

## THE SUMMER MEETING

Of the Fruit Growers' Association was held, as announced, at Saltsprings, Pictou, on Friday, July 2nd, in connection with the meeting of Pictou Division Grange, who kindly adjourned their session and opened doors to the public.

The chair was taken at 2 P. M. by WM. MILLAR, Esq., V. P., for Annapolis Co., who was supported by the Worthy Master of the Grange, BRO. McINTOSH.

There were present about 50 representative farmers of Pictou Co., a large number of young men and ladies, and several prominent members of the Association from the Western Counties.

Minutes of April meeting read and approved. Letters were read from President HART and Vice-President A. J. DAWSON regretting absence.

CHAIRMAN announced the first subject for consideration, "BEST METHOD OF GROWING AND CULTIVATING AN ORCHARD," and called on D. B. NEWCOMB, Esq., who responded by reading a paper on the subject in which he insisted upon thorough cultivation of the soil before setting the trees, and the preparation of a compost to be generously used in the planting. He advised ploughing the land in ridges as wide as the rows, following the slope, and deepening the cultivation in the dead hollows, then setting the tree in those hollows, on the surface, using plenty of compost and surface soil, future cultivation to level up the land. Distance apart to set trees depending on soil and variety, but from 30 to 40 feet was recommended. Cultivation of potatoes and clover alone advised. Grain and grass to be avoided. Young trees require clean mellow soil frequently stirred, if that cannot be given, mulch heavily. MR. NEWCOMB believed in surface manuring, and would not plough the manure very deep, only cover it. The paper was very practical and valuable, and was listened to with a great deal of attention.

MR. MACKINTOSH.—I have a small orchard that is fairly successful. I set trees on the surface and then plough up to them.