hand. They will be.

We had practically folk home for the Easter holidays. We had practically folk home for the Easter holidays. We had practically folk home for the Easter holidays.

Misses Doris and Mr. H. B. McLeod, Toronto this Monday.

Mr. Roy McLeod, Toronto, last week, a new Essex county to place in a few days.

We hear that it is still in the hospital. Messrs. Reilly, Conkey spent Easter Sunday.

Mr. Robert Short with a few last week, ago to perform his duty almost every day.

Miss Janet and Mr. are in our village, ranging for the property in this village.

Miss E. Fleming, guests of Mrs. F. G. week.

Mrs. Dobson and Mr. Cameron Smith, starting his saw mill, stock of lumber at on.

Our village, all dragged last week, considerably to their guests of the M. our village on Sunday.

Miss Edna Ferguson, laid up with a broken time past is a again.

The Easter services were largely attended, and excellent in their character.

Mr. Peter Johnston, principal, is holidaying near Chatham.

Calder

Our Own Correspondent. The grass is becoming and the fall wheat is up well.

Good Friday and were remarkably good. Mr. and Mrs. W. Kitchener, spent the former's uncle, M. Sr.

Misses Lillian and gardener spent several weeks with friends in Mosses, Peter Bartz, ton Fischer, visited, John Leibold's, Mr. George L. visited a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Schenk, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. spending the Easter home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Christod on Friday at Becker's.

Varne

Our Own Correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Hoopwood visited, Mr. Hoopwood's brother, Dr. M. J. J. Wilton, Mr. Ford touring car, Mr. and Mrs. Nichol visited a few days of with her mother, Mr. and other relatives.

Miss McNeice, returned after visiting friends, rest for two weeks.

Mrs. William Long covered from her rest that she is expected week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. and Mrs. William Peat services in Varney on day and spent the evening and Mrs. John Moore.

Miss Claire and Mr. Moore are visiting Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Florence are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Dr. G. M. Lawson is with friends at Mr. Edgar Moore's.

William Smith with a Sunday school summer session next week with J. J. Wilton.

Glenora

Our Own Correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Moore spent the winter in former's parents, in Durham where Mr. Moore is now living with her mother near Chesley.

Misses Martin and of Toronto are spending vacation with Mrs. Mrs. Barrie.

Mr. Albert Traylor is with friends in

DURHAM HIGH

The School is to take up the (1) Junior, (2) Entrance, Each member of the university to attend.

Teachers' Intentional purpose enter at beginning. Information as to obtained from the School has in the past which in the future.

Durham is a healthy town and can be obtained rates.

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