

MR. STEVENSON. From what Mr. Bedford has said I think we should take the matter of holding a flower show into serious consideration. It should be held late enough in the season to show what we can do in the way of growing crabapples and plums and not too late for the garden flowers.

D. D. ENGLAND. I would be strongly in favor of holding a flower show. I do not think there need be any trouble about amateur and professional. The two classes can be kept quite separate.

MR. MCKENZIE, Brandon. I might say that we had no expense for the opera house and very little for tables and lumber and such things. With regard to prizes I might say a word. We offered prizes for both amateur and professional classes. We also gave prizes for the best kept and cultivated gardens and lawns. In regard to getting members I may say that before the flower show was talked of we did not have very big meetings, sometimes not more than six or seven would be present. When we decided on the show one gentleman went round and got seventy-two members in two afternoons.

MR. BEDFORD. Let me say that Mr. McKenzie was of very great assistance in developing the show.

PRESIDENT. I am much interested in these accounts and would like to have a flower show in Winnipeg, but I have a painful recollection of one gotten up in the McIntyre rink some few years ago. The number of entries was large, the expenses were thought to be kept within a reasonable figure, the attendance was very large, and yet not one cent of the prizes offered was ever paid, and the promoters claimed that they were bankrupted.

E. H. G. G. HAY, Portage la Prairie. I would like very much to see a flower show held, and I think it could be done, but I think it would be necessary to offer fairly good prizes. Those exhibiting from outside points would certainly not be willing to do so for a prize of ten or fifteen cents.

H. G. GREIG, Winnipeg. I think the whole matter should be left to the Executive Committee, as it is impossible to decide now whether it would be possible to hold a successful exhibition or not.

MR. BEDFORD. I think that is a good suggestion. The matter will really have to be left to the Executive Committee, as they will have all the responsibility of carrying it out.

MR. ALSTON, Winnipeg. I think it was in the year 1886 that we formed a Society. It was when we had the exhibition over in St. Boniface. In 1887 we had a flower show of our own. We got a grant from the Government, and we got a good deal of money from the