

turns out to be unfounded, though there may have been suspicious circumstances justifying the protest. I have known very bad feeling to be engendered in some cases of this kind. Now, if everyone was required to make the affidavit, it would get over that difficulty better than anything else, I think.

Mr. ELLIOTT.—None of these certificates or declarations will do any good unless the persons who are aware that crooked practices are going on will make that fact known, and they will not do it. At a fair at which I was a judge recently a man said to me, "I want to see which of the Ben Davis' got the prize." I showed him the ones, and he said, "Why, he (meaning the exhibitor) got that out of my orchard." Now, if men like that would tell the secretary and put in a protest, that kind of thing would soon disappear. If people will stand by silently and see prizes carried off by fruit which they know well the exhibitor has never grown, all the declarations and affidavits will not do any good.

The SECRETARY.—I think we could have a printed form of affidavit to be taken by every exhibitor, as Mr. Caston says, and, in case of any trickery being shown, forfeiture of the prizes won at the exhibition should follow.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADDRESSES AT THE EVENING SESSION.

At the opening of the evening session the President announced that there were a number of local gentlemen, and gentlemen from the American side in the hall, upon whom he would call for short addresses. He then called upon the Mayor of Windsor.

WELCOME TO WINDSOR.

Mayor TWOMEY, who was received with applause, expressed the great satisfaction he felt in seeing the officers and so many members of the Association in the town of Windsor, and he was also much gratified by the presence of the gentlemen from Michigan. To all of them, on behalf of the citizens of Windsor, he had much pleasure in extending a most hearty welcome to that town and the county of Essex, where the importance of the aims and work of the Fruit Growers' Association were well known and appreciated. He had always regarded the county of Essex as the garden of the Dominion, and he felt sure the chairman knew well the many advantages that county enjoyed as a centre of fruit cultivation. Still, he believed the fruit industry was but in its infancy at present, and had no doubt that a great stimulus would be imparted to it by the visit of the Association, which he hoped to see repeated at no very distant date.

The President replied fittingly to the Mayor's remarks, and then called upon President Lyon, of the Michigan Horticultural Society, for a few remarks.

FRUIT GROWING IN MICHIGAN.

Mr. LYON said, speaking for the Michigan Horticultural Society, that they were trying to do their part in elevating horticultural and pomological interests in the State of Michigan. Pomology was occupying the attention of a great many in that state, in the eastern part more especially, while in western Michigan peach growing was becoming a leading industry. Their society had existed since 1870, and they felt that its existence had been the cause of improvement and advancement in fruit culture generally, and that they had been instrumental in bringing order out of confusion. He then described the manner in which it had become necessary to have local societies to ascertain the fruits suitable to be grown within limited districts, instead of having a general list of American fruits, some of which, though grown successfully in one part, were quite unsuitable for others. This dividing up into smaller districts had been going on since 1848, when an