

very promising plants there: *Populus alashanica*, *Berberis diaphana*, *Ribes stenocarpa*, *Rubus* in several species, *Sorbus microphylla*, *Amygdalus stipulata*, *Hippophae* in two species, one forming trees 30 feet in height, and probably a host of minor things.

"I also spoke about getting up to one hundred pounds of seeds of the genuine *Larix sibirica* and I obtained an address of a forester in Viatka Government to whom we have written already.

"While talking about hardy fruits fruits Mr. Woeikov remarked that the variety of apple called "Groosoffka" stands the Irkutsk climate; that in Armenia, between Kars and Erivan, there is a high elevated region, with hot summers and cold winters, an arid plain, intersected by ravines and that there are several promising varieties of fruits cultivated there which are hardy. That there are a few places in Samara Government near Razan, for instance, where big groves of wild apples occur. That there are groves of a wild apricot-like plum (*Prunus* or *Armeniaca sibirica*) in the mountains near Nertchensk and on a few other spots in northern Manchuria. He just had received a package of stones from a collector near Nertchensk; I wanted to buy half of them, but he was not willing to sell them; he would exchange with us and here are his propositions. He states that he is willing to be commissioned by us to collect anything we want within the Russian domains; that his expenses will be very moderate, for he himself is as much interested in seeing some of the wild plants grow as we are interested in getting them. That his knowledge of Russian and Russian conditions and his acquaintance with the Russian flora make it almost sure that he gets the things he is after, especially all things in the dendrological line. That he likes to hear from you, what you think of this proposal. As a test I gave him an order for 500 lbs. of clean *Medicago falcata* seed, at the rate of 2 roubles per pound. Then he wants to exchange his cherry hybrids and varieties for seeds and budwood of the Compass cherry; *Prunus americana* and *P. maritima*; also improved sand cherries (Besseyi.)

"He also likes to get seeds of *Celtis occidentalis*, *Gymnocladus canadensis*, *Juglans nigra*, *Pinus resinifera*, and *Juniperus scopulorum*, all collected from the northern limits where these trees occur. He further is willing to make up lists and receive lists of exchangeable material. His address is: A. D. Woeikov, Sta. Novospasko, Sysran-Riazan R. R., Simbirsk Government, Russia."