

As the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition was to be held in Kentville in the autumn, the Fruit Growers' Association decided to have an Exhibition in the winter, in place of the regular one in the fall. The Association was, however, represented at the Provincial Show, and contributed of the funds \$50 for prizes for fruits and flowers, and rendered effectual assistance otherwise. A fruit-stall under their management at the Exhibition was pleasingly patronized and added to their funds.

At the Winter Show, held in Wolfville, 247 plates of apples, 10 of pears, and a collection of grapes, was displayed. A collection also of 15 sorts of apples from Niagara, Ont., and of 15 sorts from Yarmouth, were shown by C. E. Brown, Esq., the Vice-President of the Society in that County. Fifty dollars were devoted to prizes.

At the annual meeting, held on the 26th of January, 1881, kind and feeling references were made to the death of the President, who had been called away during the interval which had elapsed since the Association had last assembled. The office, so long held by Dr. Hamilton, was conferred on R. W. Starr, Esq., his co-labourer of many years, and who had for some time past filled the office of Recording Secretary; to which last position A. H. Johnson, Esq., the local Vice-President of the Association was appointed.

An unusual degree of interest attached to this meeting from the presentation of three papers—the first on Pear Culture, by Dr. Burnett, of Pictou, and formerly of Hamilton, Ont., and ex-President of the Fruit Growers' Association of that province; the second, by J. B. Bowser, Esq., of Grand Pre—a Memorial Essay upon the work of the late President in connection with the objects of the Society; the third, by C. R. H. Starr, Esq., upon the Exportation of Apples to England. Mr. Starr's object being to show the importance and necessity of extreme care in selecting and packing the fruit, and the need of direct and regular steam communication with the Mother Country.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in favour of the Association in the operations of the year of \$126.54, and that the Society had in hand, or in reliable securities, means to the amount of \$466.50. The sum of \$75 was contributed to the prize list of the Dominion Exhibition, to be held in Halifax in the autumn, on account of which the Annual Exhibition of the Society was set aside.

At the April meeting of the Association, held in Kentville, it was determined that a concise and orderly History of the operations of

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