

feeble, that they contained a very small quantity of pollen, that the stem of them was short, and that they did not apparently contain much. I spent about half a day observing the matter in order to make sure that this was not the stamen in the second stages of decay. Then I went to some of the other varieties that were said to almost always bunch well, and observed that the stamens there were strong and almost always longer than the stigmas. The bees then would naturally carry more pollen and fertilize more readily in the case of those that had strong blossoms; in the case of the others, not so. My idea was that if these could be assisted artificially by taking a feather duster, working it industriously over the strong flowers, and then striking it over the weaker ones, possibly it might help the matter. I did so, and at the end of the season my brother-in-law reported that that particular part of the vineyard had bunched ever so much better than the rest. (Applause).

Mr. MORRIS: The foxtail is better than a feather duster. That is what is used in the fertilization of tomatoes under glass.

Mr. ORR: And in hot houses for grapes.

Mr. PATTISON (Grimsby): Would it not answer just as well in the matter of grapes to plant a variety with strong stamens in close juxtaposition, say alternate rows, to those that have weak ones?

Prof. SHORT: I think that would be a good idea.

Mr. ORR: That is what we do.

Mr. PATTISON: I have found in my own vineyard that several Roger varieties, if planted in alternate rows, or alternately in the rows, with a variety such as the Concord or Niagara, will bunch very much better than if planted in blocks by themselves.

COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees:

Fruit—Messrs. Race, Wellington and Hutt.

Nominations—Geo. Fisher and Mr. Race.

Programme—Executive Committee.

Resolutions—A. M. Smith, Mr. Beall and Mr. Orr.

New Fruits—Messrs. John Craig, H. L. Hutt and the Secretary.

The following three gentlemen were nominated by the meeting to be added to the Nominating Committee named by the President: Mr. W. H. Dempsey on motion of Mr. Wellington; Mr. W. M. Orr; on motion of Mr. Race; Mr. Scarff on motion of Mr. A. M. Smith.

Mr. WELLINGTON, on behalf of the Committee on Fruit, asked that larger accommodation be provided for the display, and this was arranged for.

PACKING FRUIT FOR EXPORT.

The SECRETARY: I notice a gentleman present who is a prominent member of the Montreal Fruit Growers' Association, who can bring us greetings of that Society, and who is very intelligent on the subject of fruit shipping to Great Britain, and he cannot be here to-morrow. It would be very unfortunate for us to lose the opportunity of hearing from this gentleman. I refer to Mr. R. W. Shepherd, of Omo, Que., near Montreal.