

Mr. Macgowan also stated that he had not considered that the correspondence containing the alleged injurious reflection of so private a nature, but as it contained many references to matters of a very interesting kind, and much valuable information, he had not thought it any harm to allow the reporters to have it along with the other papers. He regretted exceedingly that it had gone into the papers, particularly as it had been intended by the writer as a private letter.

Mr. Kipp was convinced that there was a misunderstanding between these two very earnest and important workers in the Association, and would be pleased to see the censure rescinded and that by-gones be by-gones. If in order, therefore, he would move that the vote of censure be rescinded.

Mr. Earle seconded the motion.

Mr. Hutcherson quickly moved in amendment that the vote of censure referred to remain standing unless Mr. Cunningham withdrew his remarks in that letter.

Mr. Renouf pointed out that this could not be rescinded, and moved that Mr. Cunningham's explanation, as given, be accepted and spread on the minutes.

This motion was seconded by Mr. G. W. Henry, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Booth, M.P.P., remarked that it was hardly necessary to even have any explanation in regard to this matter, as it would be read and re-read, and it would help matters much more to ignore it entirely, but for the fact that it is a little hard upon Mr. Cunningham's feelings to have this standing against him. I have heard his explanation, and, according to my own experience, there is a good deal of treachery in the climate. I have known thousands of trees killed by the frost, not because it is severely cold, but because we have spells of warm weather in the winter followed by sharp frost. I need only remind you of the winter two years ago, when the weather in January was almost too warm to work afield. The result was the starting of the sap flowing, a severe frost came on chilling the trees, and they died out. But it is not well to advertise these drawbacks, although they are likely to occur at any time—warm weather in January and severe cold in February. There is certainly a good deal of uncertainty about it after all.

Mr. Kipp knew of trees eight inches in diameter killed—split open. That was in '75. He would fall in with the idea of accepting the explanation, and thought it a satisfactory one.

The matter was here dropped.