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THE TURBAN INFLUX

The Hindus are another class that we find huddled in groups in various camps of the province. They do not take up and, but work for railroads and sawmills. They live in box cars or any shelter that comes handy. They will not eat meat and have no respect for Pat Burns, although around Eholt I have known them to steal chickens. The bulk of their money goes back to Punjaub, in India, but for Imperial reasons we have to tolerate these turbaned suajects of King Edward much the same as we have to tolerate bedbugs in a country hotel. With the country filled with Japs, Chinks, Hindus, Siwashes, Doukhobors, Drunkards, Grits and Cheap raised Canadians British Columbia will ere long resemble the Garden of Eden over-run by swarms of locusts and mosquitoes.—Lowery.

Nelson, May 15.—Eighty-five of the Doukhobors for the new colony at Waterloo, on the Columbia River, arrived at their destination last night. A party of Russian and Polish farmers under the direction of the B. C. Colonization Agency, have arrived and settled on part of the 6,000 acres purchased by the agency near Fruitvale, to the South of Nelson. The settlers will in time own their ranches of from 10 to 20 acres, and meantime employment and board are found for them for eight months in the year by the agency

ANOTHER ACCIDENT AT FIELD TUNNEL.

A Blacksmith while working on New grade was killed instantly.

Another fatal accident occured up at the Field tunnel on Wednesday, when Mike Dobinski, a mucker, lost his life. He was woaking on the construction of the new C. P. R. tunnel on the "Big Hill" when the accident occured. He was shoveling dirt, when his spade struck a piece of gelignite that had got mixed with the dirt on the grade. The unfortunate man was killed instantly, his limbs torn from his body and his head nearly severed. Several gangs who were working in the vicinity had narraw escapes from the flying pieces of rock which was hurled in all directions.

The remains were brought down on Thursday's train and enterred in the cemetery.

TOBACCOO CULTURE IN B. C.

Organized effort is to be made to promote the culture of tobacco in this province. Two years ago a tobacco expert, Felix Charleau, was brought to see what were the possibilities of tobacco culture. He has been continuing careful experiments in Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia and has found high grade tobacco can be grown, but the methods of producing and curing followed were defective. Recent changes in placing Ganadian leaf on a par with imported leaf were made for the benefit of Canadian growers. Now the government will prosecute a campaign of education for his benefit.

M. Chevalier, a French expert in growing and curing tobacco, has been secured to assist Mr. Charleau. An English-speaking expert will be appointed for Ontario and next year an expert for British Columbia. Demonstrations and lectures on the best methods of tobacco curing will also be given on a large scale.

Up at Prince Rupert, unemployed are turning handsprings for meals. The chief industry is digging the festive clam from its watery bed.

VICTORIA MAN GUILTY.

Victoria, May 14.—James Leech, on trial at the assizes here upon the charge of shooting Albert Harting, bartender at the Strand hotel, with intent to do bodily harm, was found guilty yesterday. Judgment was reserved.

A MAN NOW

A jolly picnic was provided by Willie Wenman for the boys and girls of St. Paul's Church Choir on Monday, to celebrate his 21st Birthday.

Will entertained his guests in right royal style, and presented each of the boys with a gold stick pin, and the girls with a gold maple-leaf broach, on which was engraved the birthday anniversary "May 11th 1908." It was certainly a jolly picnic party, and before breaking up all hands sang "He's a jolly good fellow" while the cheers could be heard almost as far off as the "Times Office."

ASQUITH'S OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

In his speech Saturday, referring to the old age pension scheme, Mr. Asquith said that it had been decided to rule out all contributory schemes and provide the pensions from the national treasury. In order that lunatics, criminals and persons now being relieved should be ineligible under the new system, it had been decided to start with a pension of $1.25 per week to persons over 70 years of age in possession of incomes of less than $150 a year. The premier estimated that the pensioners will not exceed 100,000. It will come into force in January, 1909. Stringent conditions will be laid down for forfeiture and suspension, and if this was socialism the premier declared that it was socialism of a kind that both parties accepted. As the scheme will not go into effect until January 1, the cost of the current year will only be $6,000,000 of the estimated surplus of $24,-

VICTORIOUS REBELS

Pekin, May 12—Alarming news has been received here regarding the progress of a revolutionary movement in Yan Nan province, on Tonking border. There have been the rebels and the provincial troops, in which the former were victorious. Lachu pass is in their possession, and the seaport of Ment Tsze is endangered by them. C. V. E. Bapst, French minister to China, has been asked to aid in the suppression of the movement. The rebels possess French arms, and are said to have been trained by Frenchmen. Ment Tsze is a treaty port and has a population of about 12,000.

