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WEATHER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the
Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 31. Minimum, 16.
Highest Max. (16th) 49. Lowest Min. (1st) 3
below zero. Rainfall, 1.74. Snow 25 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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Why Germans Retreated

Were Fast Becoming a Garrison
of Gibbering Lunatics

London, Mar. 7.—British aviators dropped bombs on German blast furnaces at Brebach.

One reason why Germans retreated along the Ancre was because they were fast becoming a garrison of gibbering lunatics. Their position had become more hideous than scuppers of hell; mud, bottomless in places, and ceaseless pounding of British guns turned their positions into stench pits too horrible for human nerve to stand.

German government sends a wireless to Count Bernstorff at sea asking him to explain how the German note in regard to bringing Mexico and Japan into war with the United States was divulged, also warned him not to grant newspaper interviews on the situation.

Bonar Law replies to critics and says government will not withdraw the Saloniki expedition nor was Roumania forced to enter the war.

Swedish government has resigned following the refusal of thirty million crowns appropriation for preserving Sweden's neutrality. Ministry now faces a crisis.

After Saturday, Holland will be compelled to prohibit the export of bread to Belgium on account of the German submarine warfare.

U-Boat Menace a Failure

New York, Mar. 7.—Dr. C. Chakiaberty, Hindu physician, and Dr. E. Skunner, a German, are under arrest charged with setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly nation. The arrests reveal a fresh German plot in India. Both the accused admit having received sixty thousand dollars to start a revolution. This sum was paid by Wolff Von Igel, notorious Hun agent who is now aboard the Frederick VIII travelling with a safe conduct pass.

Two million dollars propaganda fund left by Count Bernstorff in the United States.

Concrete evidence that the U-boat menace is a rank failure.

U. S. Not Justified in Getting Excited

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—United States is not justified in becoming excited. After considering the matter for several days this is foreign secretary Zimmerman's defense of the German plot against the Republic. He only regrets that the scheme was found out.

Tokyo, Mar. 7.—Japanese press attacks the United States for the treatment accorded to Japanese in the States. The press remains unconcerned over the disclosures of the German plot to implicate Japan and Mexico in a war with the United States.

Havana—Direct evidence of Teutonic efforts to stir up a rebellion on the island is discovered

U. S. Senate Reject Armed Neutrality Bill

Washington, Mar. 7.—United States supreme court awards the steamer Appam to her British owners.

Senator Lodge, Republican, this afternoon introduced the Armed Neutrality Bill in the Senate. Senator Owen moved the introduction of the Bill not in order, that Bill had died with the sixty-fourth Congress last Sunday. Vice-president Marshall in chair, sustained Sen. Owen. The president is in a quandry, but will not attempt to arm merchant ships unless a loop-hole in law is found.

Austria's reply re-unrestricted submarine warfare declares she cannot give up the right to sink "enemy" merchant ships, but does not include neutral merchant ships under these rights, hence the authorities are inclined to feel she has stretched a point in order to meet American efforts to avert a break.

Werner Horn, alleged German army officer, charged with responsibility in a plot to blow up the C. P. R. bridge crossing Canadian border at Vanceboro, Maine, must face trial. Supreme court dismissed Horn's appeal.

Hold Captured Trenches

Paris, Mar. 7.—Desperate fighting continues in the region of Cauriers wood and Douamont, but the French troops refuse to be dislodged from the captured trenches.

Paris, Mar. 8.—French forces raided German trenches and took prisoners between the Disne and the Aisne.

4985 Ships Entered and Left British Ports Last Week

London, Mar. 8.—British troops have approached almost within range of Bagdad.

British troops made further progress northwest of Irlas and north of Puisseux au Mont.

Twenty-six vessels sunk during past week, while 2508 ships arrived, sailings totalled 2477.

New York—Cunard line's Carmania docked yesterday, reports British captured 48 submarines between Feb. 1 and 16.

Hotel Fire at Hope. —Guests Cremated

Hope, B. C., Mar. 7.—Eight or ten men were cremated by fire which destroyed the famous old hostelry, Coquahala Hotel, here at 3:30 this morning. The flames spread with lightning rapidity, sleeping guests given little warning and fled in nightclothes, several women were rescued in a thrilling manner. Hotel valued between twenty-five and thirty-five thousand dollars.

The known dead are: Thomas Wilson, provincial horticulturist, Vancouver; Bert Ready, miner; Bill McKeever, miner; Thomas Taylor, lumberman, Vancouver; George Atkins, K. V. Ry.; Tom Kehoe, lumberman, Vancouver; and an unknown Serbian.

Action U. S. Senators Condemned as Treasonable

Washington, Mar. 8.—"Wilful men" arouse a storm of protest and Senator Stone may be deposed as chairman of foreign relations. Democrats in St. Louis demand his resignation from the Senate. Cleveland press say Stone is one of "Kaiser's dozen" and can no longer be trusted, also urges the other eleven Senators be not forgotten, and publish pictures of the filibusters along side that of Benedict Arnold. State legislature denounce course as treasonable.

Merchant ships will be armed. President Wilson now satisfied he has power to take action without approval of Senate.

Washington Times says Senator Stone's action is treasonable.

St. Louis—Democratic organizations here last night denounced Senator Stone as a traitor.

Lincoln, Neb.—A resolution branding Senator Norris as traitor to his state and the United States was taken up by the state

senate today.

Portland—Petition demanding resignation Senator Lane was circulated throughout Oregon today. Petition says, "No words can describe our chagrin that State of Oregon should be so mis-represented and disgraced by your action."

St. Paul—Large number German-Americans who constitute one-fourth of Minnesota National Guards are under suspicion after the conviction of private Scharfenberg of treason. He wrote to his mother in Germany ridiculing the American army and attacking President Wilson, he also asserting that ten million Germans in the States would revolt in event of war with Germany. His letter was intercepted by British censors and returned to U. S. government.

Wheeling—Senator LaFollette lecture here today was cancelled. His filibustering tactics being condemned.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Canosun arrived on Saturday last at 11 a. m. Among the arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. W. Linnell and E. B. Dawe.

