

were merely nominal, the object being to almost give away the fruit at first with the hope of ultimately creating a demand.

THE IMPORTANCE of sending out an expert lecturer to speak on floriculture or fruit culture, before our affiliated horticultural societies, was delegated to a committee of our association. The association has been furnishing lecturers for the local horticultural societies throughout the Province for some years past. These have now become so numerous and important that we are anxious to have the work recognized by the Department of Agriculture, and special provisions made for sending out an expert lecturer to speak before them. To secure an expert professional gardener to do this would require an expenditure of \$4.00 or \$5.00 a day and travelling expenses. Mr. Dryden promised to lay the request before his colleagues.

PROF. J. W. ROBERTSON interviewed a representative meeting of our fruit growers at Grimsby on Tuesday the 15th January. Several resolutions were passed covering the following requests:—

(1) That special provision be made for weekly shipments of fruit in cold storage during the season of 1901, and for transshipment from car to boat at Montreal safe from extremes of heat and cold.

(2) The rental of the cold storage building at Grimsby for further experimental work.

(3) That an expert fruit grower be sent to Great Britain during the fruit season whose duty it shall be to report minutely and promptly upon the shipments of tender fruits on their arrival; and

(4) That the export shipments of grapes be continued and extended in such a manner as is best calculated to develop the export trade.

OUR NEIGHBORS seem to be stirred up by our successful experiments in landing our

tender fruit in Great Britain, and it is evident that unless we push forward heartily and capture this trade ourselves some one else will step in and carry off all the profits. Here is an extract from the 1900 Report of Wm. A. Taylor, Acting Pomologist of the United States:—

Some of the most serious problems that confront the fruit grower are those connected with the questions of harvesting, packing, and marketing the product. This has been found especially true in relation to the export trade in fresh fruits. In numerous instances efforts to increase the sale and use of American fresh fruits in foreign markets have failed through the imperfect understanding that exists among growers, packers, and shippers, as well as transportation companies and their employees, in regard to the requirements of the markets to be supplied and the methods of harvesting, packing, storing, and shipping necessary to meet those requirements. The development of that steady demand which is necessary to build up trade is in many cases retarded by the variability in condition of consignments on arrival. A shipment which arrives perfectly sound and in every respect satisfactory is frequently followed by one or more that arrive in bad condition. The result is loss of confidence in the reliability of American fruit as a staple article of trade and a disastrous lowering of prices. For these reasons it seems highly important that provision be made for a careful study of methods of harvesting, packing, storing, and transporting fresh fruits, both at home and abroad, with special reference to the development of the export trade in them. Authority to make experimental shipments should also be provided for in this connection. In addition to the immediate beneficial effect resulting from such an investigation, it would have a direct bearing on the selection of varieties for the commercial orchards now being planted in many sections of the country, and thus exercise an important influence on the character of the commercial fruit supply of the next two decades. It is therefore strongly urged that provision be made for the prosecution of this work during the coming fiscal year.

SPIREA, Anthony Waterer, is very highly spoken in the Garden, 1894, drawing especial attention to its surprising beauty, its free-flowering habit and lasting flowers. The Garden proceeds to say, "The old Spirea Bumalda is now well-known for its hardiness, easy cultivation and neat, compact habit, and before this variety of Mr. Waterer's appeared, we valued it also for the beauty of its carmine flowers. Compared with the brilliancy and depth of color in this new comer, however, it appears poor and washed out."