

several other trees which seem, like 32, to bloom and ripen entirely out of the main season, but 32 is the only one whose fruit is up to standard. This variety is of excellent quality. The fruit is long and slender, which may be a slight defect from our point of view, but so far as I can see this is the only defect that it has, and if it ripens as far out of the main season in California and Florida as it does here, it will be so valuable that the slender form will not matter. It remains to be seen whether or not the variety will retain its habit of flowering out of season in California and Florida.

"Replying to your letter of the 18th ult., re papaya seed, it seems to me that there are much better regions than Guatemala in which to obtain this. The papaya is not very abundant here, and there are very few superior varieties. To obtain large quantities of seed of the latter, such as you desire, would be a very slow job, and I do not believe more than two or three pounds could be obtained within the next month. I believe it would be much more satisfactory to obtain seed from Hawaii, where better varieties are available in abundance.

"I will try to get specimens of chayote roots and the soil around them, so that Dr. Cobb can make an examination. I expect to go to Antigua this week, and while in that region will see if I can get any more information re chayote culture. In the Indian villages around Antigua there are a great many chayotes grown.

"I expect to ship 4000 avocado seeds within a couple of weeks, but they will probably not reach you until a week later than this letter."

INVENTORY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED.

Owing to the war demands upon the government printing funds, it has been necessary to suspend temporarily the publication of the inventories of seeds and plants, which under normal conditions should appear every three months. There are now prepared several of these inventories, which have been ready for the printer for many months.

While it is out of the question to publish these inventories in Plant Immigrants, it does seem advisable to reproduce here the brief Introductory Statements

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