

56908 and 56909.

From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Prochowsky. Received May 5, 1923.

56908. ABUTILON MOLLISSIMUM (Cav.) Sweet. Malvaceæ.

An annual bushy plant, usually 4 to 5 feet high, but reported to reach a height of 10 feet in Peru, where it is native. The stem and the large, very soft, heart-shaped leaves are quite hairy, and the solitary axillary flowers, about an inch long, are sulphur yellow. (Adapted from *Caranilles, Secunda Dissertatio Botanica, p. 49, No. 67.*)

56909. FRANCOA SONCHIFOLIA (Willd.) Cav. Saxifragaceæ.

A rather shrubby ornamental about 3 feet high, with bright-green, downy, wavy-margined leaves, handsome lilac-colored flowers in long, erect, spikelike racemes. The plant is native to Chile. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 3309.*)

56910. *POA AUSTRALIS* R. Br. Poaceæ.

From Hobart, Tasmania. Seeds presented by L. A. Evans, Secretary of Agriculture, Agricultural and Stock Department. Received June 6, 1923.

"Collected near Lake Tiberias at an altitude of about 1,400 feet. This is a rather cold area with a light rainfall." (*Evans.*)

This is the most abundant grass in many districts of South Island, New Zealand, and is also plentiful in the elevated central portions of North Island. It is seldom eaten by stock, however, except in the absence of better feed. (Adapted from *Cheeseman, Manual of the New Zealand Flora, p. 908.*)

Introduced for department agrostologists.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 31503.

56911. COLOCASIA ESCULENTA (L.) Schott. Araceæ. **Dasheen.**

From Canton, China. Tubers presented by G. Weidman Groff, director, Canton Christian College. Received May 7, 1923.

"A taro, or dasheen, of good quality. The sprouts are distinctly reddish. The tubers are said to be small and quite uniformly elliptical and the leaves dark green. The variety is also reported to yield well." (*R. A. Young.*)

56912 to 56919. SOLANUM TUBEROSUM L. Solanaceæ. **Potato.**

From Nemecky Broad, Czechoslovakia. Tubers presented by the Czechoslovakia Experiment Station for Potato Culture. Received May 14, 1923.

"These Czechoslovakian varieties came from the Czechoslovakia Experiment Station for Potato Culture, where they were grown under careful supervision and are claimed to be free from disease. They are introduced for breeding and disease-resistance investigations." (*Dr. E. H. Myers.*)

56912. Cesky zelenac.

56913. Fakutske.

56914. Janovsky.

56915. Nolcovy rohlicky.

56916. Podhajky.

56917. Ranne Hradce.

56918. Vaclavaka.

56919. Vismarske rohlicky.

56920 to 57012. IPOMOEA BATATAS (L.) Poir. Convolvulaceæ. **Sweetpotato.**

From St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Seeds presented by J. B. Thompson, agronomist in charge, Agricultural Experiment Station. Received May 2, 1923. Quoted notes by Mr. Thompson.

56920. "No. 7. A Big Wig seedling. The vine is 3 to 4 feet in length. It is very leafy and covers the ground completely with a dense leafy mass. The leaves are green, broadly shouldered, and lanceolate. The roots are red."

For introduction of tubers under this number, see S. P. I. No. 56714.

56921. "No. 11. A Big Wig seedling. The vines are 2 to 3 feet in length. The leaves are lanceolate and range from small to medium in size. The roots are white."

56922 to 56923. "No. 18. A Big Wig seedling. This is a rampant grower, the vines reaching out for 8 or 10 feet or more on either side of the row. It flowers profusely. The roots are red."

For introduction of tubers under this number, see S. P. I. No. 56717.

56922. (No. 1.) **56926.** (No. 5.)

56923. (No. 2.) **56927.** (No. 6.)

56924. (No. 3.) **56928.** (No. 7.)

56925. (No. 4.)

56929 to 56931. "No. 26. A Big Wig seedling. In the nursery row this seedling shows short vine growth with rather sparse foliage. The stems are short and stout, attaining a maximum length of 2 to 3 feet. The leaves are lanceolate with a wine-colored midrib. The tubers are dark red and grow at the ends of fleshy roots that are 12 to 18 inches long. The tubers are traversed by a number of pronounced ribs or veins. The original seedling yielded 4 pounds of tubers under very adverse conditions."

For introduction of tubers under this number, see S. P. I. No. 56722.

56929. (No. 1.) **56931.** (No. 3.)

56930. (No. 2.)

56932 and 56933. "No. 36. A Big Wig seedling. Stems rather slender to medium and 2 to 4 feet in length. Leaves small and cordate. The original seedling plant produced 1 pound 6 ounces of smooth white tubers."

56932. (No. 1.) **56933.** (No. 2.)

56934 and 56935. "No. 31. A Big Wig seedling. In the nursery row the vines are strong but short and sparsely leaved. The leaves are small with five deeply cut lobes. This variety shows a tendency to produce tubers at the nodes of the vines where they attach themselves to the soil. The tubers are a light red or rose. The original seedling yielded 38 tubers weighing $5\frac{1}{4}$ pounds."

For introduction of tubers under this number, see S. P. I. No. 56726.

56934. (No. 1.) **56935.** (No. 2.)

56936 to 56940. "No. 36."

For description, see S. P. I. Nos. 56932 and 56933.

56936. (No. 3.) **56939.** (No. 6.)

56937. (No. 4.) **56940.** (No. 7.)

56938. (No. 5.)