

limit itself to comparatively few trees because of expense.

Fencing must definitely be left to the initiative of individual clubs, and if farmers or others can be persuaded to assist in this respect, well and good.

Trees

It is not suggested that clubs be asked to stand the expense of trees. The Department of Internal Affairs will make available trees from various sources, and the following is a list of those so far procurable from the Christchurch Botanical Gardens.

Acer Buergeriana. — Medium-sized ornamental tree, suitable for park and street planting. Present height, 4ft.

Acer Colchicum Rubrum. — Large-sized ornamental tree, suitable for park and street planting. Present height, 3ft 6in.

Acer Saccharinum (Sugar Maple). — Medium-sized tree suitable for park and street planting. Present height, 3ft.

Aesculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut). — Large spreading tree suitable for all purposes. Present size, 2ft.

Carpinus Betulus. — Medium-sized ornamental tree suitable for park and street planting.

Castanea Sativa (Spanish Chestnut). — Large spreading tree suitable for all purposes. Present height, 3ft and 6ft.

Fagus Sylvaticus (English Beech). — Large spreading tree suitable for all purposes (excluding street planting). Present height, 5ft.

Quercus Aegilops ("Valonia Oak"). — Splendid spreading tree suitable for park and general planting (excluding streets). Present height, 4ft.

Quercus Sessiliflora (Durmash Oak). — Large spreading tree suitable for general planting (excluding streets), especially on dry areas. Present height, 6ft.

Nothofagus Fusca (New Zealand Red Beech). — Present height, 2ft.

Nothofagus Cliffortioides (New Zealand Mountain Beech). — Present height, 2ft.

Supplies of English beech, oaks, and horse chestnuts of a present height of 1ft or more are also available, but because of their smallness they are not suitable for street or park planting. They could, however, be utilised for group planting where suitable.

Mr. Cameron has suggested, more particularly for districts in Otago and Southland, where the rainfall is good and frosts not too severe, the following as specimen trees, being hardy and suitable for street planting:—Limes, English beech, horse chestnut, Spanish chestnut, silver birch, golden poplars,

rowans, plane trees, and the various species of *acer*.

For grouping, he suggests *prunus pissardi* or *prunus nigra*, oaks, New Zealand mountain beech, New Zealand red beech, ornamental crab apples, kowhai, ribbonwood, flowering apples, cotoneaster, junipers, etc. Where positions are suitable he recommends the planting of New Zealand natives, but states that, generally speaking, they are unsuitable for planting on roadsides as specimen trees.

Natives should be protected, if possible, by flax, veronicas, ngaio, olearia, etc., until the larger-growing trees, such as totara, become established. Kowhai, ribbonwood, and New Zealand beech are hardy, and will stand up to isolated positions. Local authorities recommend deciduous trees for street planting, and practically all natives are evergreen. While the foregoing is not by any means a complete list of trees available, Mr. Cameron gives it as an indication of the varieties which may be planted.

Time for Planting

Planting should be done in either late autumn or spring, according to locality. It is suggested that when the position is decided upon a "working bee" should get everything ready beforehand in order to leave very little to do when the actual planting takes place. A feature could be made of the planting by inviting other bodies and organisations to make a picnic function of it.

Notices

It is suggested that with a view to securing the interest of the district

and preventing vandalism a notice be placed on the spot indicating that the planting is a Centennial Memorial carried out by the local Young Farmers' Club and giving the date, etc.

Future Upkeep

This should be considered, as obviously steps will need to be taken to see that neither stock nor rabbits destroy the trees, and that they are not choked by weeds. Once the trees grow to a certain height they will look after themselves.

General

The scheme was first mooted before the outbreak of war, and there is at present a tendency on the part of some clubs to refrain from undertaking any special activities. The Centennial Tree Planting Scheme, however, is one which can well be carried out by clubs in many districts. It should be remembered that it will be a memorial to the pioneers who have done so much towards bringing this country to its present productive state; it will help mark a milestone in the progress of the Dominion, and it should serve to show that young farmers are not unmindful of what they owe to posterity. The fact that the planting is to be done at a time of national crisis should serve to add interest to the ceremony.

It is suggested that clubs which are interested in the scheme should select sites for planting as soon as possible, and communicate with their district committee in order that the Federation may arrange for the necessary supplies of trees to be made available through the council.

Western Bay of Plenty Football

A SUCCESSFUL seven-a-side Rugby tournament was held at Omokoroa on June 28. In spite of wet weather, more than 150 club members and supporters attended. The football was of a high standard considering the heavy ground and greasy ball, and some close matches resulted.

Results were as follows:—

First Round.—Paengaroa A 3, Omokoroa B 0; Paengaroa B 6, Tauranga 3; Omokoroa A 19, Waihi 0; Te Puke 9, Combined Team 0.

Second Round.—Paengaroa A 9, Paengaroa B 0; Omokoroa A 19, Te Puke 0.

Final.—Paengaroa A 6, Omokoroa A 3.

The final match between Paengaroa and Omokoroa was played at a fast pace, and both sides handled well.

Superior back play swung the balance in favour of the Paengaroa team, for which tries were scored by P. Volz and G. Mortensen. For the losers, L. Nicholas kicked a penalty.

The winning team was as follows:—G. Mortensen (captain), E. Gordon, B. Gordon, A. Riddell, P. Volz, A. Walter, and G. Ranapai.

The day concluded with a full match between a combined Omokoroa-Waihi team and the remainder of the district, the latter team winning by 11 points to nil.

Cups were presented by interested Omokoroa farmers to the members of the winning team, and the afternoon concluded with afternoon tea supplied by the Omokoroa Y.F.C.

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