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**PLANT MATERIAL INTRODUCED BY THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1928 (NOS. 77261 TO 77595)**

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**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

The most outstanding plant material contained in this inventory, No. 96, covering the period from July 1 to September 30, 1928, is the collection of 51 sugarcane varieties (*Saccharum officinarum*, Nos. 77334 to 77384) procured by E. W. Brandes in New Guinea for use in his official investigations. Part of the interest in this shipment is due to the fact that Doctor Brandes is the first agricultural explorer to use an airplane for his collecting tour. Doctor Brandes not only collected sugarcanes in person but also obtained the cooperation of P. H. Goldfinch, Sydney, Australia, who sent in a collection of 44 varieties (Nos. 77496 to 77539). Another lot of five varieties (Nos. 77298 to 77302) was received from Argentina.

As in the previous inventory, the bulk of the plant material received in this period comes from the Southern Hemisphere. Through the activities of Mrs. Frieda Cobb Blanchard two collections of Australian plants (Nos. 77273 to 77292 and Nos. 77441 to 77447), as well as a collection from New Zealand (Nos. 77540 to 77582), were received.

Through O. F. Cook there was received a collection of rubber-producing plants (Nos. 77387 to 77394) from Haiti. Five kinds of cover crops (Nos. 77293 to 77297) from Ceylon may be of value for the southern United States. Another interesting shipment consists of apricot varieties (*Prunus armeniaca*, Nos. 77466 to 77472) from Palestine. A bamboo native to Japan (*Sasa tessellata*, No. 77333) was received from France to be added to the growing bamboo collection at the Barbour Lathrop Plant Introduction Garden at Savannah, Ga.

The growing interest in flowering cherries warrants a note of the collections presented by the Arnold Arboretum (*Prunus* spp., Nos. 77261 to 77266 and Nos. 77404 to 77411). Along this same line is a shipment of six varieties (*Prunus* spp., Nos. 77313 to 77318) from Capt. Collingwood Ingram, of England.

Various plants have been obtained for study as ornamentals, some of them quite unknown as yet and others not commonly grown in this country. As compared to other inventories their number here is relatively small and none