

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

(Stenographic Report by W. H. Huggins.)

Held in College Hall, Wolfville, February 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1899.

The meeting opened at 7 o'clock p. m. In the absence of President Bigelow on account of sickness, Colonel Shippy Spurr was requested to take the chair, by a unanimous vote. Colonel Spurr said:—

Ladies and gentlemen: By the vote just passed I have been asked to take charge of this meeting to-night. You must not expect me with such a short notice to give you any address, or expect me to preside with the courtesy and ability of our honored President, who, I am sorry to say, is unable to be with us to-night. But I hope that through the blessing of kind Providence and the efforts of a skillful physician that we may have his genial presence here before this session is over. I suppose that is all that is necessary for me to say at the present time.

Rev. F. J. H. Axford invoked the divine blessing.

The Secretary then read the President's Annual address, as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The landmark known as the President's Annual Address, and which has chronicled the successes and reverses of fruit culture in Nova Scotia for the last thirty-five years, will this year be able to report the most profitable year known in the history of this industry. Owing to the partial and in some cases total failure of the apple crop the world over, the highest continuous prices have been realized in the history of the trade. Nova Scotia has produced about 300,000 barrels of the best apples ever grown here, and from the most reliable authority obtainable they will net \$800,000, about. As most of this crop is exported, it gives a cash revenue from export