The passengers leaving were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gallienne, Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Mrs. A. Wood, Messrs. I. Fougner and F. Broughton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gallienne and Mrs. J. R. Morrison left Bella Coola for Ocean Falls, where they intend to make their homes for a season at least.

But the attractions of Bella Coola are such that they hope their stay away will only be temporary.

Mrs. A. Wood left for her home at Ocean Falls after having spent a few weeks here visiting among friends.

Iver Fougner, Indian agent, took a trip to Bella Bella in the interests of the progressive Indians of that beautiful village.

Frank Broughton, provincial constable, does not advertise his goings and comings so we cannot tell the reason for his flight at this time. But it is safe to conclude that as a consequence of his trip somebody will be brought to grief.

W. Linnell and E. B. Dawe are like the migratory denizens of the air. They stay here through the summer, but in the fall depart for warmer climes to spend the winter months. They are now back again at the cannery where they will run engines and carry on other intricate work.

Last Sunday the Hagensborg church was well filled by an appreciative audience which had gathered to listen and take part in a discussion of how to make

the work of the church more effective. The usual Sunday service in the forenoon had given way for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Sageng opened the discussion emphasizing the necessity for every Christian to engage in some activity for the extension of the Kingdom, and not leave all the work to be done by the pastor.

The rest of the speakers followed in the same strain, but as an outcome of the proceedings there was no resolution adopted or plan formulated by which this worthy object could be carried out.

Although the church has done good work in the past it is felt that it does not reach the young people adequately, they on whom its hopes are centered for the future.

In the evening of Saturday last week a large crowd of friends and relatives of Ole J. Nygaard gathered at his house at Hagensborg to offer him their congratulations and good wishes in honor of his fortieth birthday.

The function took the form of a surprise party, which is certainly the most pleasing way in which friends can make a social gathering most enjoyable. We can imagine our friend Nygaard just in from wading in the snow and slush all day having thrown off outer wet garments, pulled off his foot-gear and enjoying the genial warmth from the stove in comfortable dishabille when a crowd in their best clothes suddenly bursts into the house, crowds up and shakes hand with him in the most joyous manner.

It seems that in a situation such as that his cup of enjoyment must nearly overflow. Under such circumstances some men

would take to the attic, but Ole would not be disconcerted even under such an ordeal.

The party, among a lot of good things to cater to the innermost parts of men, brought as a birthday gift a fine roller-top desk, which Ole will find especially useful now being the secretary of the Farmers' Institute.

A poem composed for the occasion expressing the sentiments of the visitors was read and listened to with admiration and under deep emotion.

After a protracted stay extending into the wee sma hours the visitors departed after spending one of the most enjoyable evenings of the winter.

And now Mr. Nygaard wishes he could have birthdays come at least once a week.

The Indians caught a large octopus in the bay last week. Everybody at the wharf on steamboat day had a good look at the ugly object.

Christmas at the Front.

The boys at the front far removed from the gentle influences of peaceful homes, have an appreciation of the kindness shown them which we who dwell in our accustomed surroundings do not altogether grasp.

The slight sacrifice made by the ladies of the valley in sending Christmas parcels to the front has met with such a chorus of thanks from our boys that we know our readers will enjoy the reading of extracts from their letters received by Mrs. Morrison as the secretary of the W. C. T. U.

It will be noticed that the recipients shared the good things they received with those who were less fortunate and thereby extended the happy Christmas spirit.

"Thanks for your letter from W. C. T. U. wishing me a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"I spent my Christmas coming across on the boat and my New Year in quarantine in England."
"Walter E. Ratcliff."

"Allow me to thank you very much for the parcel received in time for Christmas. The cake, which was a large one, I divided among thirty patients and I fancy had you been able to see the boys' faces and to have heard their expression of thanks to the 'Canadian women,' you would have felt amply repaid for the expense, etc., entailed."
"Henry G. Grainger."

"I am writing to thank the ladies for their extreme kindness and forethought in remembering the boys at the front in the generous way in which they did. My own parcel was most welcome and highly appreciated. Its arrival was timed to the minute, as it arrived on Christmas Day. It brought back very pleasant memories of sunny days in the valley—days when such a

thing as war was unknown. It brightened the Christmas prospects for several of us. Again I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the comforts and pleasure that you have given us all this Christmas.
"Bob Lees."

"Just a line to say I have received your Christmas parcel. Please accept sincerest thanks for it and your many kind wishes. Ladies like the members of the W. C. T. U. at home do more to make things easier for us here than you will ever know. Please convey to the rest of the ladies my heartiest appreciation.
"Ingvald Urseth."

"Many thanks for the Xmas box. It was O. K. and I shared it out to my comrades so we all enjoyed it.

"I really don't think this war will last very much longer now, say the end of July or August. I will tell you all the news when I come home. Give my love and season's greetings to all the ladies in the valley.
"P. J. Kenyon."

"I thank you and the W. C. T. U. very much for your kindness. I can assure you that the parcel was appreciated very, very highly. I am getting along alright. Kind remembrances to all.
"J. Dawe."

"Only a few lines to let you know that I received the welcome parcel of cake and chocolate on Christmas night. I had given up hope of getting anything that evening when along comes one of the boys through the trench asking for Sam Grant. He did not have very far to go for me, especially with a cake from Bella Coola. I handed it around to some of the boys—Arthur Gothard, Pete Marren, Randolph Saugstad and those that I saw the next day. The cake and chocolates could not have tasted better. I thank the W. C. T. U. again for their kindness.
"Sam Grant."

"I got the parcel from the W. C. T. U. I really do think it was very kind and thoughtful of you all. It is fine to think that you still look upon me as a Bella Coola fellow. Accept my best wishes for a very happy New Year to you all.
"H. L. Harris."

"I must thank you for the lovely, big parcel that arrived on the 23rd. It was very kind indeed of you to send so much. Please thank the rest of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and tell them I enjoyed the contents immensely and am very grateful to them all for their kindness.
"Christmas day we spent in the support trenches and thanks to the W. C. T. U. parcel and one from my sisters, we were able to have a very enjoyable Xmas dinner.
"Fred Grant."

