

hardier than the Irish, which could not live above the snow. Mr. Hoopes says the upright *Irish Yew* will not stand north of Philadelphia. The *Golden Yew* (VARIEGATA AUREA) I saw at Flushing, and was very much struck by its bright golden color. It was not at all hurt there by the severe cold of last winter, and Mr. Hoopes says of it that it is even hardier than the species. This tree should be tried by those who will give it special winter protection.

Our native Yew, often called the Ground Hemlock, when cut back into compact bushy form, is quite ornamental. There is a golden variety of it too, but it by no means equals that described above.

THUJA.—Arbor Vitæ.

Our native White Cedar (T. OCCIDENTALIS) is our most convenient, if not our best hedge plant. For a wind-break it cannot equal the Spruce, nor can it equal the Hemlock, for delicate beauty; but for a quick, cheap, good hedge it is the best plant we have. Young trees chopped out of our black muck swamps in spring, planted close, and evenly cut back, if the soil be not too dry, quickly grow into a handsome hedge. One word of caution—trees from dense thickets, if planted in exposed places, often become winter-killed.

I am glad to see cedar-hedging coming into vogue. In some parts of Missisquoi it is not uncommon. The finest in the Province, as far as I know, far surpassing anything in Montreal, is that on the grounds of Mr. W. P. Carter, at Cowansville.

T. GIGANTEA. *Gigantic Arbor Vitæ*.—This is the giant cedar (so called) of the Pacific coast. On the coast of British Columbia, Mr. George Dawson has found it measure fifteen feet in diameter of trunk, and 150 feet in height.

Mr. John Mathers of Ottawa, tells me that a tree of this variety was measured by Hon. Malcolm Cameron which was twenty-one feet in diameter; very few plants of this variety have been grown in the Eastern States and they not satisfactory. However, Mr. Dawson, who has made detailed notes of its distribution in British Columbia, finds it inland in severe climates, whence we should obtain seed for trial.