The recent damp weather is causing considerable trouble on the C. P. R. west of Golden. Mud slides, etc., are doing a land office business.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1908.

The Montreal Witness of recent date has the following to say of the amendment, now before parliament, to the Elections Act:

"It was not to be supposed that the Federal Government had any intention to drop its Election Act, as seems to have been insinuated by a member of the Opposition. Sir Wilfred Laurier's announcement that the measure will now be proceeded with all possible expedition will, however, be none the less welcome. The country looks forward to this act being passed in such a shape that it shall prevent in future, at least, the more crying evils that have disgraced our politics in the past, and the sooner it is on the statue book the better it will be for Canada's reputation at home and abroad. Sir Wilfred Laurier has also promised that the government will introduce some other bills this session, including a bill respecting the boundaries of Manitoba."

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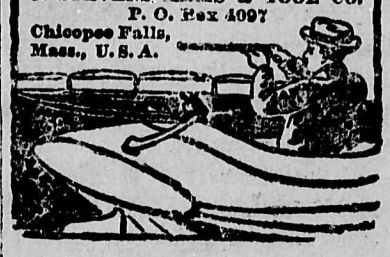

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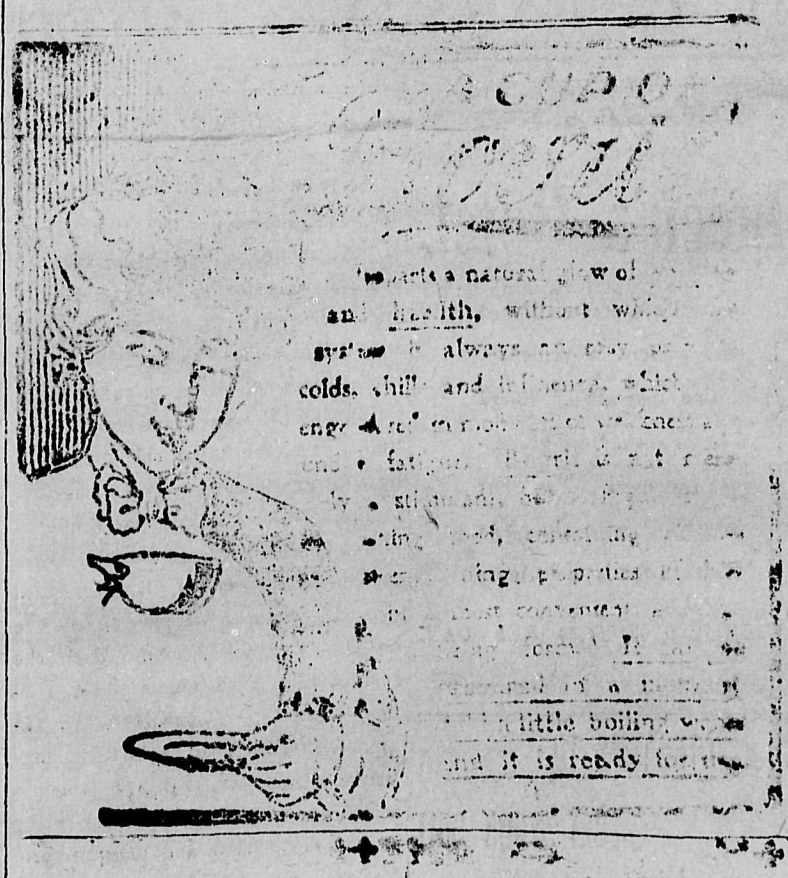

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APPLE TREE PRUNING.

(Paper prepared by T.W.Stirling, of Kelowna, read before the international convention of fruit growers in Vancouver.)

Any fruit grower on being pointed out an apple tree can say at once whether it is well shaped or badly shaped. The general characteristics of such trees as would be called well shaped by an experienced fruit grower are to be found somewhat as follows:

The main branches spring from the trunk at a good broad angle. They do not spring opposite to each other but distributed up and down the trunk. They are evenly placed around the tree and do not interfere with each other. There is a definite center stem from which they spring and which extends above the main side branches.

