

as an article of diet, and ancient records testify that the quantity consumed at one meal was incredible, and certainly would be unsafe for more civilized stomachs.

I have omitted to mention the acorn or quereus family, of which there are five varieties, as I do not suppose they come within the meaning of the term "nut bearing" trees.

I cannot close this paper without a further strong recommendation to all those who have not given this matter the attention it deserves, to begin at once to plant, and to plant early and plant often, and especially to commence with the nut-bearing trees. The collection of their seed is easily made, much more so than that of the smaller seeds. My friend Chief Johnson can supply any amount of either black walnuts or butternuts, and they will be found the handiest and easiest to plant. It would be well also to secure at some of the shops at once, before they become too dry, some sweet chestnuts, and pack them in moist sand, keeping them in a cool cellar until spring, when they should be planted early, in a deep rich bed, about an inch and a half deep. I will conclude this paper with a few lines written for the occasion:—

No man who owns a house or hearth,  
A rood of land, a speck of earth,  
Can say his duty he hath done,  
If when the eve of life hath come,  
He cannot point to some cool shade  
By tree, himself hath planted, made  
Its youth his youth in union sprung,  
In middle age its praise he sung,  
And ere his mortal coil shall dwell  
In tenement of coffin shell,  
Beneath its shade a spot he'll choose,  
Where autumn skies and autumn hues,  
Shall blend in harmony on high;  
And from a noble canopy,  
His only epitaph shall be  
The waving sigh of that dear tree.

Chief Johnson said that His Excellency had obtained nuts of the black walnut from him to send to Scotland and Hyde Park, England. He has an offer of \$1. per foot for the timber.

Chief Johnson presented a two bushel bag of curious sweet corn.

Mr. Woodward moved that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to Chief Johnson for the same.