Church Notice

Sunday School 10:45 a. m.

Church Service 7:30 p. m.

Preacher for Sunday—Rev. W. H. Gibson.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1917.

The Purpose of Germany.

An onlooker is, as a rule, in a better position to form a more correct judgment upon the actual state of affairs in a contest than the participants themselves. It is therefore just now very interesting to know the opinion of competent neutral authority on the outlook of the war under its present stage of development.

The Youth's Companion, one of the best weeklies published in United States, in its last issue at hand, has an article on the purpose of Germany in carrying on an unrestricted submarine warfare and thus provoking the neutral nations. It believes there are only two possible interpretations to be found to account for Germany's action:

"The first is that the German government sincerely believes that through ruthless submarine warfare it is possible to starve England before England through its control of the seas can starve Germany. If the German submarines can practically annihilate all shipping to and from England, Germany will win an unqualified victory within a few months. England will be compelled to accept whatever terms Germany dictates—and we must suppose that they would include the surrender of the British fleet. Russia and France will inevitably collapse with England; and Germany will be free, if it chooses, to send its enormously augmented fleet and its seasoned troops across the Atlantic to try to extort from America a settlement vast enough to compensate the German people for the tremendous financial cost of the war.

"On the other hand—and this is from the evidence the more probable supposition—the German government has embarked on the submarine adventure with no real hope of success, but with the object of saving itself in the eyes of the German people. If the German government knows that virtual starvation is imminent throughout the Empire, that there is a scarcity of materials for munitions and for clothing, and that the British and French and Russians are planning offensives that promise to overwhelm the Teutonic resources, what is the most logical course, after the failure of peace overtures, for it to pursue? It has encouraged its people to believe that the submarines are invincible and can

sweep British shipping from the sea. The German people, daily pulling their belts together, will not be satisfied unless the government uses its weapon. The government knows that the results that the people expect are not likely to be reached; but it must use the weapon in order to show the people that it has tried everything. It understands that the unrestricted use of the submarine is likely to bring the United States and probably other neutral nations into the war, and it is not unwilling that it should be so, for it sees in the addition of new enemies a possibility of saying to its people 'We are over-matched; we cannot fight the world. We must make peace. Convinced that the government has done all it could, the German people may be willing to accept a peace that was wholly unacceptable so long as the submarine weapon had not been tried, and may be willing to retain in power a government that surrendered only under the pressure of overwhelming force.

The German note is an indication that the end of the war is near."

The New Brunswick Election

The tide which has been running against the Conservatives of Canada for the past year or more has not turned, as the result of the New Brunswick election held February 24 abundantly bears witness.

The Liberals in this election have carried another Conservative stronghold by a sufficient majority to effect a needed house-cleaning.

Although the Liberal majority is not large, still it is a fair working majority and the opposition will be strong enough to have a substantial and beneficial effect upon legislation and the new administration.

Out of forty-eight seats the Liberals carried twenty-seven, giving them a majority of six. This may not seem very much to be proud of as compared to the majority obtained in our provincial election; but as the Liberals in the last election held in that province only elected two members the turnover is sufficient to make the Conservatives sit up and take notice.

The campaign was very short; only one week from the day of



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The Prince Rupert Empire man, who is a candidate for the House of Commons for this Riding.

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nomination till the day of election. The administration, aided by the forces of the Dominion government, did its utmost to carry the election, and we know from our own experience that the party in power has a tremendous advantage in an election as against the opposition, both in funds and influence. But in this instance it seems that the aid of the Dominion government did their Conservative friends more harm than good. All along the Intercolonial Railway, which is owned and controlled by the Federal government, the vote was especially heavy in favor of the Liberals. The employees of the government and their friends were embittered because the railway as run by the Dominion, officials had shown preference in their appointments to Americans, and showed their resentment by voting for Liberal candidates. And thus there is another province added to the Liberal column.

Now all the provincial governments of Canada are Liberal with the exception of Ontario and Prince Edward Island.

In view of the result in New

Brunswick it will certainly be in the interest of the Conservative party to call a Dominion election as soon as possible because the longer the election is postponed the less likely the Conservatives will be of carrying it.

Last year, the chances of the Borden government being returned were very good and therefore the Liberals opposed an election at that time, but after a year has passed public feeling is steadily growing that the Federal government is not equal to the responsible position it holds in these troublesome times.

If the election comes off this spring there is a possibility of the Conservatives being returned but if it is delayed another six months their case will become hopeless.

The esteemed Colonist publishes a fairy tale almost daily dilating with evident relish upon the alleged conflict between the Liberal executive of Victoria and the Brewster Government in the matter of appointments to the provincial service. Cannot our contemporary understand that if the stories it prints are true, all the more credit attaches to the Government for making appointments according to merit rather than in accordance with the demands of politicians?

Last week we stated that the subscription to Britain's last war loan amounted to 3 1-2 billion

Bella Coola Experimental Plot. Report for 1916

S. Le C. Grant, Experimenter.

Section 4. Plot 3.

Sugar Beet—Leviathan: sown 1-30 acre May 11; germinated May 22; harvested October 7; yield 2738 lbs. Results, excellent crop. Good shape.

Potatoes—Rochester Rose: sown 34 sets May 11; germinated June 1; harvested October 7; yield 72 lbs. Results, deep eyed, but clean and good quality.

Irish Cobbler: sown 35 sets May 11; germinated June 1; harvested October 7; yield 141 lbs. Results, fair crop, clean and good quality.

Plot 4.

Kaffir Corn: sown May 22; germinated June 2. Results, failure, nights too cold. Remarks, ploughed under in August and sown to Crimson Clover, which made good growth for green manure in September.

Potatoes—Mortgage Lifter: sown 3 lbs. June 8; germinated June 22; harvested October 7; yield 105 lbs. Results, fair yield for this ground.

Royal Russet: sown 3 lbs. June 8; germinated June 22; harvested October 7; yield 57 lbs. Results, poor crop. This variety seems to require rich soil. Quite early.

