

instructive paper was read by R. W. Starr, Esq., on Fruit Exhibitions." A list of officers, annually appointed, completes the record.

In 1873, we read, that R. G. Haliburton, Esq., was made an Honorary Member of the Association, and Dr. Hamilton was appointed a delegate to the American Pomological Society, which met that year in Boston. It is said that "there is no general rule without exception." The Association had held an exhibition—one at least—every year since its formation. In 1873 there was none; and the Record fails to give the reason.

In 1874, as the Association had decided to accede to the request of the government, and lend their aid to the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held in Halifax in October, they determined, in place of their regular autumnal exhibition, to hold one earlier of summer fruits. This accordingly took place in Wolfville, in the month of September, and was a very creditable display and a most enjoyable occasion. Prizes were bestowed to the amount of \$182. It should be mentioned that at the July meeting of the Society, held at Annapolis Royal, it was decided to have an impromptu show of the fruits and flowers then in season. The Exhibition was considered a great success, and a credit to all who took part in it.

At the January meeting of 1875, a letter was read from the President, Dr. Hamilton, regretting his unavoidable absence, and stating that it was the first occasion since the formation of the Society that he had not been present. This was equivalent to saying that, for twelve years he had made it a point of duty always to be in his place at every meeting, regular and extraordinary, of the Association. Such an example could not but be of influence for good, especially as he was not present as a mere automaton; but by his counsels, suggestions and active labours, was at all times endeavouring to advance the cause. When it is remembered that the meetings were held at points, as distant as Halifax in the East, and Annapolis Royal in the West, we shall have some idea of the interest felt and the sacrifices made.

At this meeting a letter was also read from a London Firm of Fruit Brokers, upon the subject of Nova Scotia apples, stating what was required for the market, both as regarded the kinds, and the condition in which they should appear. The fruit, it said, should be well formed and even in size, the barrels should be larger and better made, filled to their utmost capacity and thoroughly packed, and should be neatly branded with the name of the apple and of the owner or packer.

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