

DISCUSSION.

MR. BEDFORD. I heartily approve of all that Mr. Frankland has said in favor of the native plum. We have more difficulty in plum growing in Brandon than Mr. Frankland has at Stonewall, and I may say that we find the Cheney and De Sota about the same with us.

PROFESSOR BAIRD. I would like to ask Mr. Frankland what plum trees he would recommend for city gardens?

A. The Cheney and De Sota.

MR. WAUGH. I do not see Mr. McIntosh here, but I am sure the De Sota plums did not ripen with him last year.

MR. BEDFORD. How do you like the Cheney?

MR. FRANKLAND. I like it very well, but the cold weather in bloom time affected them more than the native plums.

MR. WHELLAMS. If you take the trees from the woods is it not necessary to prune a great deal from them?

MR. FRANKLAND. I have not done much in bringing trees from the woods, but in moving trees it is best not to take the largest; the smaller ones do much better.

MR. WHELLAMS. I do not mean the roots, I mean the branches.

MR. FRANKLAND. All trees taken from the woods need a good deal of cutting.

MR. WHELLAMS. If you did bring trees from the woods what size would you choose?

MR. FRANKLAND. Oh, almost any size, as long as you were careful to take up all the roots, but the larger the tree the further you would have to take up the soil; perhaps three or four feet from the roots. I would not bring trees from the woods; I think it is much better to plant the seed.

MR. MUNROE. Is it advisable to plant plum pits direct in the fall?

MR. FRANKLAND. That is a point well taken. Plum pits should be washed thoroughly, spread out to dry, and when quite dry put them in a box alternating with layers of sand until the box is full. Cover with a lid and freeze thoroughly; when they are thawed out they are ready to plant. The washing is a very important part of the operation, as if they are not washed they may not germinate for two years. Prepared in the way I have described, and put in the ground early in the spring, they will begin to come up in the latter part of May or