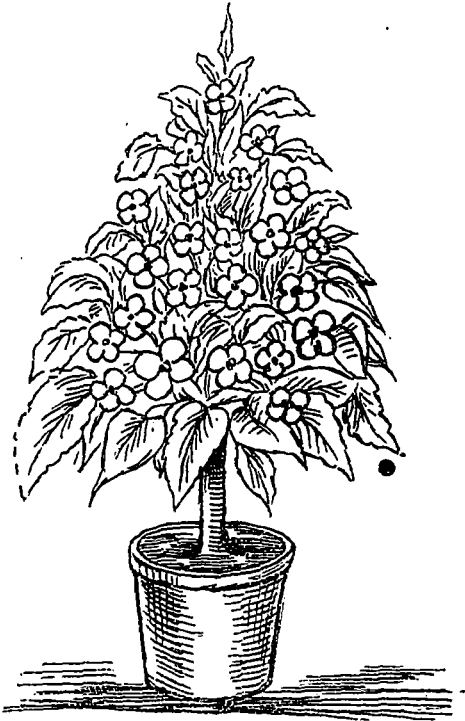


beer of the Germans, and a splendid quality of paper is made from the fibre. The popular idea that it only blossoms once in 100 years is a mistake ; for it does so every 10 or 15 years.

NEW TREE TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

This new departure in tuberous-rooted Begonias is the very thing to be desired ; the straggling habit of many varieties of the class detract from their merits as window plants, for which some other qua-



lities, as for instance their comparative immunity for insect attacks, render them most suitable. The variety under notice is described as having thick shiny green leaves, edged with red, and flowers deep rose color with yellow stamens ; it will be a grand window plant.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Prof. Wm. Saunders, of the Experimental-farm, Ottawa, has issued a circular explaining the part assigned to him, as follows : group 8, class 39, vegetable food products, including carrots of all

sorts in grain and in sheaf, leguminous plants, tubers and roots, forage plants, flax crops, etc. ; group 8, class 45 : fruits, including all species and varieties of apples, pears, cherries, plums, grapes, and other fruits and nuts. It is quite evident by the circular that it is intended the display shall be worthy of the Dominion.

It is proposed to erect a handsome trophy built entirely of Canadian agricultural products and which will be surrounded by exhibits of marketable crops, and with these will be associated scenes illustrating farming in different parts of the country.

The space allotted to group 45 where the fruit will be displayed is in the Main Building and it will have the advantage of being shown along side of the fruit products of all other countries.

Dr. Saunders appeals for the co-operation of all agricultural and horticultural societies in the different Provinces, and it is to be hoped that he will receive a generous response, not only from them, but from individuals, who possess any specimens which may be of interest, or can by any means, forward the important work of assisting to afford the world an opportunity of judging of the capabilities of this great Dominion as regards agricultural and the production of fruit of superior beauty and quality.

G. M.

SEASONABLE NOTES ON PLANTING TREES. (1)

When this reaches our readers the season for planting, in most parts of the Province, will be upon us and although so much has been written on the subject, a few reminders may not be inopportune.

Presuming that the land has been duly prepared by draining, trenching, and manuring, we proceed at once to recall attention to the important operation of planting trees into their permanent places. If they are what they should be they will have been previously transplanted from the seed-bed in the nursery so as to have made a robust stocky growth, and with fibrous roots, and which should not have been damaged or cut off in the process of digging.

There is a new plan in vogue, to cut all off these and the branches, and reduce the tree to a mere stake before planting, by which it is claimed that

(1) This should have appeared in our last number. Ed.