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When Western Canada was faced with her enormous harvest last fall the military authorities decided that soldiers in Canada could give the Empire no better service for the time being than to assist in harvesting the crops. For that reason leave of absence was given to soldiers who wished to work in the harvest fields, and their labor was an important factor in harvesting the big crops successfully.

The necessity for increasing the agricultural production is commanding even more attention in 1916, and it is now announced that soldiers in Canada may obtain leave of absence from their military duties in the spring for a certain length of time to enable them to assist in the harvesting of crops in every Province of the Dominion.

The fact that the Government recognizes the seeding and harvesting of Canada's crops as being of the first importance is perhaps the best evidence that conscription or any increase of taxes which would reduce agricultural activity in Canada will never be considered by the authorities.

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TO GROW DAHLIAS EARLY WORK IN BULB GARDEN
By JULIE ADAMS POWELL.
With the first warm days the bulbous plants spring up, and many a beginner has tried in vain to push them back until warm weather.

As a rule it is best to let nature be dictator. Hardy bulbs will endure lots of cold, and if they do sometimes get helplessly tipped of flower buds by undue haste, there is no more frequently damage done to the roots by trying to curb the growth.

Do not be in a hurry to remove the leaves which should have been their winter coverlet. Loosen them that plants are not smothering. If the weather continues fine, work the loose leaves a little more into the soil every day, thus gradually making the change.

When the dahlias are killed by frost, cut out the tops; do not dip them too early; wait until the hard frosts come. They can stand until November 15. They also get more nourishment from the ground. When you dig them be careful not to bruise them. Let them stay in the sun to dry, then put them in their winter quarters, a cellar that is frost-proof is a good place. Cover them with sand, but if your cellar has concrete floors it is too cold, either to store them in or to put some boards on the bottom.

One should sow some dahlia seed; they grow much stronger than either tubers or cuttings, and one is well repaid. The seeds sown in early spring will flower from the middle of July until frost; those that do not suit can be thrown away; the best ones can be kept over for another season.

SOME TIMELY TIPS
Do not be in too much of a hurry to make a garden. Wait until the soil is warm. Seeds simply will refuse to germinate in cold damp earth. Keep the home plants indoors or well sheltered until the weather is warm for keeps. A single cool night may ruin all your treasures.

MAKE THE GARDEN NEAT
Too much grass cannot be laid upon neatness in the garden. If faded flowers and fallen leaves are allowed to accumulate, the charm that should characterize it is gone, and no amount of bloom can make up for the lack of care which is thus made manifest.

WATCH THE YOUNG TREES
Young trees should be watched and the open spaces in the ground about them to be kept clear of weeds. The wind blowing the trees should be well staked down.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

FARMERS BEET SUGAR CROP
The State Office Holders Give Their Views on Politics and the Selection of a Republican National Candidate.

[By Gurd M. Hayes]
 Lansing.—As a result of the refusal of the Public Domain commission to give away the state's rights on mineral reservations of 1,500 acres of land in Presque Isle county, vast stores of limestone may not be quarried by the Michigan Limestone and Chemical Co., with offices in Buffalo, N. Y.

representative of the company told the commission that he was contracted to purchase 1,500 acres of wild lands bordering the lake shore, from a private party in Alpena, but that when the deeds were delivered it was noted that the state had a reservation of the gas, coal, oil and mineral rights.

The question then arose whether limestone was a mineral and considerable correspondence took place between the Public Office of the company and A. C. Carton, secretary of the public domain commission. The company contended that limestone was not a mineral, but that the state had no right to reserve such deposits. However the matter was referred to the full commission, with the result that the company was notified that the state would enter into a deal on a royalty basis. This the corporation was unwilling to do.

Originally the land was purchased from the state at \$1 an acre, but after the law of 1909 had been passed by which all state lands sold contained a clause by which the state reserved all coal and mineral rights. The public domain commission has satisfied that the state owns hundreds of thousands of acres of land which contain deposits of value and on which the state has a right to reserve. The commission is also aware that the state has in the past sold for a paltry sum of 50 cents to \$1 an acre land together with the minerals and anything else that may be underneath the surface.