Remarks, plot loses most of early sun, due to proximity of bush nearby.

Section 5. Plot 5.—Gravel knoll.

Clover—Alsike: sown April, 1916. Height 20 in., cut July 2. Height 24 in., cut August 8. Height 22 in., cut September 20. Results, three good crops in blossom. Very useful on dry land. Remarks, good growth and sod ploughed under in October.

Plot 6.

Wheat (Marquis) and peas (Pruss. blue)—sown May 1; germinated May 12; headed July 3; ripe August 15; days ripening 114; height, wheat 48 in., peas 46 in.; cut August 25. Results, fine heavy stand of both and well filled. No smut or rust.

Plot 7.

Barley—Manchurian: sown May 2; germinated May 13; headed July 3; ripe August 15; days ripening 106; height 3 ft. 5 in.; cut August 15. Results, heads well filled.

Oats—Banner: sown May 2; germinated May 15; headed July 14; ripe August 22; days ripening 112; height 4 ft. 5 in.; cut August 25. Results, good crop, clean and well filled heads.

Wheat—Marquis: sown May 2; germinated May 16; headed July 16; ripe August 25; days ripening 114; height 4 ft.; cut Aug. 25. Results, good crop, clean and plump.

Peas—Arthur: sown May 2; germinated May 16; headed July 16; ripe August 25; days ripening 114; height 5 ft.; cut August 30. Results, good yield, well-filled pods.

Remarks, considerable grain lost in many handlings and poor threshing by neighbor's machine. Very little smut or rust on grain. Treated with Formalin 1-40.

To be concluded in three issues.

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dollars; this time we are able to tell that the Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons on February 26 that it totalled the colossal sum of £1,000,321,950, or five billion, one and one-half million dollars.

The cold snap lately experienced in Europe has wrought great damage to the stock of potatoes in Germany.

This of course will increase the distress caused by the shortage of food, but it is not likely that there is any danger of actual starvation. The German people will continue to endure the privations with as good grace as they can muster, but they will survive. But what will have

more effect upon the duration of the war than the shortage of food is lack of material for the manufacture of munitions of war and for clothing, which is now really serious. The British blockade of Germany is more telling than the German blockade of Britain will ever be. Even the journals friendly to the Teutons state that the submarines will never starve out Britain.

In a note to the Brazilian government Germany says it is determined to maintain the submarine blockade, to abandon it would involve national annihilation.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA,
OCTOBER 7th, 1916.

Germany will soon find out that he who digs a grave of another will himself fall into it.

The graves planned for Serbia and France will ere long be occupied by Germany.

Germany's penalty for aggression will we hope be a lasting lesson to all unduly ambitious.

United Farmers of British Columbia

The farmers of British Columbia have come to a realization of the fact that in order to make the best out of their situation they must unite and work for the interest of each other as a class by combining their strength.

Almost all other classes have seen the need of organizing for mutual protection and advancement, and found that it is efforts well expended.

Two weeks ago at Convention Hall, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, a meeting of farmers from Vancouver Island and the southern part of the Mainland met and organized the United Farmers of British Columbia.

The movement which has crystallized in this organization took its beginning last fall at Cowichan, Vancouver Island. A general dissatisfaction relative to artificial conditions inducing a labor shortage, the continued increase in the cost of manufac-

tured articles and the absence of any compensating return to the farmers, decided the directors of the Cowichan Creamery Association to call a mass meeting of the farmers of the Cowichan district to consider what steps might be taken to improve conditions.

The meeting was held November 4 and decided that an association be formed "to be called a Farmers' Union, or similar name, and that efforts be made to bring in other districts of the province."

The committee appointed to carry out this resolution, of which Mr. H. C. Helgesen was a leading member, did such effective work during the winter that their object has already been realized by the organization of the United Farmers of British Columbia, as stated above.

The objects of the "United Farmers" may be briefly stated as follows:

1. To effect united action and resistance when unfair taxation affects the farmers interests.
2. To support only such candidates for legislature that will support and defend the objects of the association.
3. To teach and encourage co-operative efforts among its members.
4. To promote the best methods of farming; to enlarge our

markets; to secure best and cheapest transportation.

5. To secure by vigilant efforts legislation promoting the interests of the farmers.

6. To promote social intercourse.

7. To settle disputes without recourse to law.

8. To take into consideration any member's case of grievance, hardship or litigation, and defend our members as far as possible.

9. To carry on any business deemed advisable and authorized by act of parliament.

The secretary of the association is George Sangster, Vancouver, to whom all communications should be directed.

It organized with a membership of nearly 1000 and is now fairly launched to carry out its objects, and with good leadership we predict it will prove of great benefit to the farmers of the province.

We hope the enterprising farmers of this community as well as the rest of the northern country will join the organization and work for the common welfare.

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The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, Thomas J. Whiteside, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation builder, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post situated on the north shore of Jackson Passage, about one-half (1-2) mile within the entrance and near a small stream, thence North 20 chains, thence West 20 chains, thence South 20 chains, to the shore, thence following the shore line to the point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

THOMAS J. WHITESIDE.
Dated, November 30, 1916. Jan. 6—March

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DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

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(Signed) MARK SMABY.
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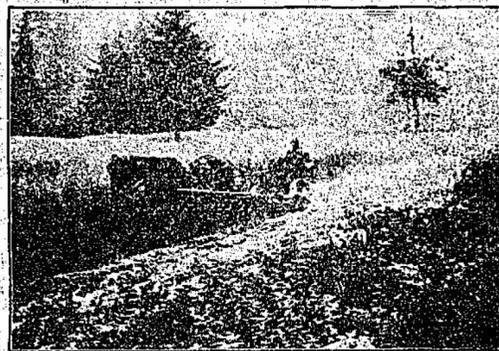
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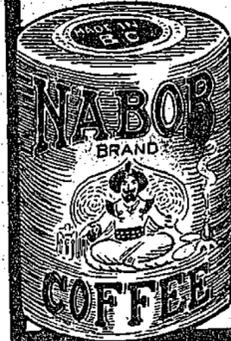
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The quickest way to get a plantation is to buy selected roots of good varieties and plant them out in rows 4 feet apart, the roots being planted 2 feet apart in the rows for the small early kinds and 3 feet for the large growing varieties, such as Victoria. In planting, leave the bud nearly level with the ground.

