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Moved by W. J. Moggridge, seconded by E. Hutcherson:
That clause 4 be amended by the insertion of the words "or inspection," after the words
"undertake the shipping."—Carried.

Mr. Anderson—It is our intention to prove that we can ship our fruit in good condition.

Clause 5.

Moved by W. J. Moggridge, seconded by G. H. Hadwen:
That in the opinion of this meeting, seven is too large a number, and that the Committee
be reduced to three members, with the addition of the Minister of Agriculture. Carried.

Clauses 6 and 7.

Moved by G. H. Hadwen, seconded by E. Hutcherson:
That clauses 6 and 7 be adopted. Carried.
Moved by E. Hutcherson, seconded by H. Kipp:
That the report of the Executive Committee be received as amended, and the Committee
discharged. Carried.

Moved by E. Hutcherson, seconded by W. J. Moggridge:
That C. B. Harris be appointed a member of this Committee for the Interior. Carried.
Moved by E. Hutcherson, seconded by J. R. Anderson:
That H. Kipp be appointed a member of this Committee for the Lower Mainland.
Carried.

Moved by T. A. Sharpe, seconded by T. Lewis:
That W. H. Hayward be appointed a member of this Committee for Vancouver Island.
Carried.

Moved by J. R. Anderson, seconded by T. Lewis:
That the appointment of a man for the North-West be left in the hands of the Executive
Committee. Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

TOM WILSON, *Pres.*
T. R. PEARSON, *Sec.*

In accordance with clause 3 of the Executive Committee's report, the services of Mr. A. T. Bassford, of Vacaville, California, were secured to give practical lessons in fruit packing, shipping, icing of cars, etc.

The following is Mr. Bassford's report:—

"VICTORIA, September 19th, 1899.

*"To the Executive Committee of
The Fruit Growers' Association of British Columbia:*

"I beg to report that I have, under your directions, held public meetings, for the purpose
of giving practical demonstration in packing fruit, in many districts of the Province.

"The fruit that has been packed has consisted of apples, pears, plums and cherries.

"I would like to point out, not only is there great need of better packing, but that the
sorting and grading of all kinds of fruit, both for the home market and for eastern shipment,
is a subject worthy of more consideration and attention than has hitherto been given; and,
above all things, the shipper's name should be upon the boxes.

"Owing to the extremely wet season, fruit in anything like good shipping condition was
hard to obtain, and at more than one meeting wet fruit had to be used.

"I was requested by your Committee to handle and see to the icing and loading of a
carload of plums; but I am sorry that I have not been able to carry out this part of the
programme, owing to the wet season, and I certainly believe that the plums, even if a carload
could have been obtained, would not carry in carload lots by freight trains.

"If I might be permitted, I would like to point out the necessity of keeping the orchard
clear of all grass, grain crops and weeds. In wet seasons these undoubtedly tend to rot the
fruit, while in dry seasons they absorb the moisture that the trees should have, and prevent
the ground being well stirred on the surface, thus allowing the capillary attraction to have
full sway.