

PRESIDENT. What we propose to do is to import from Minnesota and the Dakotas where there is no scale. I think myself that the scale could not exist here. There is no embargo on the importation of peaches, indeed the Government would find it very difficult, if not impossible, to pass such an act, and yet we are credibly informed that the scale can be imported on peaches as readily as on trees. I would not wish to run the slightest risk in such a matter, and all that we propose is to import from States where there is no scale, and that only under careful inspection. If there is no further discussion I will now put the question.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT. Is there any other new business.

Q. Why does not the Society make an exhibit at the Industrial Exhibition? A. We did not think it wise to attempt it last season owing to our being in debt. I should like to see a fall flower show. I hoped we would have a paper from Mr. Middleton of Brandon on the Flower Show which they held last season, and I am sorry he is not present.

MR. BEDFORD. I think Mr. Middleton will be here for the evening meeting. With regard to our flower show I would say that the Brandon Horticultural Society undertook it in fear and trembling, but it was a most surprising success. This was largely due to the interest taken in it by Mr. Middleton, and others associated with him, who gave very much time to it. You know in Brandon we have not so many members in our Society or so many owners of flowers as you have in Winnipeg. I must say I was very much surprised at the interest taken by those who had only a few window plants to show. We held it in the Opera House, and it overflowed into the City Council Chamber. I do not think you need have any hesitation in attempting one in Winnipeg, but I would say make it largely an amateur affair; do not make it professional. Have a good exhibit from the professionals, but let the amateurs understand you are depending upon them. The prizes do not need to be at all large, but there should be no charge for the privilege of exhibiting.

MR. FRANKLAND. I would favor the holding of a flower show, as the time at which our Industrial Exhibition is held, about the middle of July, the products of our gardens and orchards are not available. I would like to ask Mr. Bedford if he would confine the exhibition to members of the Society?

MR. BEDFORD. I think all who exhibit should join the Society. In this way you will reach people which otherwise you may not be able to touch, and you will largely increase your membership.