Such a tree is of the strongest possible frame. It will carry its proper load of fruit without propping. There is no fear of its being split down to the ground and ruined by an overweight of fruit or by wet snow or any other cause. The greatest damage that will likely to happen to it will be the breaking of a bough, an injury which can easily be repaired and the loss replaced within a short time. If any main branch is overladen and breaks off, the injury to the trunk will be comparatively light; there will be splitting. Always fresh shoots can be grown from the center to replace broken branches. After all the main stem of the tree is the tree; keep that intact and the tree is still there to grow any branches that are required.

CUTTING OUT CENTER OF TREE

To illustrate the advantage of this form it is only necessary to think of another form which is very common. That is the tree where the center has been cut out and never replaced, where the branches all spring from about the same point as the fingers grow from the palm of the hand. Such a tree, when the day of trial comes, either from an overload of fruit or from a fall of wet snow, yes, and sometimes by reason of its own weight, will get tired and lie down, splitting to the ground, so that there is nothing left from which a new tree can be grown.

Now, shaping a tree is not the whole art of pruning, and by shaping a tree is meant that treatment of the tree in its earlier years which definitely determines its general form; a tree may be well shaped in this sense yet at the same time woefully in need of cutting and clearing out, but this latter branch of the pruner's art cannot be dealt with adequately in a paper, and it is the first only which is the subject of this present effort.

The object of this paper then is to outline a method and to state a few short rules, which if followed will ensure every tree growing up in a correct form.

The rules are three in number, viz:

1. Keep the leader
2. Have but one leader.
3. Make the leader lead.

The explanation of these and thr method of carrying them out in practice is as follows:

The tree is planted as a yearling whip and cut back to about three feet or a little less from the ground with the object of forcing buds into decided growth, so that teere may be something to work on the next spring. The first real step towards shaping the tree is taken the spring after planting, preferably when the green. It will be found then, if the buds are just beginning to show the tree has established itself, that some of the buds near the top, very generally three, have made a strong upstanding growth, coming out from the stem at a very acute angle, lower down more shoots will have grown from the stem at a greater angle than the leaders, and usually have not made such a strong growth. It is from these latter that the first tier of branches may be chosen.

LEADERS

Of the one, two or three strong upright shoots near the top select the best and most upright as the leader and sacrifice the remainder. If they are retained with the idea that they will become satisfactory side branches, amenable to discipline, it will be found to be a mistake. They will not do so, but will for years be a source of bother, competing continually with the leader for supremacy. Cut them out, leaving but the one leader.

SIDE SHOOTS

From the other shoots lower down select, if possible, threee side branches. These must be evenly distributed around the tree in a horizontal direction. In a perpendicular direction they must be well separated; the angle they make with the trunk should be large, nearly a right angle. If there are not three shoots that satisfy these conditions, then leave only two or one that does; better one right than three wrong; prenty more shoots will grow during the current year to fill any vacancies.

(N. B.—Certain varieties of trees, for instance the Northern Spy, have shoots which almost invariably spring from the stem at an acute angle. In such cases it cannot be expected that shoots will be found to satisfy the third condition mentioned above. It is as well then to use a spreader to cause the shoot to grow in the desired direction.)

CUTTING BACK

Having selected the shoots which are to remain, and removed the others cutting them off close up to the stem, it is necessary to cut them back. It will be observed that the buds on the upper end of a wood shoot are better developed than those near the base. The object in view is to give the leader the start and to have it keep ahead of the rest, therefore do not cut it back too much. Cut it amongst those buds towards the upper end, perhaps one-third of its length down from the tip.

In regard to the side branches. Perhaps amongst those retained one or two are weak, and one or two are strong; these latter, perhaps nearly as strong as the leader. It is they which require to be watched or they will start racing for supremacy with the leader. Put them in their right place right away. Cut them back to within three buds or so of the stem. The buds here will be very much backward and by the time they have been forced into growth their leader will have shoots several inches in length and there is no fear that the side branches will catch up.

NEXT YEAR

The following spring the process will be much the same. The leader will be treated practically as was the whole tree the year before. The lower tier of branches of last year will probably have made two or more shoots. Almost invariably one will be enough to leave, and that should be cut back among the well-developed buds towards the extremity or about one-third in from the tip. The next year will be time enough for these side branches to have side shoots.

THIRD SPRING

The next year will be a repetition of the first and second, except that there will be an additional tier of branches to prune. The treatment of this lower tier, this year, will be somewhat similar in principle to that of the leader the first year. The cutting of the preceding year will probably have resulted in two or three strong shoots growing from the end and one or two weaker shoots growing further in on it. Of the strong shoots at the end but one should be left and that cut back as before about one third; of the others, one or two may be left as there is room or not.

