

THOMAS FRANKLAND, Stonewall. I second that motion, as I consider it a great hardship that we should be compelled to buy our stock from Ontario.

A. P. STEVENSON, Nelson. I would further endorse the resolution.

THOMAS FRANKLAND, Stonewall. I would like to ask Mr. McKay whether he has any stock from Bangor and how it has succeeded on the Experimental Farm at Indian Head?

MR. MCKAY. I could not say as to whether we have or not.

THOMAS FRANKLAND. Have you tried the Gibson crab from Wisconsin? Answer: Yes, to some extent.

MR. MCKAY. I would like to see the restriction removed. There is no doubt that it is very hard on Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, more especially in the matter of forest trees. The American Cottonwood, which is in great demand, is prohibited among the rest. We cannot begin to supply one hundredth part of the orders that have come to the Experimental Farm for this tree since this act was passed. For my own part I have no hesitation in saying that there is not the slightest danger in importing nursery stock under proper inspection. Even if some of these pests got in they would not remain. We have had the potato bug and the currant worm but after experiencing one winter they invariably left on the first train, and should a San Jose Scale be so foolish as to venture so far north I have no doubt he would very speedily follow their example. I say again that I would very much like to see this restriction removed, especially in regard to forest trees.

MR. WHELLAMS. We might also look at the action of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association in asking for a higher tariff on fruit at a time when the Government were prepared to lower the tariff. It was a mean attempt to get a better chance for their own fruit. After what Mr. Alston and Mr. Stevenson have said in regard to Ontario grown nursery stock I think the least we can do is to ask for relief in this matter.

MR. MCKAY. We had some of the native maple taken to Wisconsin. The trees were grown there and then taken to Ottawa and raised, and when we brought that stock up here it was frozen down every time.

MR. CALDWELL, Virden. Under these circumstances, and more especially as we have reliable authority that the scale does not exist in the States from which we desire to import and could not live in this climate, I think we should ask to have this restriction removed at once.