

JAMAICA. Kingston. Mr. William Harris, Superintendent of Public Gardens, writes November 17 that he is getting together for us three chayotes, all that are recognized there, dark green, light green, and milky white, and will send them as soon as he gets them.

LIBERIA. Monrovia. Mr. E. L. Parker, Commissioner of Agriculture, writes October 30 that he will send the seeds of the Bobo abi (*Thaumatococcus danielli*) as soon as he can secure them.

MANCHURIA. Mukden. From Edward C. Parker, Agriculturist of the Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, under date November 18, we hear that he has sent out a man to collect seeds of the Manchurian wild asparagus for us. He is trying through correspondence to secure soy bean samples for us. Of his trials with corn he writes: "I planted about 10 acres of American corn on spring plowing in a dry spring (first time the land had ever been plowed with a foreign plow) and had to use seed that was 3 years old and badly weevil eaten. No manure was available also. In spite of these handicaps the American varieties yielded from 47.4 to 61.7 bushels per acre, shelled corn. I intend to grow 100 bushel corn in Manchuria next year or know the reason why."

Mexico. Mexico City. Dr. Pehr Olsson-Seffer writes November 29 that he is having one of his field men secure all the information possible regarding the tobaccos of Tepic, and is sending us seed from the District of Mascota, in Jalisco.

MEXICO. Tepic. Ixtlan del Rio. Mr. Alfred Lonergan writes November 30 that he is trying to obtain for us seed from the Compostela tobacco district as that is the best obtainable on the west coast. He is also trying to obtain seed from the Santiago River region, where considerable tobacco is raised.

NATAL. Durban. Under date November 3 Mr. J. Medley Wood, Director of the Natal Botanic Gardens, writes that they will send us seed of the native asparagus as soon as it is obtained. He says, "Affairs in regard to this Institution are at present in a very unsettled state. The probability is that the Herbarium will eventually be taken over by the Union Government and the Botanic Gardens will be handed over to the Municipality of Durban, but nothing will be done for some time yet."

RHODESIA. Salisbury. Mr. H. Godfrey Mundy offers November 2 to send us "seed of *Parinari mabola*, *Dovyalis* sp. and *Carissa edulis*, var. *tomentosa*, all of which produce edible plum-like fruits."