Planting may be done at any time from autumn until spring. Spring is the best time however.

Firm planting is necessary, and when this has been properly done the tops of the crowns will just show above the soil.

During the first year after planting, very few, if any, leaves should be pulled from any plant, and these only in mid-season so that the plant has a chance to make a good start and also to lay up its store of food for the following year.

Rhubarb likes plenty of manure. A good top dressing of farmyard manure immediately after planting would be good for the plants, and every year afterwards, laying it on in the fall and forking it in in the spring. Those who live near the sea might use seaweed for the purpose.

If barnyard manure is scarce and seaweed cannot be obtained, give superphosphates in the spring, or where the land is light use kainit in the autumn. On heavy land a spring application of sulphate of potash will be beneficial.

Many English growers consider dung alone tends to make rhubarb stringy. A good application would be 12 1/2 tons of dung, 400 lbs. of superphosphate, and 100 lbs. of sulphate of Potash (or 400 lbs. of kainit) per acre.—Garden Magazine.

Our farmers are not particularly distressed over the soaring prices of potatoes. But as the present prices are the highest ever known it is probably the part of prudence to sell any surplus on hand as soon as possible.

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Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 31. Minimum, 16.
Highest Max. (16th) 49. Lowest Min. (1st) 3 below zero. Rainfall, 1.74. Snow 25 in.
Rainfall for the year (1916) 40.89 inches.

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Why Germans Retreated

Fast Becoming a Garrison of Gibbering Lunatics

London, Mar. 7.—British aviators dropped bombs on German gas furnaces at Brebach.

One reason why Germans retreated along the Ancre was because they were fast becoming a garrison of gibbering lunatics. Their position had become more precarious than scuppers of hell; and, bottomless in places, and senseless pounding of British shells turned their positions into trench pits too horrible for human nerve to stand.

German government sends a messageless to Count Bernstorff asking him to explain how the German note in regard to Mexico and Japan into the United States was divulged; also warned him not to repeat newspaper interviews on the situation.

Bonar Law replies to critics and says government will not withdraw the Saloniki expedition if Roumania forced to enter the war.

Swedish government has returned following the refusal of thirty million crowns appropriation for preserving Sweden's neutrality. Ministry now faces crisis.

After Saturday, Holland will be compelled to prohibit the export of bread to Belgium on account of the German submarine warfare.

U-Boat Menace a Failure

New York, Mar. 7.—Dr. C. Pakiaberty, Hindu physician, and Dr. E. Skunner, a German, are under arrest charged with setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly nation. They will be arraigned today before Federal authorities. The arrests reveal a fresh German plot in India. Both the accused admit having received sixty thousand dollars to start a revolution. This sum was paid by Wolff Von Igel, notorious Hun agent who is now aboard the Frederick VIII travelling with a safe conduct pass.

Two million dollars propaganda and left by Count Bernstorff in the United States.

Concrete evidence that the U-boat menace is a rank failure.

U. S. Not Justified in Getting Excited

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—United States is not justified in becoming excited. After considering the matter for several days this foreign secretary Zimmerman's defense of the German plot against the Republic. He only regrets that the scheme was found out.

Tokio, Mar. 7.—Japanese press attacks the United States for the treatment accorded to Japanese in the States. The press remains unconcerned over the disclosures of the German plot to implicate Japan and Mexico in a war with the United States.

Havana—Direct evidence of subtonic efforts to stir up a rebellion on the island is discovered.

U. S. Senate Rejects Armed Neutrality Bill

Washington, Mar. 7.—United States supreme court awards the steamer Appam to her British owners.

Senator Lodge, Republican, this afternoon introduced the Armed Neutrality Bill in the Senate. Senator Owen moved the introduction of the Bill not in order, that Bill had died with the sixty-fourth Congress last Sunday. Vice-president Marshall in chair, sustained Sen. Owen. The president is in a quandry, but will not attempt to arm merchant ships unless a loop-hole in law is found.

Austria's reply re-unrestricted submarine warfare declares she cannot give up the right to sink "enemy" merchant ships, but does not include neutral merchant ships under these rights, hence the authorities are inclined to feel she has stretched a point in order to meet American efforts to avert a break.

Werner Horn, alleged German army officer, charged with responsibility in a plot to blow up the C. P. R. bridge crossing Canadian border at Vanceboro, Maine, must face trial. Supreme court dismissed Horn's appeal.

Hold Captured Trenches

Paris, Mar. 7.—Desperate fighting continues in the region of Cauriers wood and Douamont, but the French troops refuse to be dislodged from the captured trenches.

Paris, Mar. 8.—French forces raided German trenches and took prisoners between the Disne and the Aisne.

4985 Ships Entered and Left British Ports Last Week

London, Mar. 8.—British troops have approached almost within range of Bagdad.

British troops made further progress northwest of Irlas and north of Puissieux au Mont.

Twenty-six vessels sunk during past week, while 2508 ships arrived, sailings totalled 2477.

New York—Cunard liner Carmania docked yesterday, reports British captured 48 submarines between Feb. 1 and 16.

Hotel Fire at Hope—Guests Cremated

Hope, B. C., Mar. 7.—Eight or ten men were cremated by fire which destroyed the famous old hostelry, Coquahala Hotel, here at 3:30 this morning. The flames spread with lightning rapidity, sleeping guests given little warning and fled in nightclothes, several women were rescued in a thrilling manner. Hotel valued between twenty-five and thirty-five thousand dollars.

The known dead are: Thomas Wilson, provincial horticulturist, Vancouver; Bert Ready, miner; Bill McKeever, miner; Thomas Taylor, lumberman, Vancouver; George Atkins, K. V. Ry.; Tom Kehoe, lumberman, Vancouver; and an unknown Serbian.

