

## SPRING MEETING.

SHEFFIELD MILLS, KINGS CO.,

*April 27th, 1893.*

The day was fair and roads very good for the season. Quite a large gathering of farmers and fruit growers from the surrounding country gathered in Harris' Hall at 2 o'clock, for the regular Spring meeting of the Association. President BIGELOW was in the chair.

The Chicago fruit exhibit was the topic first under discussion. MR. BIGELOW detailed at some length the work that had been done up to this time in connection with gathering, packing, shipping, and storage of fruit in cold warehouses at Chicago. He also spoke of the work of the Secretary in compiling a pamphlet for distribution, setting forth the advantages of Nova Scotia as a fruit growing country, and stated it was the first time in the history of the country that any advertising had been done along this line. MR. BIGELOW said the Local Government had assumed the responsibility of the publication, and paid its cost. After a short discussion, the next topic was introduced, the very important subject of Fruit Transportation. MR. J. E. ELLS read the prospectus of the Annapolis Valley Shipping Co'y. MR. ELLS spoke at some length in support of the scheme proposed, stating it was the intention of the promoters of the company to get their stock list as widely signed as possible, then call a meeting of the company, appoint directors, and apply for a charter. Then this company would be in a position for business, and could either go to Pickford & Black, or other steamship agents at Halifax, and demand better boats and cheaper freights, or failing in that, would be in a position to charter boats on their own account.

T. H. PARKER thought this certainly was an important matter, we needed a change, and must find some way of breaking up the monopoly that now exists.

L. RAND said there would be no difficulty in chartering boats if we had capital enough behind the company.

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