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H. E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

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KEW GARDENS

Report on specimens of grass sent  
for Identification

3rd May

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from H. E. the Governor of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1923 — Encl (1)  
 Third P.N. from Director of Kew Gardens of 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1923 — " (1a)  
 Report on Specimens of Grasses — " (1b)

Government Naturalist

According to  
 Mr. G. O. S. O.  
 5 May 1923

Hon. Sec. Sec.

Noted and returned please.  
 2. The <sup>whole</sup> "Cinnamon Grass" specimen was  
 sent, no duplicate being retained owing to  
 its limited size. I have the other two.

*J. H. Hamilton*  
 Govt. Naturalist  
 Note: There is some difficulty in identifying  
 the Cinnamon Grass by means of its strong  
 and pleasant odour.

Subsequent Paper.

*J. H. Hamilton*  
 Govt. Naturalist  
 O.S. O.  
 29/9/23

*W. H. S.*  
 29.9.23



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From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

A note is attached regarding two specimens of grasses which were sent to Kew last year for identification.

2. Later a specimen of Cinnamom grass was sent. Captain Hill writes that it is almost certainly Hieroclea nodulosa, R. Br. Now the spikelets are too young to be absolute, certain.
3. Will you please pass this to your Department for his information. He knows where the grasses came from & has specimens of them.

Yours  
Sd

3 May 1923.



The Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens

presents his compliments to

1. Poa Alopecurus, Kunth.  
(Arundo Alopecurus, Gaud.)
2. Deschampsia flexuosa, Trin.  
(Aira flexuosa, L.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. J. Middleton \_\_\_\_\_

and begs to inform him that the plants received

See enclosed report giving for identification are named in the margin.  
notes on these two grasses.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW.

\_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 10th 19 22.

MEMORANDUM.

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1. Arundo Alopecurus.

This is the Festuca Arundo of Sir Joseph Hooker (= Poa Alopecurus, Kunth) and is the same as specimen no. 1 "Blue Grass" sent for identification.

Sir Joseph Hooker in the "Flora of the Falkland Islands" p. 382 says - "Though a very large and handsome grass, the Festuca Arundo is so harsh and rigid as to be quite unpalatable to cattle; this is the more obvious from its often growing side by side with the nutritious Tussack, out of the same sand heap."

2. Deschampsia flexuosa, Trin.

Most authors consider this grass practically useless for cultivation, but according to Sowerby and Johnson in "The Grasses of Great Britain" p.45 - "in the dry natural pastures where it flourishes the sheep seldom allow it to flower".

D.K.H.