

the unflagging zeal and perseverance of our late respected president have been largely instrumental in shaping, and in carrying forward the work to its present issue.

We therefore, Mr. Chairman, in conclusion, would, in view of the loss we have sustained, bring our tribute of respect to the memory of our departed friend and fellow-worker, and erecting this, a monument of enduring praise, and inscribe on our banner the watchword,—*Excelsior—More Elevated.*

REPORT OF DELEGATE SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA, 1876.

To the President and Council of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with previous arrangements, your delegate left Halifax on Saturday, October 7th, on board the steamer *City of Worcester*, en route for Philadelphia, *via* Boston, in charge of the collection of fruit for Exhibition, consisting of seven barrels, six half-barrels, and one basket, containing one hundred and ninety-six varieties of apples, seven ditto crabs, and fourteen ditto grapes. Having arrived at Boston, and passing through the Custom-house, he re-shipped on board the steamer *Norman* for Philadelphia, *via* Fall River and New York, where he arrived on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Early on Saturday morning, he removed the fruit from the steamer, on Monday obtained the space assigned in the Agricultural Hall; and after much running about, secured plates and dishes to put the fruit on. Thus, after three days of unremitting labor, with all the assistance Mrs. Starr could render, everything was arranged.

The mode of packing adopted, proved eminently successful, the fruit opened in magnificent condition. The elasticity of the compressed hay at each end of the barrel proved fully sufficient, not only to resist all the jarring and knocking about, that the barrels were subjected to in the frequent handling, but also to fill the space caused by any shrinkage that may have occurred in the fruit, so that there