

diameter of one-fourth of an inch and is red and succulent. The fleshy edible pedicel, under the small, dry, globular fruit, has been likened to a cherry with the stone outside. The close-grained, handsome wood is used for turning and cabinet purposes. (Adapted from Bentham, *Flora Australiensis*, vol. 6, p. 229, and Maiden, *Useful Plants of Australia*, pp. 30, 534.)

*Grewia multiflora* (Tiliaceae), 47689. From Darjeeling, India. Seeds presented by Mr. G. H. Cave, director, Lloyd Botanic Garden. A shrub or small tree of eastern and western India, ascending to 4,000 feet. The white wood gives out an exceedingly unpleasant odor when cut, and is extensively used in making cot frames, ax handles, oar shafts, etc. The plant is also much used for making hedges, for which its close growth and evergreen leaves make it especially suitable. (Adapted from Watt, *Dictionary of the Economic Products of India*, vol. 4, p. 179.)

*Lagerstroemia parviflora* (Lythraceae), 47703. From Darjeeling, India. Seeds presented by Mr. G. H. Cave, director, Lloyd Botanic Garden. A large, deciduous tree met with in the sub-Himalayan tract in Bengal, Assam, central and southern India. The gum which exudes from the bark is said to be sweet and edible, and the bark yields a fiber used in the making of ropes. The bark is also used in dyeing skins black, and for tanning. The grayish brown wood is very hard and tough, seasons well, and is fairly durable. It is largely employed for agricultural implements, boats, buggy shafts, etc. It is one of the trees on which the tasar silkworm is fed. (Adapted from Watt, *Dictionary of the Economic Products of India*, vol. 4, p. 584.)

*Metrosideros tomentosa* (Myrtaceae), 47930. From Auckland, New Zealand. Seeds presented by Mr. H. R. Wright. "*Pohutukawa*. One of the most beautiful of flowering trees, and very valuable as a bee plant; the honey made from these is of excellent flavor and is pure white. This tree, about 40 feet in height, is found on the hillsides, along the beach, and even grows out of the sides of the sea cliffs. In many cases, thriving trees grow above high water mark, where the roots are frequently washed by the tide. Like *M. robusta*, the hard wood is used for making knees for boat building. Strange to say, *M. tomentosa* is found in the wild state only near the sea, although it grows