

lian Red Cedar,--also found elsewhere in the tropics (Cedrela toona), the West Indian Cedar (C. odorata)-- used in the manufacture of cigar boxes. Bordering Albert Park, along Bowen Avenue, Auckland possesses a lovely avenue of the Chinese Tree of Paradise, of the Persea family (Ailanthus glandulosa)<sup>until</sup> recently named Cedrela Sinensis and often termed cedar. I hope none of our members miss these trees in the beauty of their fruiting season, when festooned with great rosy clusters of winged keys!

It may be added in conclusion, for the comfort of members, that the term "cedar" is also applied to species not included under Cedrus, Librocedrus or Cedrela--for example, the Japanese Cedar (Cryptomeria japonica) and a number of others. Enough has been said, however, to show that the term "cedar" must be approached with a certain amount of caution, if its use is not to give rise to misunderstanding.

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#### THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL OF HORTICULTURE

Botany and horticulture are allied, and there is inevitably some working partnership between them. All horticulturists must have some sympathy with botany, at least on its practical side, and all Botanists must sympathise with horticulture, if only to the extent of gazing admiringly from one's sitting room window at one's neighbour toiling in the garden!

All members of our Society will then rejoice to learn that they may now regard themselves as members of that new and important body, the Auckland Horticultural Council. This newly formed association may be said to mark a definite step forward in the progress of Auckland horticulture. The Auckland Horticultural Council, to which are affiliated all Auckland clubs or societies interested in horticulture, has for its aims the encouragement, promotion and co-ordination of all horticultural interests, the beautification of streets, reserves and gardens both public and private, the giving of lectures and the providing of instruction, advice, etc. on matters of horticultural interest, and later on the publication of

papers and bulletins. One very important part of its activities will consist in the holding of shows. It proposes to hold these three or four times a year in the Auckland Town Hall. The first show will open on September 11th., not long before the Cheeseman Memorial Flower Show, consequently the Botanical Society will not be able to make any contribution. We hope, however, that in future shows, the Botanical Society, which is now an affiliated member of the A.H.C. will be able to play its part. It is hoped that the Society will be able to contribute a small exhibition of interesting native plants, suitably labeled, and, if necessary, accompanied by cultural instructions. In this way, it is thought that the Society may be able to make its own contribution towards educating the public both as regards the beauty and horticultural possibilities of New Zealand plants, and the necessity for their protection and preservation.

We would be very happy if any of our members who would be prepared to assist in these "native" exhibitions by the provision of appropriate material, would be kind enough to communicate with the Secretary.

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#### THE SPRING FLOWER SHOW.

Spring will be welcomed this year by the Annual Show of Native Flowers. This Show, held as a memorial to the late Mr. Cheeseman, has been in abeyance since 1941. This year it is being revived and is being organised by the Museum, (Miss Betty Molesworth being particularly active) assisted by the Auckland Botanical Society. We are sure that all our members will rejoice to give whatever help lies in their power. Note that as far as specimens are concerned, contributions of any size are welcome, even one beautiful flowering or fruiting spray will be acceptable,--Remember! "Every mickle maks a mickle."

On Saturday, August 30th. So. Marks held their annual Daffodil Show. The Botanical Society was invited to send in an exhibit. Although the notice was somewhat short, Miss Molesworth made arrangements, and she, Mrs. Graham Turbot and Miss Joan Dingley kindly decorated two bowls for us, making an attrac-