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OUR RUSSIAN EXCHANGE.

OUR readers will be interested in knowing that the first box of stock from Russia, for testing in Canada, has just come to hand. It contains fifty fine yearling trees of the Koslor Morello Cherry, which was described in volume xii, page 216; pits of a new Seedling Ostheim Cherry, superior to the old Ostheim, of a new and valuable seedling black cherry, called Niemetz, and of Ausjustin's Seedling Apricot, a valuable Russian variety. Forty of the trees we have handed over to the Experimental Farm for testing, and as soon as we can secure them in sufficient quantity, we will distribute them. Mr. Niemetz writes that he could get no more at present, as all that Mr. Mitschourine had were bought by the government for the inhabitants of Siberia. Surely if this cherry will do for Siberia, it should do for Manitoba.

We are also in receipt of some packets of the Russian Pea, described on page 16, and should they prove

valuable, they will be propagated and distributed. We hope thus, in time, to introduce into Canada, many useful fruits, especially valuable for our cold North.

A NEW PEAR.

AT our winter meeting last December, in Windsor, Mr. P. C. Dempsey, of Trenton, exhibited a new pear of his own growing, which, at this date, January 1st, is in prime condition for eating. It is a cross between Duchess de Bordeaux and Josephine de Malines. The size of this pear is above medium; form, ob-ovate pyriform; color, yellow, with numerous brown dots; stem, about two inches in length; flesh, yellow, coarse-grained, firm, juicy, of an excellent aromatic flavor.

ABRAHAM'S OAK is the name given to an old oak at Mamre in Syria, supposed to mark the spot where the patriarch pitched his tent in the desert. It is a venerable old tree,