

at large and to the individual in particular, for these reverses have only been incentives to redoubled efforts and greater diligence in seeking for varieties that would withstand the vicissitudes of a rigorous climate.

Neither did we have the splendidly equipped experimental stations you now have to do the work, the individual had then to do, if done at all. Forty-five years of progress along horticultural lines has done much towards increasing the intelligence of our people, and many of our young men are profiting by the experience of their fathers and not buying trees of any agent that comes along with fine samples and enlarged fruit plates, but are consulting their own home nurserymen, who have a reputation to sustain, and procuring trees grown in the same latitude and under the same conditions as where they are to be planted. If you desire a word of encouragement from me I can only say, situated as you are, so far north, you will find but few varieties, at present, that will succeed, but I believe the time will come when you will have many varieties, that with new methods of protection, cultivation and care, will produce abundant crops of fine fruits.

Excuse these few rambling remarks, but it would be a great pleasure to me if they should help any of your people to renewed efforts in horticultural lines. I hope you will have a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

MR. STEVENSON. I consider the experimental stage of crab growing passed in the Pembina Valley district. Large quantities are raised each year. During the past season Mr. Bedford's brother sold seventy baskets from his orchard alone, and I know that in Morden no imported fruit can be sold while there is any of the home-grown to be had. In my opinion it is only time and labor lost to attempt to grow apples on the prairie without first providing some sort of protection for the trees.

MR. FRANKLAND. What side of the orchard would you protect?

MR. STEVENSON. That is rather a large question. I notice in the Western States the west and south side. Our shelter is on the north and open to the south.

Question. What form do you favor growing the trees in.