

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Mr. President and Gentlemen :—

In making this my first report of the proceedings of the Association, I am much pleased to be able to state that on the whole we may consider the year's transactions as successful as we could have anticipated; the Association having had much to contend with in the apathy and want of interest evinced by the majority of its members; which no doubt was partly occasioned by the omission of our usual Exhibition in the Fall of 1873.

At the Annual Meeting in January, 1874, this was very much felt, and seemed to throw a damper over the whole proceedings of the day; but as the year passed on and the arrangements for the Show of Summer Fruits and Flowers were made public, much of the old interest appeared to return, and some new members were added to the list.

The Spring Meeting was held in Berwick, on the 8th of April, and was very well attended, the members present appearing to take much interest in the business of the day and in the discussion of various topics connected with Fruit and Fruit Trees.

The President was in the Chair and gave some interesting reminiscences of his visit to Boston during the previous Autumn, to attend the meeting of the American Pomological Society.

The Secretary being in his place brought up the different items of business necessary, which were duly attended to.

Among other things it was decided that the Association should exhibit a collection of Fruits at the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in Halifax in October, and the Council were instructed to make the necessary arrangements to secure a creditable exhibit of the Fruits in season.

The Summer Meeting was convened at the Court House, in Annapolis, on the 24th of July, at one o'clock.

The President called the meeting to order and stated the objects for which we were working and the good results that had already proceeded from those efforts.

After the usual routine business had been transacted, the President read an extract from a letter from the Secretary of the