

Question. Are the boxes removed during the summer?

MR. STEVENSON. Yes, as spring advances the boxes are removed and the earth spread round the root of the tree.

PRESIDENT. I think we must now adjourn until 8 p.m., when I hope there will be a full attendance.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. S. A. Bedford, Brandon Experimental Farm, in the chair.

MR. BEDFORD. I have been asked by your President to take the chair. It is getting late, and I will not take the time of the meeting with any remarks, but will at once call upon Mr. P. Middleton, Hon. Secretary of the Brandon Horticultural Society, for a paper on the Brandon Flower Show, which was to have been given this afternoon.

MR. P. MIDDLETON. Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman. I was pleased to hear that Mr. Bedford and Mr. McKenzie gave this question some momentum this afternoon, as the notes I have prepared were put together hurriedly, and I may have to amplify as I go on.



The Brandon Flower Show.

BY P. MIDDLETON.



In compliance with your request to give a few brief notes to account for the comparative success of our autumnal exhibition of plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, held on the 26th of August last, in Brandon, it may not be out of place to state that it was very late in the year before we got into practical form and our prize list issued. Consequently, like all other rudimentary functions, much imperfect work was the result,—although we heard little of its crudeness. We owe much to an intelligent, appreciative and sympathizing public. Like all other British institutions where the dollar was not immediate or prospective, the idea was first laughed at, then sneered at, but finally adopted, and it is fair to say