

Hedges to Improve Canadian Homes

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come out very early, are of an attractive shade of green. As it makes practically all its growth early in the season one pruning each year is sufficient. This shrub-like tree will reach a height of eighteen feet if desired. The Siberian Pea Tree should be in full sunlight for best results, as if shaded the bottom will become too open. This plant has attractive yellow pea-shaped flowers when not pruned.

Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus catharticus*)—The Common Buckthorn makes a good tall hedge though the foliage is not so attractive as the Siberian Pea Tree. It is, however, a firmer hedge than the Caragana and where one is desired that will stand rather adverse conditions this is a good one. It stands pruning well. It will grow to any height desired for a hedge.

Honey Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)—Where a hedge is desired that will hold small animals to a great extent the Honey Locust is one of the most satisfactory. It is very thorny and the thorns are long and sharp. It requires more pruning, however, than either of the two previously mentioned hedges and is not hardy enough for the coldest sections, though it has done very well at Ottawa.

Josika Lilac (*Syringa Josikaea*)—Many persons like to have a lilac hedge, mainly as a matter of sentiment, for the common lilac is not a very satisfactory hedge plant, not being stiff enough nor having attractive enough foliage for a hedge which is to be looked at all the season. The foliage often becomes badly mildewed which makes it still less attractive and, when grown as a clipped hedge, there will be no flowers. The Josika Lilac, however, makes a much better hedge plant than the common. The leaves are deep green in colour and glossy, and the bush is firmer than the other. It is one of the most attractive tall hedges at Ottawa.

Tall Evergreen Hedges—The two most satisfactory tall ever green hedges are the Douglas Fir and Norway Spruce, although the White Pine (*Pinus Strobus*) has made an excellent hedge at Ottawa and is still in good condition though planted in 1890, over thirty years ago. The Arbor-vita, or White Cedar, might be included with the tall hedges, as it will grow as tall as required, but it has been put with those of medium height.

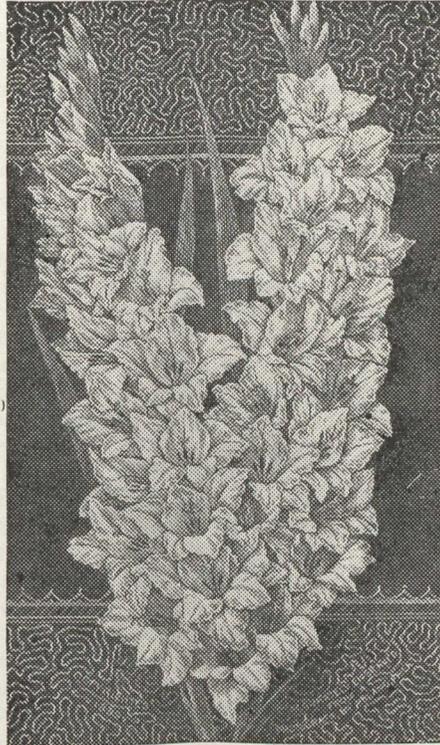
Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuya taxifolia*)—This has proved to be the best

tall evergreen hedge at Ottawa. Planted in 1894 this sample hedge is still in excellent condition, as is also another hedge of it planted before that time, and has living branches to the ground. The foliage is attractive and the hedge looks well.

Norway Spruce (*Picea excelsa*)—This is a very fast growing spruce,

but is only fairly satisfactory as a hedge plant where one is looking for a hedge that will stay in good condition for a long time. For the first ten or fifteen years it may do well, but later on the lower branches are likely to die unless it is under very favourable conditions. It is such a strong grower also that it needs much

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