Action U. S. Senators Condemned as Treasonable

Washington, Mar. 8.—"Wilful men" arouse a storm of protest and Senator Stone may be deposed as chairman of foreign relations. Democrats in St. Louis demand his resignation from the Senate. Cleveland press say Stone is one of "Kaiser's dozen" and can no longer be trusted, also urges the other eleven Senators be not forgotten, and publish pictures of the filibusters along side that of Benedict Arnold. State legislature denounce course as treasonable.

Merchant ships will be armed. President Wilson now satisfied he has power to take action without approval of Senate.

Washington Times says Senator Stone's action is treasonable. St. Louis—Democratic organizations here last night denounced Senator Stone as a traitor.

Lincoln, Neb.—A resolution branding Senator Norris as traitor to his state and the United States was taken up by the state

senate today.

Portland—Petition demanding resignation Senator Lane was circulated throughout Oregon today. Petition says, "No words can describe our chagrin that State of Oregon should be so misrepresented and disgraced by your action."

St. Paul—Large number German-Americans who constitute one-fourth of Minnesota National Guards are under suspicion after the conviction of private Scharfenberg of treason. He wrote to his mother in Germany ridiculing the American army and attacking President Wilson, he also asserting that ten million Germans in the States would revolt in event of war with Germany. His letter was intercepted by British censors and returned to U. S. government.

Wheeling—Senator LaFollette lecture here today was cancelled. His filibustering tactics being condemned.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Canosun arrived on Saturday last at 11 a. m. Among the arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. W. Linnell and E. B. Dawe.

The passengers leaving were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gallienne, Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Mrs. A. Wood, Messrs. I. Fougner and F. Broughton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gallienne and Mrs. J. R. Morrison left Bella Coola for Ocean Falls, where they intend to make their homes for a season at least.

But the attractions of Bella Coola are such that they hope their stay away will only be temporary.

Mrs. A. Wood left for her home at Ocean Falls after having spent a few weeks here visiting among friends.

Iver Fougner, Indian agent, took a trip to Bella Bella in the interests of the progressive Indians of that beautiful village.

Frank Broughton, provincial constable, does not advertise his goings and comings so we cannot tell the reason for his flight at this time. But it is safe to conclude that as a consequence of his trip somebody will be brought to grief.

W. Linnell and E. B. Dawe are like the migratory denizens of the air. They stay here through the summer, but in the fall depart for warmer climes to spend the winter months. They are now back again at the cannery where they will run engines and carry on other intricate work.

Last Sunday the Hagensborg church was well filled by an appreciative audience which had gathered to listen and take part in a discussion of how to make

the work of the church more effective. The usual Sunday service in the forenoon had given way for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Sageng opened the discussion emphasizing the necessity for every Christian to engage in some activity for the extension of the Kingdom, and not leave all the work to be done by the pastor.

The rest of the speakers followed in the same strain, but as an outcome of the proceedings there was no resolution adopted or plan formulated by which this worthy object could be carried out.

Although the church has done good work in the past it is felt that it does not reach the young people adequately, they on whom its hopes are centered for the future.

In the evening of Saturday last week a large crowd of friends and relatives of Ole J. Nygaard gathered at his house at Hagensborg to offer him their congratulations and good wishes in honor of his fortieth birthday.

The function took the form of a surprise party, which is certainly the most pleasing way in which friends can make a social gathering most enjoyable. We can imagine our friend Nygaard just in from wading in the snow and slush all day having thrown off outer wet garments, pulled off his foot-gear and enjoying the genial warmth from the stove in comfortable dishabille when a crowd in their best clothes suddenly bursts into the house, crowds up and shakes hand with him in the most joyous manner.

It seems that in a situation such as that his cup of enjoyment must nearly overflow. Under such circumstances some men

would take to the attic, but Ole would not be disconcerted even under such an ordeal.

The party, among a lot of good things to cater to the innermost parts of men, brought as a birthday gift a fine roller-top desk, which Ole will find especially useful now being the secretary of the Farmers' Institute.

A poem composed for the occasion expressing the sentiments of the visitors was read and listened to with admiration and under deep emotion.

After a protracted stay extending into the wee sma hours the visitors departed after spending one of the most enjoyable evenings of the winter.

And now Mr. Nygaard wishes he could have birthdays come at least once a week.

The Indians caught a large octopus in the bay last week. Everybody at the wharf on steamboat day had a good look at the ugly object.

Christmas at the Front.

The boys at the front far removed from the gentle influences of peaceful homes, have an appreciation of the kindness shown them which we who dwell in our accustomed surroundings do not altogether grasp.

The slight sacrifice made by the ladies of the valley in sending Christmas parcels to the front has met with such a chorus of thanks from our boys that we know our readers will enjoy the reading of extracts from their letters received by Mrs. Morrison as the secretary of the W. C. T. U.

It will be noticed that the recipients shared the good things they received with those who were less fortunate and thereby extended the happy Christmas spirit.

"Thanks for your letter from W. C. T. U. wishing me a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"I spent my Christmas coming across on the boat and my New Year in quarantine in England."
"Walter E. Ratcliff."

"Allow me to thank you very much for the parcel received in time for Christmas. The cake, which was a large one, I divided among thirty patients and I fancy had you been able to see the boys' faces and to have heard their expression of thanks to the 'Canadian women,' you would have felt amply repaid for the expense, etc., entailed."
"Henry G. Grainger."

"I am writing to thank the ladies for their extreme kindness and forethought in remembering the boys at the front in the generous way in which they did. My own parcel was most welcome and highly appreciated. Its arrival was timed to the minute, as it arrived on Christmas Day. It brought back very pleasant memories of sunny days in the valley—days when such a

thing as war was unknown. It brightened the Christmas prospects for several of us. Again I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the comforts and pleasure that you have given us all this Christmas.

"Bob Lees."

"Just a line to say I have received your Christmas parcel. Please accept sincerest thanks for it and your many kind wishes. Ladies like the members of the W. C. T. U. at home do more to make things easier for us here than you will ever know. Please convey to the rest of the ladies my heartiest appreciation.

