

THE WESTERN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ENDORSES WORK OF FORESTRY CONVENTION.

The Secretary of the Western Horticultural Society has forwarded from Winnipeg a copy of the resolutions passed at the recent convention of the Society. The members of the Canadian Forestry Association will be delighted to know of the great interest taken in the west in everything pertaining to the preservation of forest lands.

The resolutions are:—

“RESOLVED, that the Western Horticultural Society, having more than 200 members resident throughout the three central provinces of Central Western Canada, in annual convention assembled, heartily endorses the action of the Premier of Canada in calling the recent Forestry Convention at Ottawa, and that this Society is in full accord with the resolutions passed at said convention, and

“RESOLVED, that in the opinion of this Society, the forest reserves now existing in Western Canada by order-in-council should be immediately made permanent by legislation, and that the most stringent regulations be enforced to protect these reserves from fire, including the acquirement of the right of any settlers therein, where their presence may endanger forests, and

“RESOLVED, that in view of the rapid settlement of the country, an immediate topographical survey should be made of the forest areas bordering on or situated within the prairie districts with a view to setting aside further forest areas as permanent reserves, and

“RESOLVED, that in view of the great destruction caused to the forest areas dotting the prairie districts in many parts of the country by prairie fire, that any restrictions upon the railways looking to the prevention of fires caused by locomotives, etc., should be made to apply to the prairie country also, so far as it is within the jurisdiction of the federal authorities. The destruction of timber within the prairie country by fires has been proportionately as great as in the wood districts of the eastern provinces, as witness the enormous destruction wrought in the Turtle and Moose mountains and other timber areas within the prairie area. An effort should be made to restore and maintain these forests, even to the extent, if necessary, of acquiring the rights of settlers therein, and