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The great object which the Directors have in view in giving, without charge, to each subscriber to the *Canadian Horticulturist* the choice of certain trees or plants, is that those things may be tested in different parts of the country, and in this way their ability to endure the climate, their adaptation to the various soils, and their value to us as Canadians may become more speedily known. An impression seems to exist in the minds of some that these things are a sort of bonus given to them for subscribing to the magazine. We desire to correct this impression, and to have our readers understand that these things are given not so much to benefit the recipient as to benefit the entire community. Often times they may greatly benefit the recipient, but even when the article planted proves to be utterly valueless, owing to the fact which is in this way ascertained that it is unsuited to our climate, or to the exposure in a certain part of the country; the knowledge of that fact, if it be only communicated, is of immense value to others, saving them from serious disappointment and loss. For this reason the Directors have made it a condition of receiving

these articles that the person who gets them shall in due time communicate to the *Canadian Horticulturist*, for the benefit of all, the results of his experience therewith, whether of success or failure.

For this reason in a very especial manner have the Directors offered the hardy Catalpa to our subscribers this spring. The reports that have come to them of its great value, both as a timber and an ornamental tree, have led them to believe that it may be valuable in a large part, if not in all parts of this Province. Letters have been received from subscribers asking if it would be hardy enough to thrive in their locality; if so they would select the Catalpa to be sent them. If the Directors knew that this tree was sufficiently hardy, and in all respects suited to the soil and climate of all parts of Ontario, there would have been no occasion for testing it, and it would not have been offered.

It is said of this variety of the Catalpa that it is remarkably hardy, much more hardy than the variety which has been to some extent planted in Canada as an ornamental tree, samples of which are to be seen in Hamil-