

IN MEMORIAM.

Just as we are about going to press, the painful duty devolves upon us of recording the demise of the President of this Association. On the evening of the 22nd February the sad intelligence reached us that Avard Longley was no more. Death had that day laid his ruthless hand upon him, and with scarcely a moment's warning called him to the better world.

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association has sustained a severe loss in the death of President Longley, who has been intimately connected with the doings of the Association since its inception, twenty years ago; and we feel safe in saying, no man in Annapolis County has done more to promote the objects of the Association and the interests of the fruit growers. In this work, as well as everything that was for the benefit of his country and mankind, Mr. Longley was ever ready to expend his energies.

At the Annual Meeting held at Wolfville on the 9th February, 1883, he was unanimously elected President, which position he filled with great acceptance to the Association, and was re-elected at the Annual Meeting Feb., 1884.

His address at the last Annual Meeting and his impromptu speech at the dinner in connection with that occasion were, although laboring under severe physical affliction at the time, efforts worthy the statesman, and will now be recalled with sadness by those who then heard his voice for the last time.

Avard Longley was born at Paradise, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, on the 22nd February, 1823, and died at his home very suddenly on the sixty-first anniversary of his birthday.

For the last twenty-five years Mr. Longley has been essentially a public man, and during that time held many important positions. In 1859 he was elected to represent his native county in the Provincial Legislature as the colleague of the late Hon. J. W. Johnston, and was re-elected in 1863 and again in 1867. He occupied the position of Chief Commissioner of Railways of Nova Scotia from 1864 to 1869, when he resigned.

During these years he took an active part in forwarding and advocating many important measures, among which were the Confederation of the Provinces and the Free School Act.