

and you allowed them to get the air too warm it seems to me the water might assist in extracting the frost from them, but if it was done a little too soon or a little too late of course it would be a serious injury.

Mr. MITCHELL: I think it would not possibly injure the plants so much if the water was put on in the way we have been told to-day was the proper way of spraying, that is, to fall in a light spray; but anything in contact with the plant that puts it in motion when it is frozen is sure to injure it. If any animal step on frozen grass it will leave a dead spot.

The PRESIDENT: We have with us two delegates representing the Michigan Horticultural Society, who will convey to us fraternal greetings from their Society.

Mr. RICE: Many people in Canada know of our state because it is the home of their children and friends. The State of Michigan would reach from Sarnia to Montreal and from Port Huron to Lake Ontario. We have more than one-half as many inhabitants in Michigan as you have in all Canada from ocean to ocean. It is the horticultural society of this grand state which sends you greetings to-night. Among the happy events of my life that I love to look back upon are the times when I have been privileged to meet with the bright men of this Association in the past. I think you know how to use people well, and you have such a studious disposition in studying all your work. Before I came to Woodstock I was told by a party who used to live here that the town was a long way behind the times; but when I looked around your pleasant streets and homes to-day and visited your active workshops I asked myself, where would you be if you were up to the times? (Laughter.) I looked around for poor men's homes, but found pleasant cottages surrounded apparently with comforts, pleasant yards, and everything looking neat and tasty. When we went over to your College and saw the young men there learning habits of industry as well as habits of thought, I felt that we would soon reap the advantage from this; and why? Because Canada is to us the reservoir from which we draw our young people. (Laughter.) We are too busy in our country to raise up large families of children, but here in Canada you have the reputation of raising the finest hogs, sheep, cattle and horses in the world; and why not raise the finest stock of the other animals? (Laughter.) Now if you are going to send that stock over to us, don't send scrub stuff; we have had enough of it. (Laughter.) My daughter after passing through this beautiful country around Woodstock and valleys around London and the Grand River, and those vineyards down about Winona, said to me: "Papa, I see now why it is that only the meaner class of people come from Canada to our country." I asked, "Why?" and she answered, "They have such a beautiful country that none but a mean man would leave it." (Laughter and applause.) It is often hinted that you would like to become part of the United States; but don't do it. (Hear, hear; and a voice, "Don't be afraid.") We know Michigan would be so eclipsed that we would have to sell right out and move down here, and you would become the greatest and grandest and most glorious spot on earth; no other spot would be so beautiful, so thickly inhabited, so filled with the industries of all sorts as this portion of God's footstool. No other portion is supplied with such water powers; you can manufacture for all the earth. Now just stay as you are; don't rival us too much; don't get too big. (Laughter.) Canada is often represented as our younger sister. Well, we are proud of her; she is a nice, spruce girl, and a pretty lassie. (Laughter.)

Mr. WATKINS: When our President at our last meeting asked me to go to the State of Illinois as a delegate I said no; then he said, "Go down to Indiana," I said, "No, I don't feel like it;" but when he asked me to come over to Ontario, I said I would do that with the greatest pleasure. (Applause.) Some of you might wonder why. It is a very difficult route—I have to come four or five railways to get here. But the reason I came was that three or four years ago I had the happiness to be a guest of your Agricultural Society, and if I ever had a happy time it was then. I met a great many men that I have been very glad to have known—Frederick Stone, of Guelph, and the Snells, and a lot of people that were a delight, and I knew that I should come to just such another place here, and I did. I am happy to be with you to hear your bold and