

Moscow, there are trees of immense size, 600, or 700 years planted. It is a common tree in the Urals and in Siberia. Its seed and that of the sunflower are sold in all groceries, and are the peanuts of the Russian peasant population.

TAXUS—Yew.

T. baccata.—The common yew of central Europe is scarcely hardy at Warsaw. In the well sheltered Botanic Gardens, it has been injured so much as to be scarcely ornamental. Neither is it at all hardy at Riga. However, Mr. Wagner tells us that there is a northern form found in the woods near Riga, and which I suppose is more or less hardy there.

At Volsk, in the Botanic Garden, there are two large specimens of yew, nearly thirty feet in height, with a number of branches or trunks ascending from the ground, different from anything we had seen elsewhere.

In conclusion, I would say that I have written these notes when pressed with other work, but felt it was necessary that they may appear at once, that whatever is of value to us, should be imported next autumn; for orders of plants from points north and east of Warsaw must be shipped in the fall.

Seeds can be sent from or to Russia in bags under eight ounces. Scions I have sent safely to Warsaw by mail; and scions sent by mail from Riga arrived in fair condition. Letters to central and eastern Russia (Moscow excepted) should be addressed in Russian.

As an amateur, I cannot continue to give up to this work the time I have given in the past. My part has been an endeavour to show our Governments and our horticultural societies what may, what should be done.

Let us carefully watch the work now being carried on by Mr. Budd, at the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa—work of the highest value to the cold climates of Canada; that work which made our trip to Russia a necessity, that is, a necessity to fair progress; a trip which enabled me in part to see with his eyes, and give you in some degree the results of his study and observations.

Let us then follow out this scheme of interchange with our corresponding climates in the old world. The work has some difficulties. However, as we have the north-western States and the Russians as our allies, the difficulties may be overcome to our great and mutual good.