"Ingvald Urseth."

"Many thanks for the Xmas box. It was O. K. and I shared it out to my comrades so we all enjoyed it.

"I really don't think this war will last very much longer now, say the end of July or August. I will tell you all the news when I come home. Give my love and season's greetings to all the ladies in the valley.

"P. J. Kenyon."

"I thank you and the W. C. T. U. very much for your kindness. I can assure you that the parcel was appreciated very, very highly. I am getting along alright. Kind remembrances to all.

"J. Dawe."

"Only a few lines to let you know that I received the welcome parcel of cake and chocolate on Christmas night. I had given up hope of getting anything that evening when along comes one of the boys through the trench asking for Sam Grant. He did not have very far to go for me, especially with a cake from Bella Coola. I handed it around to some of the boys—Arthur Gothard, Pete Marren, Randolph Saugstad and those that I saw the next day. The cake and chocolates could not have tasted better. I thank the W. C. T. U. again for their kindness.

"Sam Grant."

"I got the parcel from the W. C. T. U. I really do think it was very kind and thoughtful of you all. It is fine to think that you still look upon me as a Bella Coola fellow. Accept my best wishes for a very happy New Year to you all.

"H. L. Harris."

"I must thank you for the lovely, big parcel that arrived on the 23rd. It was very kind indeed of you to send so much. Please thank the rest of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and tell them I enjoyed the contents immensely and am very grateful to them all for their kindness.

"Christmas day we spent in the support trenches and thanks to the W. C. T. U. parcel and one from my sisters, we were able to have a very enjoyable Xmas dinner.

"Fred Grant."

Church Notice

Sunday School 10:45 a. m.

Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

Preacher for Sunday—Rev. W. H. Gibson.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1917.

The Purpose of Germany.

An onlooker is, as a rule, in a better position to form a more correct judgment upon the actual state of affairs in a contest than the participants themselves. It is therefore just now very interesting to know the opinion of competent neutral authority on the outlook of the war under its present stage of development.

The Youth's Companion, one of the best weeklies published in United States, in its last issue at hand, has an article on the purpose of Germany in carrying on an unrestricted submarine warfare and thus provoking the neutral nations. It believes there are only two possible interpretations to be found to account for Germany's action.

The first is that the German government sincerely believes that through ruthless submarine warfare it is possible to starve England before England through its control of the seas can starve Germany. If the German submarines can practically annihilate all shipping to and from England, Germany will win an unqualified victory within a few months. England will be compelled to accept whatever terms Germany dictates—and we must suppose that they would include the surrender of the British fleet. Russia and France will inevitably collapse with England; and Germany will be free, if it chooses, to send its enormously augmented fleet and its seasoned troops across the Atlantic to try to extort from America a settlement vast enough to compensate the German people for the tremendous financial cost of the war.

"On the other hand—and this is from the evidence the more probable supposition—the German government has embarked on the submarine adventure with no real hope of success, but with the object of saving itself in the eyes of the German people. If the German government knows that virtual starvation is imminent throughout the Empire, that there is a scarcity of materials for munitions and for clothing, and that the British and French and Russians are planning offensives that promise to overwhelm the Teutonic resources, what is the most logical course, after the failure of peace overtures, for it to pursue? It has encouraged its people to believe that the submarines are invincible and can

sweep British shipping from the sea. The German people, daily pulling their belts together, will not be satisfied unless the government uses its weapon. The government knows that the results that the people expect are not likely to be reached; but it must use the weapon in order to show the people that it has tried everything. It understands that the unrestricted use of the submarine is likely to bring the United States and probably other neutral nations into the war, and it is not unwilling that it should be so, for it sees in the addition of new enemies a possibility of saying to its people 'We are over-matched; we cannot fight the world. We must make peace.' Convinced that the government has done all it could, the German people may be willing to accept a peace that was wholly unacceptable so long as the submarine weapon had not been tried, and may be willing to retain in power a government that surrendered only under the pressure of overwhelming force.

The German note is an indication that the end of the war is near."

The New Brunswick Election

The tide which has been running against the Conservatives of Canada for the past year or more has not turned, as the result of the New Brunswick election held February 24 abundantly bears witness.

The Liberals in this election have carried another Conservative stronghold by a sufficient majority to effect a needed house-cleaning.

Although the Liberal majority is not large, still it is a fair working majority and the opposition will be strong enough to have a substantial and beneficial effect upon legislation and the new administration.

Out of forty-eight seats the Liberals carried twenty-seven, giving them a majority of six. This may not seem very much to be proud of as compared to the majority obtained in our provincial election; but as the Liberals in the last election held in that province only elected two members the turnover is sufficient to make the Conservatives sit up and take notice.

The campaign was very short, only one week from the day of



nomination till the day of election. The administration, aided by the forces of the Dominion government, did its utmost to carry the election, and we know from our own experience that the party in power has a tremendous advantage in an election as against the opposition, both in funds and influence. But in this instance it seems that the aid of the Dominion government did their Conservative friends more harm than good. All along the Intercolonial Railway, which is owned and controlled by the Federal government, the vote was especially heavy in favor of the Liberals. The employees of the government and their friends were embittered because the railway as run by the Dominion officials had shown preference in their appointments to Americans, and showed their resentment by voting for Liberal candidates. And thus there is another province added to the Liberal column.

Now all the provincial governments of Canada are Liberal with the exception of Ontario and Prince Edward Island.

In view of the result in New

Brunswick it will certainly be in the interest of the Conservative party to call a Dominion election as soon as possible because the longer the election is postponed the less likely the Conservatives will be of carrying it.

Last year, the chances of the Borden government being returned were very good and therefore the Liberals opposed an election at that time, but after a year has passed public feeling is steadily growing that the Federal government is not equal to the responsible position it holds in these troublesome times.

If the election comes off this spring there is a possibility of the Conservatives being returned but if it is delayed another six months their case will become hopeless.