After this, if all has gone right, as it will have done with a normal well-growing tree handled as suggested, the tree may be consikered to be formed and it is usually unnecessary to continue cutting back the leading shoots. The leader will be firmly established, and the tree will tend to keep the form in which it has been trained. Subsequent shaping will simply consist of thinning out superfluous shoots and branches, keeping a just balance between all side boughs.

The idea to keep in view is to give the leader the preference when cutting out; that is, if a shoot from the center is crowding a shoot from a side bough, it is the latter that must give way.

Should the shaping have been neglected in the earlier years, or should an injury have happened to the leading shoot, it is often found that one of the side branches has come ahead of the leader and is competing with the leader for supremacy. There are three things that may be done, if a well shaped tree is to result.

1. The side branch may be cut off.
2. The tree may be cut off immediately above the side branch and thus the latter becomes the leader.

(Where the side bough has grown practically as large as the rest of the tree above it, one of these two things must be done.)

3. Checkk the side branch back hard by cutting it off immediately above one of its own side shoots. The stronger it is the lower down it must be cut.

This latter will be best where such cutting is likely to be efficacious in putting the side branch in its place; it will, however, in any case have to be watched the next season.

Always the side branches must be headed in this way if they shown any signs of coming ahead of the leader until they are finally induced to take a subordinate position.

It will likely now be found that there are too many branches and that they are crowding each other—no matter, it gives a choice, and if any have to be sacrificed their existence will not have been wasted, they will have assisted to thicken ond to strengthen the main stem,

It is not claimed that there is anything new in this paper, it is simply an attempt to state in clear and concise language a definite system, which at any rate has the merit of producing surely, and without waste of time, energy in plant growth, the results aimed at. The attempt seems to be justified because this part of the orchasdist's art has not often been stated either clearly, concisely or completely and it is very necessary to have clear and definite ideas on the subject.

With a clear mental picture of what is needed in regard to shaping a tree the pruning of young trees is a rapid and sure operation. The tree is pruned and shaped metally as the operator walks towarbs it. A few deft cuts with a sharp pair of shears and it is done.

Lacking this clear idea there is indecision and doubt, the indecision of the first year produces the puzzle of the second year which in the third year becomes an insoludle problem or rather one only to be solvedtby sacrificing half or more of the tree and thereby wasting the greater part of the energy of growth that the tree has put forth in the past.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Bert Low is down from Spillimachene on business.

Seeding operations around Golden are nearly over.

Thos. Alton of Galena was in town Tuesday, on business.

There is now two Hindus employed to every white man at the C. R. L. Co's mill.

J. Nielson has sold out the "Big House Ranch" last week to an English party for $9,000.

Another Chinaman died on the westbound train Sunday, and was carried thsough to Revelstoke for burial.

Douglas McBeth, who has been driving the milk rig for the Model Farm Dairy, left Sunday for Bowden, Man., on a well earned holiday.

Thos. O'Brien, returned Monday from the Banff Sanitarium, greatly improved in health.

Manuel Dainard and Frank Bettwall, left Tuesday to clean out the Beaver Foot and Kootenay Rivers.

W. I. Briggs, of the firm of Scott & Briggs, Barristers and Solicitors, of Revelstoke was in town this week, on business.

Mr. Taylor, who has the contract to build several houses in town, paid Field a business visit Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. F. Newett of Field is a guest at the manse this week.

H. Keyes, brother-in-law of Thomas King, was in from Revelstoke this week shaking hands with friends.

Miss Alanson of Edmonton is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Bennett.

Billy Anstie, secretary of the Mountain Lumbermen's Association, was in town this week.

T. K. Kirkpatrick, divisional superintendent, and J. P. Ford, resident engineer, were seeing what a real live town looked like Friday.

Work will be commenced next week on the Dauchmen's Caves, situated near Ross Peak. Steps will be constructed to the Caves which will make it more convenient for the sublic.

Free Miners' licenses expire on May 31, when they must be reserved for the ensuing year. We would remind all miners that the 31st falls on a Sunday this year and we advise all those who wish to renew their licenses to do so at the Court House before 1 p.m. on Saturday May 30th, next, after which time the office is closed till Monday.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

Notice is hereby given that one month after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of my Retail liquor license to sell intoxicating liquors under the provisions of the Statutes in that behalf, in the premises known and described as the Queen's Hotel, situated at Golden, B. C., to commence on the 1st day of July, 1908.

J. C. GREENE,
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