

citizens. The attendance was very large. We had an additional attraction in the shape of seven Siamese Princes who were passing through and who were induced to attend. As the result of all our work and the time spent there was just \$13 in the treasury when we got through.

THOMAS FRANKLAND, Stonewall. I move that the Western Horticultural Society regard the holding of a Flower Show as likely to increase the interest in horticulture during the coming season, and that they ask the Executive to look into the matter and carry out this idea if possible.

MR. BEDFORD, Brandon. I second that motion. Carried.

PRESIDENT. We will now have a paper from Mr. Bedford on hedges.



Hedges.

S. A. BEDFORD, BRANDON.

The observant Manitoban, when travelling in the eastern parts of the Dominion, is often favorably impressed with the fine Norway Spruce and Cedar hedges, all kept closely pruned and so dense that scarcely a squirrel can penetrate them, and at this season of the year we vividly recall the protection they afford from the cold blasts of winter. If such hedges are desirable for Ontario they are doubly so here, where the wind sweeps over a treeless prairie. We should not expect such quick results here as are obtained in the moist and milder climate of the east, still sufficient has been done by private effort and on the Experimental Farm to show that many varieties of shrubs and trees, hardy in this climate, will make excellent hedges.

Naturally rather more pains will have to be exercised in the selection and care of the plants. Only small plants and trees should be used for this purpose, and all should be