The esteemed Colonist publishes a fairy tale almost daily dilating with evident relish upon the alleged conflict between the Liberal executive of Victoria and the Brewster Government in the matter of appointments to the provincial service. Cannot our contemporary understand that if the stories it prints are true, all the more credit attaches to the Government for making appointments according to merit rather than in accordance with the demands of politicians?

Last week we stated that the subscription to Britain's last war loan amounted to \$3 1-2 billion

Bella Coola Experimental Plot. Report for 1916

S. Le C. Grant, Experimenter.

Section 4. Plot 3.

Sugar Beet—Leviathan: sown 1-30 acre May 11; germinated May 22; harvested October 7; yield 2738 lbs. Results, excellent crop. Good shape.

Potatoes—Rochester Rose: sown 34 sets May 11; germinated June 1; harvested October 7; yield 72 lbs. Results, deep eyed, but clean and good quality.

Irish Cobbler: sown 35 sets May 11; germinated June 1; harvested October 7; yield 141 lbs. Results, fair crop, clean and good quality.

Plot 4.

Kaffir Corn: sown May 22; germinated June 2. Results, failure, nights too cold. Remarks, ploughed under in August and sown to Crimson Clover, which made good growth for green manure in September.

Potatoes—Mortgage Lifter: sown 3 lbs. June 8; germinated June 22; harvested October 7; yield 105 lbs. Results, fair yield for this ground.

Royal Russet: sown 3 lbs. June 8; germinated June 22; harvested October 7; yield 57 lbs. Results, poor crop. This variety seems to require rich soil. Quite early.

Remarks, plot loses most of early sun, due to proximity of bush nearby.

Section 5. Plot 5.—Gravel knoll.

Clover—Alsike: sown April, 1916. Height 20 in., cut July 2. Height 24 in., cut August 8. Height 22 in. cut September 20. Results, three good crops in blossom. Very useful on dry land. Remarks, good growth and sod ploughed under in October.

Plot 6.

Wheat (Marquis) and peas (Pruss. blue)—sown May 1; germinated May 12; headed July 3; ripe August 15; days ripening 114; height, wheat 48 in., peas 46 in.; cut August 25. Results, fine heavy stand of both and well filled. No smut or rust.

Plot 7.

Barley—Manchurian: sown May 2; germinated May 13; headed July 3; ripe August 15; days ripening 106; height 3 ft. 5 in.; cut August 15. Results, heads well filled.

Oats—Banner: sown May 2; germinated May 15; headed July 14; ripe August 22; days ripening 112; height 4 ft. 5 in.; cut August 25. Results, good crop, clean and well filled heads.

Wheat—Marquis: sown May 2; germinated May 16; headed July 16; ripe August 25; days ripening 114; height 4 ft.; cut August 25. Results, good crop, clean and plump.

Peas—Arthur: sown May 2; germinated May 16; headed July 16; ripe August 25; days ripening 114; height 5 ft.; cut August 30. Results, good yield, well-filled pods.

Remarks, considerable grain lost in many handlings and poor threshing by neighbor's machine. Very little smut or rust on grain. Treated with Formalin 1-40.

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United Farmers of British Columbia

The farmers of British Columbia have come to a realization of the fact that in order to make the best out of their situation they must unite and work for the interest of each other as a class by combining their strength. Almost all other classes have seen the need of organizing for mutual protection and advancement, and found that it is efforts well expended.

Two weeks ago at Convention Hall, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, a meeting of farmers from Vancouver Island and the southern part of the Mainland met and organized the United Farmers of British Columbia.

The movement which has crystallized in this organization took its beginning last fall at Cowichan, Vancouver Island. A general dissatisfaction relative to artificial conditions inducing a labor shortage, the continued increase in the cost of manufac-

tured articles and the absence of any compensating return to the farmers, decided the directors of the Cowichan Creamery Association to call a mass meeting of the farmers of the Cowichan district to consider what steps might be taken to improve conditions.

The meeting was held November 4 and decided that an association be formed "to be called a Farmers' Union, or similar name, and that efforts be made to bring in other districts of the province."

The committee appointed to carry out this resolution, of which Mr. H. C. Helgesen was a leading member, did such effective work during the winter that their object has already been realized by the organization of the United Farmers of British Columbia, as stated above.

The objects of the "United Farmers" may be briefly stated as follows:

1. To effect united action and resistance when unfair taxation affects the farmers interests.
2. To support only such candidates for legislature that will support and defend the objects of the association.
3. To teach and encourage co-operative efforts among its members.
4. To promote the best methods of farming; to enlarge our

markets; to secure best and cheapest transportation.

5. To secure by vigilant efforts legislation promoting the interests of the farmers.

6. To promote social intercourse.

7. To settle disputes without recourse to law.

8. To take into consideration any member's case of grievance, hardship or litigation, and defend our members as far as possible.

9. To carry on any business deemed advisable and authorized by act of parliament.

The secretary of the association is George Sangster, Vancouver, to whom all communications should be directed.

It organized with a membership of nearly 1000 and is now fairly launched to carry out its objects, and with good leadership we predict it will prove of great benefit to the farmers of the province.

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THOMAS J. WHITESIDE. Dated, November 30, 1916. Jan. 6—March

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The quickest way to get a plantation is to buy selected roots of good varieties and plant them out in rows 4 feet apart, the roots being planted 2 feet apart in the rows for the small early kinds and 3 feet for the large growing varieties, such as Victoria. In planting, leave the bud nearly level with the ground.

Planting may be done at any time from autumn until spring. Spring is the best time however.

Firm planting is necessary, and when this has been properly done the tops of the crowns will just show above the soil.

During the first year after planting, very few, if any, leaves should be pulled from any plant, and these only in mid-season so that the plant has a chance to make a good start and also to lay up its store of food for the following year.

Rhubarb likes plenty of manure. A good top dressing of farmyard manure immediately after planting would be good for the plants, and every year afterwards, laying it on in the fall and forking it in in the spring. Those who live near the sea might use seaweed for the purpose.

If barnyard manure is scarce and seaweed cannot be obtained, give superphosphates in the spring, or where the land is light use kainit in the autumn. On heavy land a spring application of sulphate of potash will be beneficial.

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