

At a MEETING of the COMMITTEE of the BRITISH COLUMBIA BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION, held within the HERBARIUM HALL, at the ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN, EDINBURGH, on Wednesday 9th May 1866, to examine Contents of Box, No. 4.—

*Present—*

Professor BALFOUR,  
Mr GORRIE, for P. Lawson and Son,  
Mr M'NAB, Treasurer,  
Mr SADLER, Clerk, and  
Mr ANDERSON-HENRY, Secretary.

The Committee carefully examined *seriatim* the parcels and packets of Seeds received from the Collector in that box, embracing from Nos. 231 to 273 inclusive; and it was a matter of deep regret to find, that from wet having got into the box, the Seeds, with only one or two very doubtful exceptions, were rotten, or their vegetative power destroyed. The exceptions referred to are Nos. 235, 238, 240, 241, 269, and 270, of the catalogue of the contents of the box, which had been previously transmitted by Mr BROWN with his letter of 9th February last, and which, with a view to its being transmitted to the Subscribers along with the Seeds, had been printed for the "*Farmer*" newspaper, and slips (now in proof) ordered for such transmission.

The meeting think it would be unnecessary to send any of the seeds of other packages than those of the Nos. above excepted, and therefore suggest, for the consideration of another meeting to be held in town before the date of despatch of the next mail to California (16th inst.), that the distribution should be restricted to these packets.

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MEETING OF COMMITTEE of the BRITISH COLUMBIA BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION, held at 64 PRINCES STREET, Edinburgh, on Monday 14th May 1866.—

*Present—*

Mr PATTON, in the Chair,  
Professor BALFOUR.  
Mr HOG, Newliston,  
Mr GORRIE for Mr Lawson, and  
Mr M'NAB, Treasurer.

Resolved unanimously, that the services of Mr BROWN be discontinued, and that Mr HENRY be requested to write to him accordingly.

Resolved unanimously, that from the state of the Seeds in box No. 4, it is inexpedient to make any distribution of them among the Subscribers, and that Mr HENRY be requested to take charge of the sowing of the seeds (Mr GORRIE giving his assistance), with a view to the ultimate distribution by lot of any that may come up. That a circular be prepared, stating the general destruction of the seeds by wet, and intimating the resolution previously come to.