

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF F. G. A., 1883.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association was held in Music Hall, Wolfville, on Tuesday the 9th January.

The Secretary's report for the year was read and ordered to lie on the table for future reference. The Secretary said the historical portion of the contemplated report of the Association was ready for the press, but owing to circumstances, he had been unable to have the work completed. The financial statement showed a balance of about \$630 in the funds of the Association.

Mr. T. E. Smith, delegate to the Antigonish and Cape Breton Exhibitions, made an extended report. At Antigonish the fruit exhibit was very small. He had procured a few dozens of apples for the winter exhibition, but owing to the carelessness of railway employees, they had been mislaid some weeks, and he feared they would not show to very good advantage in consequence. The fruit, considering the attention and cultivation it received, was very fair, but the knowledge of fruit culture in this district is very limited indeed. Scarcely any one knew one variety from another, and some dozens were made up from two sorts; yet there seemed to be a general desire for information. Some varieties were better than those grown in Kings County, viz.: Red Astrachan, Duchess of Oldenburg, Cayuga Redstreak and crab-apples. Plums looked very fine, but all complained of black knot. Some fine clusters of ripe grapes of the "champion" variety were exhibited. Mr. Smith took a small collection of fruits which attracted much attention, and served a good purpose as samples to name from, etc.

At North Sydney there was quite an extensive exhibit of fruit, but owing to the arrangement and want of light they did not show to as good advantage as they might have. Apples were exhibited under every conceivable name. Even Magnum Bonum plums were labelled Yellow Crabs. There was a fine exhibit of crab-apples. There were three entries for the F. G. A. prizes. The fruits awarded prizes were carefully packed for the winter exhibition. With the right varieties and proper cultivation Cape Breton may become a favored fruit-growing district.