

\$1.95 in Massachusetts and 74 cents in Oregon, the next lower being, respectively, 78 cents for Nebraska, 83 for Minnesota and 85 for Iowa. The crop being poor in Kansas and Missouri, local prices average in those States respectively, \$1.42 and \$1.41, about the same as in Tennessee and West Virginia.

Of Hay, a small increase is indicated over the crop of last year. The abundant rains of June and July, in New England, assured a large crop, which was of good quality, except when injured in making in wet weather. An increased yield was obtained in New York and Pennsylvania, in the Middle States, in South Carolina, Texas, and Arkansas, in the South, and in all the Western States except Ohio. The aggregate of the crop will probably be about 24,000,000 tons.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

(From the Truro Sun.)

An adjourned meeting of the "Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association" was held in the Court House at Truro at one p. m., on the 28th Nov., 1872. David Matheson, Esq., Vice President, in the chair.

Present also: Major Yeomans, Wm. Blair, Charles Blanchard, Wm. Kent, I. F. Blanchard, J. C. Black, J. B. Calkin, Esqs., and others.

It was stated by I. Longworth that he had word that Dr. Muir, the Secretary, had been called away on urgent professional business, and could not be present, whereupon it was moved, seconded and passed, that Mr. Longworth act as Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the former meeting, held on 24th of Oct. last, were then read and approved.

The chairman then addressed the meeting, and in the course of his remarks, which were quite in keeping with the object before it, said that he felt highly gratified that there was every prospect of an efficient Fruit Growers' Association being established in this part of the Province, and with an assurance on his part that it would be successfully worked up, twenty-seven gentlemen of Pictou had paid him \$1 each, to become members namely: G. M. Johnson, G. W. Elliott, John Fergusson, S. H. Holmes, A. P. Ross, Isaac A. Grant, Robert Campbell, J. R. Noonan, John Yorston, Daniel T. Hislop, Geo. D. Ives, J. A. Gordon, F. W. W. Fraser, Robert P. Fraser, Robert Hockins, Peter Carroll, C. T. Irving, John McKinlay, H. Primrose, C. Primrose, Daniel Dickson, Robert Doull, A. J. Patterson, Smith Copeland, William Campbell, James Muirhead and John J. Davis, to which list he would add his own name and hand \$28 to the Treasurer and earnestly hoped that the opera-

tions of the Association in the Eastern Counties would prove as successful as the Pictou members wished they might.

A letter from Robert Trotter, Esq., Vice President at Antigonish, to the Secretary, was then read. It contained a Post Office Order for \$20, his own subscription, and those of Hugh McDonald, M. P., Donald McDonald, M. P. P., A. McIntosh, M. D., Willoughby Randall, William McDonald, M. D., T. M. King, J. F. Robb, Adam Kirk, W. A. J. McDonald, Esq., C. B. Whidden, Wm. Thompson, D. McKenzie, Esq., J. McMillan, Esq., John T. Shen, W. C. Cunningham, Henry C. Smith, John Randall, Angus McInane, Esq., and D. Murphy, as members of the Association, with an intimation that others in that quarter would likely join.

At the request of the meeting, the following extract from Mr. Trotter's letter, was ordered to be put in the minutes, with the hope that papers favorable to the progress of Nova Scotia in fruit culture will give the proceedings as much publicity as possible.

"We would like to hear how you are getting on. I think it would be well to publish all the proceedings in some of the Halifax papers, so that the members might have an opportunity to see how you are succeeding, as it is impossible for us at such a distance to attend the meetings, unless we might have occasion to go on other business. Lately there has been a good deal more attention paid here to the culture of fruit than formerly. There are some very nice apples and plums raised here, although only upon a small scale, but the interest is increasing, and I hope the Association will be a stimulus to it."

A letter from Colonel Chas. J. Stewart, Vice President at Amherst, was then read. The Colonel writes that "in some parts of Cumberland fruit had been cultivated with considerable success, and he thought when the objects of the Association became known there, a fair support might be looked for, and that he would do all he could to promote them, and hoped to be able at the next meeting to report how far the Association might expect assistance from that quarter."

A letter from G. A. S. Crichton, Esq., Halifax Vice President for that County, accepting the nomination, was then read. Mr. Crichton, in his letter, recommends members to purchase fruit trees of Nova Scotian, in preference to American growth, and states that the Annapolis and Cornwallis Districts can furnish a superior description of fruit, and for the information of members, recommends Mr. Robert Starr, of Cornwallis, one of the best judges of fruit as a person who can supply any quantity of trees on timely notice.

—Names Baldwin Ribston Pippin, Bishop Pippin and Nonpareil for a com-

monment, not forgetting that delicious early apple the *Gravenstein*, which cannot be surpassed for excellent flavour. It adds that the crop this season in Annapolis and Kings will be 100,000 barrels. That the choicest specimens were sent to London for the Exhibition on the 9th November, and he had no doubt they would sustain the character they so richly deserve."

A letter from Nelson Murphy, Esq., declining to accept the appointment of Vice President for Hants, was then read. It was then moved by J. B. Calkin, Esq., and seconded by Major Yeomans, and passed unanimously: that Mr. Fergusson of Burn Coat, be Vice President for Hants in place of Mr. Murphy. Mr. Calkin then submitted the following code of by laws for the Association, on behalf of the gentlemen appointed to prepare them, which were taken up one by one, and upon motion of Major Blair, seconded by Wm. Kent, passed the meeting unanimously, as follows:—

THE EASTERN COUNTIES OF NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION — Passed November 28th, 1872.

NAME.

The Society shall be known as the Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a president, one vice-president from each county represented by 20 members, a council of nine members, in addition to the President and V. P.'s, who are ex-officio members thereof, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, to be chosen at the annual meeting.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall have power to call meetings of the Association when he shall deem it necessary, and he shall do so at any time upon requisition in writing of three members of the Council; he shall have a casting vote when the votes of those present are equally divided, and shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office of President, and in case of leaving the Province, shall name a Vice President to act for him as President while absent.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Council, keep, minutes of the same, collect all subscriptions and other dues and pay the same to the Treasurer quarterly, (unless Treasurer also) sign all money orders and perform such other duties, proper to his office, as may be required of him by the President, or ordered by any meeting of the Association or Council.