

In the Autumn of 1862, as a result, doubtless, of that display and the favourable impression it made, samples of Nova Scotia fruit were sent to London by certain gentlemen of Halifax for comparison with like species grown in England. From these were selected specimens which were offered for competition at the Show of the London Horticultural Society held that year. A Silver Medal, one of the most honourable allotments of the Society, and seven others of Bronze, were awarded as a result of the comparison, and many eulogistic remarks accompanied the gift.

In March, 1863, a meeting of Agriculturists and Fruit Growers' from different Counties, chiefly Halifax, Hants, Kings and Annapolis, was held in the City of Halifax, at which a Society was organized and denominated, "The Horticultural Association and International Show Society of Nova Scotia." The object of the organization, as stated in the minutes of the meeting, was "to take charge of contributions to European Shows, and to be a vehicle for conveying to its members the best information on the subject of Horticulture"; or, as it was expressed by the Chairman of the meeting, R. G. Haliburton, Esq., a member of the Bar of Halifax, it was "to secure to the Province the benefits that promised to result from the exhibition of Nova Scotia fruits at the Great International Show of the Royal Horticultural Society of London, held in the Autumn of 1862." Thus, about twenty years ago, and when fruit-raising was in its infancy in the Province, our apples had been objects of admiration at an exhibition open to the products of gardens and orchards of all countries. What surer indication could be afforded of the latent pomological resources of the country and of the promise they presented of great distinction in this sphere of our Provincial industries?

Associated with the name of Mr. Haliburton, as adverted to, we meet with others that have become as familiar to us, through their labours in connection with the objects of the Society "as household words," such as those of Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Robertson, Avard Longley, Richard Starr, Rev. John Storrs, D. H. Starr, R. W. Starr, Herbert Harris and others, which, for the sake of brevity required in this sketch, must remain unmentioned. Some of the gentlemen specified, and to whom the Province owes so great a debt of gratitude, have rested from their useful labors; others still live to pursue the good work with undiminished interest and vigor, and with the additional knowledge and experience acquired by years of untiring research and active service.

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