

takes were made, as is confidently claimed in behalf of the Society—its officers and members—was doubtless due, in a great degree, to the singleness of aim and the steadiness of purpose by which all alike were actuated in their endeavour to secure the ends contemplated in the origination of the the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia.

To resume our narrative, as indicated, it may be stated in general, as the records of the Association show, that between the date of the transaction last recited, and the present, there have been held fifty-four formal meetings of the Society, and twenty-eight of the Council or special committees appointed for some definite and important work. Possibly there were others as will appear in the sequel. The localities, in which the meetings were held, have been Halifax, Kentville, Wolfville, Canard, Middleton, Bridgetown, Berwick, Windsor, Anna polis, and Port Williams.

In the autumn of 1865 an Exhibition was held in Wolfville. That it was a creditable one, and afforded proof of the beneficial influence exerted by the Association, may be inferred from the circumstance, that a collection of fruits and vegetables, made up from its exhibits for presentation to the London Horticultural Society, was regarded as of so much excellence, that a gold medal was bestowed in recognition. A collection of valuable scions was also received from the Society in further acknowledgment. The gold medal was won in competition with *all* the Colonies of Great Britain, and thus aids in assigning to Nova Scotia the honorable position she occupies among fruit-growing countries.

At the annual meeting of the Association, held in Wolfville on the 10th of January, 1866, a letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary, D. Henry Starr, Esq., calling the attention of the Society to the deception too often practised in putting up fruit, as seen in the Halifax market, and recommending such action on the part of the Association as should be deemed desirable. Whereupon it was by resolution determined that, in the opinion of the meeting, Government inspectors should be appointed; and further, that the president, Dr. Hamilton, should be instructed to endeavour to procure the necessary legislation.

At the quarterly meeting, held on the 4th of April, in Berwick, it was resolved to hold four monthly exhibitions of fruits, in July, August, September, and October, respectively, and one of winter fruit at the April quarterly meeting of 1867, which exhibitions were