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Dear Sir,

May I, although
a stranger to you, impose on your
good nature enough to ask some
questions regarding forest tree culture
for practical use? I hardly feel
like a total stranger, however,
as one of my brothers graduated
in Law with first honors, and
another brother (since deceased) also
graduated in medicine, at McGill.
The respect and affection with
which they always spoke of you
has given me the courage to thus
impose on your good nature.

The case to state it as briefly
as I can is this: Some time since
I sold to Messrs W & F. P. Currier of
your city (who are the owners of
the Dominion Paper Company's works
at Kingsway Falls) a tract of
about one thousand acres of
wild lands, which are situated
very

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very near their works. These lands were formerly heavily timbered with hemlock and spruce, most of which has been cut, and since then the fire has run through and cleared up a great deal of the brush. A few small poplars are now springing up here and there over a part of the land. Now, poplar wood is required by the McPho Curries in considerable quantities in the manufacture of paper and is quite scarce about their works and the supply limited.

I have noticed heavy growths of poplar sometimes which had sprung up spontaneously in lands formerly occupied with hemlock and spruce and it occurred to me that with the right kind of management that a very good start could be given to "Danville" by artificially starting shoots of poplars or by sowing the seed (if practicable) evenly all over the tract at some distances from each other, which in turn would in a few

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few years and the spaces between them and thus occupy the whole tract. Now will you kindly inform me what is the best and cheapest way to proceed? It will not pay at all to go into the expense of transplanting whole trees. I wish to know if good large shoots will grow by simply sticking them in the ground in spring and pressing the earth about them the same as the willow does or would it be better to wait till the seed is ripe on the trees and plant that. If the latter, when should the seed be gathered and when sown &c. The land which it is proposed to thus stock is very dry and sandy in most places but not in all.

I got "The ^{Trust} Farmer's Tree Culturist" a little while ago, being the only work I know of treating on this subject but it says very little about poplars, - considering them of small value I suppose. I also wrote to the botanist of a journal in Ohio called

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called "Bearings in Pea Culture"
but for our information of value,
although I am not at all inter-
ested pecuniarily now in this land
nor yet in Messrs Currie's affairs,
still I would very much like to
see this land now lying almost
waste, utilized, as I am sure it
can be with large profit &
then in coming years if the pop-
lars can be uniformly distrib-
uted over the greater part of
the tract, -

Any hints, directions and
suggestions which you can kindly
give in this matter at your
leisure will be most thankfully
received by the Messrs Currie
as well as myself -

With great respect, believe me
Yours Very Truly
Geo. O. Goodhue

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