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Nov. 2, 1928.

Mr. Alfred Rehder, Curator,
Herbarium, Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rehder:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you, under separate cover, several sheets of introduced species of Ficea, concerning which I would like to have your opinion.

For several years I have been working on the flora of the Elizabeth Islands, Dukes County, Mass. The largest of these islands, Naushon, has been for many years the property of the Forbes family. As a result of their occupancy, a few species of plants have been introduced there, and some of them have persisted successfully, becoming well established. As examples of this I might mention Hlex europaeus, Genista tinctoria, Cytisus scoparius and others.

The Spruces, of which I am sending you samples, grow in extensive groves along the west side of the island and some of them, at least, appear to me to have become established. So far as I can learn, they were set out nearly fifty years ago, and so have had ample time to produce seedlings which might now be well grown. I shall be very much indebted to you if you can determine the identities of these trees from the material which I am sending you. There seem to be at least four species represented. Please retain my specimens if they offer any interest for your collections. As they are all numbered you can send the names merely by citing the serial numbers.

With cordial thanks in advance, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

John W. Foss, Jr.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN
MASS.

November 8, 1928

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

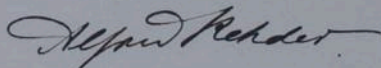
The Spruces of which you sent me
specimens I have determined as follows: -

- 3690 = *Picea glauca* Voss. (*P. canadensis* B.S.P.)
- 3691 = *Picea glauca* ..
- 3692 = *Picea Abies* Karst. (*P. excelsa* Lk)
- 3668 = *Picea pungens* Engelm.
- 3669 = *Picea glauca* Voss.

Picea glauca no. 3691 does not look typical; it has
shorter cones, thicker blunt leaves and resembles some-
what *P. rubra* Lk., but the branches are not pubescent
and of lighter color.

It is interesting to know that *Ulex europaeus*
has become established on Naushon Island. This species is
too tender here at the Arboretum and we have not been able to
grow it successfully. If the plants on Naushon Island fruits,
we should be grateful for a few seeds.

Sincerely yours



R/m

from Fogg

November 10, 1928.

Mr. Alfred Rehder, Curator,
Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rehder:

Many thanks for your kind letter of November 8th. I am indeed indebted to you for studying and naming my Spruces, and certainly appreciate your very prompt response to my request. The atypical specimen of *P. glauca* (no. 3691) puzzled me too, for it certainly had a different look from that of its neighbors.

Ulex fruits prolifically on the island. Unfortunately I find that I have no material here from which I can extract seeds. However, I shall certainly keep you in mind and promise myself the pleasure next season of collecting fresh capsules for you.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Feb. 21, 1931.

Dr. John M. FOGG,
Curator, University Herbarium,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

With the same mail I am forwarding to your address
by parcel post four specimens on loan at the request of Mr.
Metcalf who has written you already regarding these speci-
mens. Please sign coupon of the enclosed loan slip and re-
turn to me.

Sincerely yours,

Curator of the Herbarium.

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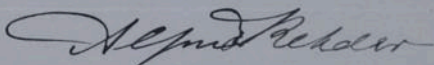
April 21, 1931. 19

Dr. John M. Fogg,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

With thanks I acknowledge the return in good condition of the four specimens of Hamamelidaceae lent to you.

Very truly yours,



Curator of the Herbarium.