

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

(Stenographic Report by W. H. Huggins.)

Held in College Hall, Wolfville, January 26th, 27th and 28th, 1898.

The meeting opened at 7 o'clock, p. m., with President Bigelow in the chair.

Rev. E. M. Keirstead, D. D., invoked the divine blessing.

The Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, and, on motion, the same were approved.

President Bigelow presented his Annual Address as follows:—

Ladies and gentlemen:

On the thirty-fourth anniversary of this ancient and honorable association I have the honor of presenting my sixth report as president.

In reviewing the past year from a fruit grower's standpoint we have an object lesson on the uncertainty of our product. While 1896 will be recorded as the most productive fruit year of our history, 1897 will be the least productive for the past ten years, our export in 1896 being about 500,000 barrels, and 1897, about 85,000 barrels. While a number of causes may be noted for this year's failure, I think the principal ones are, first, the extreme wet, cold weather in June preventing the perfect polonisation of all fruits, and the exhausted condition of the trees from the abundant crop of the previous year. Those conditions existed and had the same disastrous effect in all the eastern and northern portions of the continent.

For future reference it is worth recording here our annual export to London since 1890, and we may estimate that these figures represent two-thirds of our apple crop,—1890, shipped 53,627 barrels; 1891, 89,199; 1892, 116,725; 1893, 35,058; 1894, 254,410;