

Those Missing World's Fair Medals.

779. SIR,—Could you give us any information regarding those missing World's Fair Medals, for which we have been so long patiently waiting?

J. W. BIGELOW, *Wolfville, N.S.*

We referred this inquiry to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and in response have received the following letter from A. L. Jarvis, for Deputy Minister:

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, making inquiry respecting medals and diplomas awarded at the "World's Columbian Exposition," I have to inform you that the latest intimation received from the Washington authorities is to the effect that the medals of award are finished and waiting the completion of the diplomas, after which they will be delivered to the "World's Columbian Commission," who will distribute the same. I may add that the letter containing the above information was of recent date, the 14th ultimo.

Peaches.

780. SIR,—When do the following varieties of peaches ripen in the Niagara district, viz.:—Alexander, Early Rivers, Hill's Chili, Elberta, Triumph, Foster, and Yellow St. John?

S. T. PETTIT, *Belmont.*

We have not fruited Elberta or Triumph.

The others ripen about as follows:—Alexander last of July; Early Rivers, early part of August; Hill's Chili and Yellow St. John, latter part of August; Foster, first part of September.

Magnolia, Cedar of Lebanon.

781. SIR,—What winter protection is necessary to grow the *Magnolia grandiflora*, Cedar of Lebanon and the Deodar cedar, in the open ground in this Province of Ontario?

JOHN M. McALINSH, *Belton, Ont.*

Reply by Horticulturist Craig, of Ottawa.

I do not think that *Magnolia grandiflora*, Cedar of Lebanon or the Deodar Cedar could be grown successfully in the open ground in any portion of Ontario, even with the best kind of winter protection that could be advised. It is possible that they could be grown for a time as small plants in favored portions, such as Essex and the Niagara Peninsula by wrapping them carefully in the autumn with a heavy swathing of evergreen boughs and protecting the roots by heavy mulching. But this could only be carried on while the tree was small. Those who wish to grow these, especially the cedars, I would advise to plant them in tubs, which could be moved into a cold cellar during winter. These plants could be renewed when the trees reached a size too large to allow of convenient handling.