

India from Bassia flowers has already been demonstrated, and it is stated that running trials with the spirit proved satisfactory.

The tree is well adapted to withstand drought and is especially suited for planting on dry and waste lands where little else will grow. The tree takes about 20 years to produce flowers and seeds in large quantity, but during this period the land need not be entirely unproductive if interplanting were adopted at first. (Adapted from *Daily Commerce Reports*, No. 200, August 25, 1920, p. 952.)

51156 and 51157.

From Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Russia. Seeds presented by Charles K. Moser, American consul. Received August 25, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Moser.

51156. CUCUMIS MELO L. Cucurbitaceæ. Muskmelon.

"The famous *duthma melon* from Armenian authorities at Erivan."

"A celebrated local variety of muskmelon said to be very fine." (*F. N. Meyer.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 27805.

51157. MEDICAGO SATIVA L. Fabaceæ. Alfalfa.

"*Lucern* from Armenian authorities at Erivan."

51158 to 51161.

From Coban, Alta Vera Paz, Guatemala. Seeds presented by Gustav Helmrich. Received August 25, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Helmrich.

51158. AGROSTIS sp. Poaceæ Grass.

"*Cok-pechadya* (small grass)."

51159. AXONOPUS sp. Poaceæ. Grass.

"Native name not obtainable."

51160. SPOBOBOLUS INDICUS (L.) R. Br. Poaceæ. Grass.

A grass with erect culms up to 1 meter tall, in large clumps with numerous leafy shoots at the base; the panicle is 15 to 30 centimeters long, with slender, ascending branches, the short-pediceled spikelets mostly borne along the lower side. It often forms an almost pure stand on open slopes, and is an important constituent of native pastures. Found on grassy hills and dry savannas from the Bahamas and Mexico to northern South America. (Adapted from *Contributions from the National Herbarium*, vol. 18, p. 369.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 48479.

51161. TRISETUM DEYEUXIOIDES (H. B. K.) Kunth. Poaceæ. Grass.

A fibrous-rooted grass with cespitose erect shining culms, glabrous nodes, and flat, linear, scabrous leaves. The branching panicle is whorled, often nodding, with lower branches spreading, upper appressed to the scabrous rachis. Native to the swamps along the bank of Lake Tezcuco, Mexico. (Adapted from *Bonpland and Humboldt, Nova Genera et Species Plantarum*, vol. 1, p. 147.)

51162 to 51179.

From Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand. Budwood presented by H. R. Wright, Avondale Nursery. Received August 31, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Wright.