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Arboretum

June 5, 1928

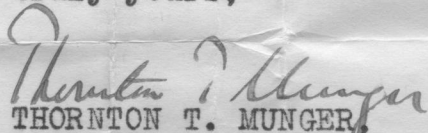
Horticulturist in Charge,
Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

All the stock covered by the enclosed slips was planted in nursery beds on receipt at our arboretum nursery in the Wind River Valley, Skamania County, Washington, altitude 1200 feet. The stock received good nursery care, weeding, water, etc., but none of it thrived. The consignment sent May 12, 1925 was kept together in one bed. Many of them died, and most of the rest were killed back one winter or another so that none reached a height over a foot or so. In the spring of 1928 when the ground was needed for something else, and it being clear that this material would not be a success in this locality, the remaining survivors were discarded. The consignment of Castanopsis delavayi, received in Jan. 1927, came in such poor condition that I hardly expected them to live but about half of them struggled through last summer, getting the best of care. Early this spring they all looked dead, but the last few days some of them have begun to sprout from the root. We will keep them under observation so long as they show any prospect of success.

The Wind River Valley does not experience extremes of temperature and has a high annual precipitation, but the summers are dry and the nights cold, the period between killing frosts being pretty short. It appears to be rather unfavorable for any of the broadleaved trees.

Very truly yours,


THORNTON T. MUNGER
Director.