

C. R. H. Starr made a verbal report of the competition for the F. G. A. prizes at Annapolis, where there was but one entry and prize awarded to T. H. Parker, of Berwick.

The secretary said the report from the delegate to Truro and Yarmouth had not been handed in, but would be forthcoming. The secretary read the award of the special prize of £5 offered by Messrs. Nothard & Lowe, of London, for the best ten bbls. of Ribston Pippins, as follows:—

20 TOOLEY STREET, LONDON, Dec. 21st, 1882.

To the Secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association:

DEAR SIR,—The time having expired for the arrival of any lots of Ribston Pippins, that were sent for competition for the prize we offered, we have the pleasure of handing you our reward. We must mention that we are very disappointed that our offer has not resulted in more interest being taken in the matter on your side, as we thought it would give an impetus to and cause an improvement in the method of packing. We intended making the prize an annual one, changing the sort of apple each time, but we think unless you are of opinion otherwise, that it would be useless offering it further, as so little interest is taken in the matter. We award the prize to the Rev. F. J. H. Axford, the ten barrels he sent were splendidly packed, the fruit one level size throughout, color good, and the method of packing we consider the best, that is, hard wood barrels with four flat hoops, with a little fine white shaving on the top. There was only one other entry, Mr. T. H. Parker's. His fruit was packed in a straightforward, honest manner, and was of good colour, and we feel justified in awarding him an extra prize of £1, for which you will find our draft enclosed.

Your obedient servants,

NOTHARD & LOWE.

Mr. Longley said the reason for so little competition was that it was not generally known, and moved the following resolution which passed unanimously:—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Association be conveyed to Messrs. Nothard & Lowe, of London, for the generous prize of £5 stg., offered for the best ten bbls. of Ribston Pippins, which they have awarded to the Rev. F. J. H. Axford, of Cornwallis; also for

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