

grower, as many of you know, and while I may have had successes, it must be credited to the peculiarly favorable conditions of the soil and climate and other conditions which we enjoy in British Columbia, and it is hard on me to be thus stigmatized all over the world by having this sown broadcast in every city and town of the Dominion as well as the United States, especially when you consider the circumstances under which I wrote that letter—hardly knowing what I did write. I myself, moreover, take particular pains in sending out our Reports to numerous friends and correspondents, and it places me in a very unenviable position. I do feel hard over it.

Mr. Hutcherson—This hardly calls for any apology from me—Mr. Cunningham himself here acknowledges that he did, perhaps, use too strong language. If he still thinks his remarks applicable to the climate, I hold that the vote of censure ought to stand, but if he withdraws his words, of course I will make the apology.

Mr. Cunningham—I did not speak particularly of the climate of British Columbia, but of the conditions prevailing west of the Cascades, but your censure makes me reflect upon the climate of the Province. Your own remarks as to your failures are more directly referring to the local conditions.

Mr. Ohlson said he had never lost a pear tree through frost, as, if the land was properly drained, the growth would not start so early.

Mr. Hutcherson—The pears I lost were Bartletts, and anyone who knows that pear, knows it will start with little or no warmth in winter. I do not know that our land is much warmer than Mr. Ohlson's, but I have seen the buds burst in the middle of January. Mr. Ohlson knows that 10 degrees of frost in that condition is worse than zero when buds are dormant.

Mr. Ohlson—There was something wrong with your land that your trees started growing then, and your trees did not make a healthy growth.

Mr. Hutcherson—Mr. Ohlson is guessing. Anyone who knows about the growth of trees on the Fraser knows there is nothing sickly about them.

Mr. Ohlson—They must have been making growth of some kind or they would not have been injured.

Mr. Hutcherson—They would not have been killed by the frost in this Province if the trees had been properly grown.

The Chairman stated that he was very sorry that there had been any misunderstanding about this matter brought up last by Mr. Cunningham. I am sure he did not intentionally make any remarks reflecting injuriously upon the interests of either this Association or the Province in general.

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