Michigan wheat was damaged during March, according to reports received from a majority of the crop correspondents by Secretary of State Vaughan. While 214 correspondents report no damage, 224 reports indicate the crop was injured.

The condition of wheat April 1 was 78 per cent, according to the crop report compiled by the secretary of state. During the first week of March, 102,404 bushels were marketed in Michigan, while the total for the past eight months is estimated at 7,000,000 bushels.

The average condition of hys in the state is \$4, meadows \$9, horses and cattle \$6, sheep and swine \$4.

Beet Sugar Situation.
Beet Sugar has gone from \$4.95 per hundred, wholesale, to \$7.25 per hundred in less than six months, and the trend is strongly upward. Furthermore, even if the war should cease in the meantime, prices will also be high next season and the seed supply is short it is claimed. The 14 Michigan sugar factories which are now in operation for several years will divide among them this season about one-third of the seed which they had their growers plant in the ordinary season. A firm has been formed at Marine City, which has not been in operation for a long time, is refitting and will slice beet next winter, providing it can find the seed for 6,000 acres which it wishes to plant.

The sugar men hope that the production of sugar will not be curtailed to so great an extent as the seed shortage would indicate. Now they are sending their men out to teach a new doctrine: That 10 pounds to the acre is quite enough. This is readily accepted with the present high beet men, who never plant 12 more than 10 or 12 pounds in Europe, but the American grower is inclined to do what the company is teaching him not to do. Still plant 20 pounds to the acre, but cut down the acreage to correspond with the short seed supply.

to surrender acreage they have held for years. Scores of well-stations have been closed all over the state, and the factories are accepting most of their contracts within wagon haul of their plants, thus saving freight. And instead of the sugar companies pleading with the farmers to raise a few beets, the farmers are imploring the companies to accept their contracts. Quite a considerable number are being turned down.

Political Opinion.
There is a wide difference of opinion among republican state officials in Lansing as to how the Michigan delegation should pursue at the republican national convention in view of the fact the voters have nominated Henry Ford who has announced that he is not a candidate.

Auditor-General O. B. Fuller says the republican state convention should disregard the primary endorsement of Henry Ford and put through a resolution instructing the delegation at the national convention to vote for William Alden Smith.

Secretary of State Coleman C. Vaughan believes the Michigan delegation should vote for Charles E. Hughes, unless Justice Hughes says he is not a candidate. Secretary Vaughan takes the stand that Mr. Ford is not a candidate and believes Justice Hughes is better fitted for the presidency.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Geo. S. Keweenaw says the delegates should respect the primary and vote for Ford unless he says he is not a candidate. In that event Keele believes the Michigan delegates should swing into line for Hughes.

State Treasurer John Haerer says the delegates should stand by Ford unless he releases them. If Ford declines to run for president, Haerer favors Hughes.

Junius Beal, regent of the University of Michigan, says there is nothing for the Michigan delegation to do but follow the primary result. Personally Beal is for Hughes. A. J. Poherty, member of the state board of agriculture, takes the same stand.

Our High Taxes.
Michigan's soaring state and municipal expenses will be subjected to a complete audit—the first ever made in this state—under the direction of the legislative and investigation committee of the Michigan State Tax association, in an effort to ascertain the reasons for the large size of the state's levies. In addition, as part of an effort to ameliorate the present pressure of state taxation, the committee is in an effort to ascertain three big general bills at the next session of the legislature. They will:

1. bill providing for the institution of the budget system of fixing state requirements and levies; 2. A bill to fix a limit on taxation of all kinds in every taxing district of the state; 3. A bill to equalize the taxation of mortgages.

Appointments and Paroles.
In reply to the recommendation of the state board of corrections and charities, the governor has appointed Hugh M. Nichols as county agent for Shiawassee county, and George N. Deady as county agent for Huron county.

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