

park effect and for blending with other trees it is one of the most desirable. From British Columbia we have the Douglas Fir, Bull Pine, and Englemann's Spruce, all fine trees and doing well in eastern Canada. The best Englemann Spruce resembles very much the Colorado Blue Spruce, but is more graceful.

Among the most ornamental Canadian shrubs I mention the Viburnums, of which there are eight good species which succeed under cultivation. Perhaps the best of these is the High-bush Cranberry, *Viburnum Opulus*, which is ornamental both in summer and winter, the brightly coloured fruit being very attractive. Our wild roses are very useful, among the best being *Rosa lucida*, the glossy leaves of which make this very ornamental even when out of flower. Two of the best species of Mock Orange are natives of British Columbia, namely, *Philadelphus Gordonianus* and *Philadelphus Lewisii*. Flowering Dogwood is a very effective shrub in spring in Western Ontario, while the Amelanchiers make masses of white in the early spring. For autumn effects the Aromatic and Stag-horn Sumachs cannot be beaten.

Among the hedge plants there is no evergreen so satisfactory as the native American Arbor Vitæ or Cedar. Rarely injured by insects or diseases, standing pruning well and needing comparatively little pruning, it is undoubtedly the best. It is not so rapid a grower as the Norway Spruce, which is sometimes used for hedge purposes, but is more permanent and takes up less room. The White Pine is also proving an excellent hedge plant at the Experimental Farm. The Hemlock makes a very fine hedge if rapid growth is not desired, being compact and of a pleasing shade of green.

While few of our deciduous plants are used for hedge purposes we see no reason why some of them should not be used with good effect. The native beech is doing well as a hedge plant at Ottawa and there is no good reason why it should not become as popular in this country as the European Beech is in England. The Moosewood, *Dirca palustris*, should make a splendid hedge plant with its soft, light green leaves. The Scarlet Hawthorn should make a desirable one, and where a hedge for holding back stock is required the Honey Locust is one of the best plants to use in the warmer parts of Ontario. This is taking the place of the Osage Orange in those districts where the latter succeeds. There are other shrubs with attractive foliage, such as the Viburnums and Hamamelis which should do well as hedges.

Among the climbing hardy plants we have three native woody species which can scarcely be excelled. These are the Virginian Creeper, the Wild Clematis or Virgin's Bower, and the