

On motion of H. Kipp, seconded by A. W. Ogilvie, the Secretary was instructed to have one thousand copies printed and addressed to fruit growers in the Province.

Moved by J. C. Metcalfe, seconded by H. Kipp:

That the Annual Meeting be held on the fourth Tuesday in January, 1901, at 2:00 p.m. Secretary to arrange for building.—Carried.

After considerable discussion it was decided to publish a Report of the Proceedings for the years 1899 and 1900.

Moved by H. Kipp, seconded by J. C. Metcalfe:

That we have three hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Reports printed.—Carried.

Moved by J. C. Metcalfe, seconded by H. Kipp:

That Messrs. Thos. Lewis and the President be appointed to assist the Secretary in compiling the Annual Report.

The following programme for the Annual Meeting was then arranged:—

President's Address.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer.

Paper by Thos. Cunningham.

Varieties of Apples and Pears to plant—H. Kipp.

Management of the Kitchen Garden—W. J. Brandrith.

Transportation—J. C. Metcalfe.

Bees—W. H. Lewis.

Moved by L. R. Authier, seconded by A. W. Ogilvie:

That we adjourn.—Carried.

TOM WILSON, *President.*

W. J. BRANDRITH, *Sec.-Treas.*

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO PLUM ROT.

COPY OF CIRCULAR SENT OUT.

"DEAR SIR,—The B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, wishing to obtain all the information possible relating to the Plum Rot, unfortunately so prevalent, take the liberty of asking you to kindly fill in the answers to the questions below, and to furnish any other information in your possession on the same subject.

"Enclosed is addressed and stamped envelope for reply, which kindly mail before 20th inst., and oblige,

"W. J. BRANDRITH,

"*Sec. B. C. F. G. Assoc'n.*

"*New Westminster, October 29th, 1900.*

"1st. Have you Plum Rot in your orchard? 2nd. When did you first observe it? 3rd. Have you tried anything to prevent it? 4th. If so, what? 5th. And with what result? 6th. How many plum trees have you in bearing? 7th. Is your orchard seeded down or in hoed crops? 8th. If seeded down, what with, clover or grass? 9th. Are you in favour of stringent measures being taken to get rid of the disease?"

From the answers received it appears that about twenty per cent. of the fruit growers tried various remedies; some with no apparent effect, others partially successful; one of the most successful being Mr. T. Bosomworth, of Port Haney, who gives his treatment as follows: 4 lbs. bluestone, 5 lbs. lye, and 60 gallons of water, sprayed once in the fall and once in the spring.

It is apparent from the replies received that the disease has been in the Province during the past fifteen or twenty years, and is increasing in destructiveness each year.

It seems to be an established fact that it is equally as bad in cultivated as in uncultivated land, or land seeded with clover or any of the grasses.

Further, it is made apparent that those who have been most successful in contending against Plum Rot have been those who have sprayed thoroughly, systematically and persistently, and who have kept the heads of their trees well thinned out; burning all infected fruit, dead wood and rubbish.

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