



THE SIMMONDS PAPAYA.

S.P.I. No. 28536.

This is a seedling from a fruit which was borne by a tree grown from seed sent in by Mr. W. G. Ross of the Panama Canal Zone in 1910 (S.P.I. No. 28536). It is the best seedling out of sixty which were grown from seed of the same identical fruit. Its globular shape, medium size and thick flesh ought to make it a good shipper and the mild flavor makes it peculiarly acceptable to those who have never eaten a papaya and learned to appreciate a more pronounced papaya flavor. Grafts from this tree will be made in accordance with the method outlined in a forthcoming Circular of the Bureau of Plant Industry and the grafted plants distributed for trial. It is named after Mr. Edward Simmonds, gardener in charge of the Field Station at Miami, Florida, in recognition of his successful work in the grafting of the papaya.