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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the conditions of Calgary's climate. His vision of a prolific purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, Calgary Horticultural Society, and while he laid the groundwork for Calgary's present, now considered a noxious weed, the list of single person could presume to take all the credit for the success of the CHS today a tree-lined boulevards. The thousands of Reader's contributions to Calgary's horticultural experience is huge individuals do stand out amongst the crowd. The thousands of plant species that he introduced from lands The City of Calgary began rehabilitating Founding member William Roland Reader and wide have become an integral part of people's lives in this city today. Whether Reader's overgrown and largely abandoned 2.8-acre garden in May, 2004. Since the re-opening ceremony for Phase I of the project is one such individual. In his years as parks superintendent, from 1913 to 1942, Reader's lectures and "how-to" articles for local newspapers educated a generation of gardeners to the unfamiliar bellflower. *Meconopsis betonicifolia*, the heavenly poppy, *Primula marginata*, the evil creeping bellflower. *Campanula rapunculoides* of the