

It had been abundantly proved from the very origin of the Society, that the best of apples could be raised in Nova Scotia; the difficulty all along had been in placing them in good condition in the British market. At first it had been found necessary even to preserve them, that they might appear at least of their proper size and form. Various experiments had been tried to overcome the formidable obstacles presented by a broad and stormy ocean, and a land transit scarcely less destructive; but the problem was not yet satisfactorily solved. At the annual meeting of 1870, the matter was again brought to the notice of the Association—a statement being made by Amos Black, Esq., one of its members, that he had in the preceding December, sent two barrels of apples—"Hutchings's" and "Black's Red"—to Liverpool, Eng., and that they had arrived in perfect order. Each was wrapped separately in paper. Other conditions were doubtless favourable; for it has been found that the mode of packing adopted in this case is not, *per se*, entirely reliable. It may be said that apples had been sent to England previous to this time, and had arrived in good condition, though no record of these facts appears in the proceedings of the Association.

At this meeting the Association determined to appropriate the necessary sum for procuring life-membership for one of the members of the body, in the "American Pomological Society"; and R. W. Starr, Esq., was designated to that honour.

At the same meeting arrangements were made to provide a building for the Association in Wolfville; which resolution was carried into effect, so that in the ensuing autumn the Exhibition of the Society was held in it. At this Exhibition prizes to the amount of \$320 were awarded to the Society, which was supplemented by additional special ones—seventeen in number—amounting to \$114. The Exhibition Building was built by a company, the Association holding in it two shares of \$100 each.

At the annual meeting of 1871, it was determined that the Dominion Parliament should be petitioned to lay a specific duty on all foreign apples, green fruits and vegetables, as well as upon all fruit trees imported into the Province. The annual exhibition this year was held in Wolfville.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Association for the next two years, contain but little that would be interesting to the general public. In 1872, scarcely more is recorded, than that "a lengthy and