

This report induced considerable discussion. Mr. Longley said he believed apples were best packed immediately in the barrels from the tree, being assorted from the picking baskets. They look much fresher when spread than when placed in bins or heaps, and particularly the more tender varieties as Native Speys or Bellefleurs.

Mr. A. A. Pineo endorsed the views of Mr. Longley, he had tried this plan and found it satisfactory.

Mr. Isaac Shaw said apples should be headed at once and not left in the pen to sweat, as it is called.

C. R. H. Starr approved of packing directly in the barrels when practicable; but when there were hundreds of barrels to be gathered, it could not be done to advantage on account of the time required. They must be housed as rapidly as possible, and could be sorted during weather not propitious for gathering. He cellared apples in both hard and softwood barrels, and found the softwood barrels all had to be re-filled, while those in hardwood remained full and fresh.

Mr. Parker's report was read and favourably commented upon. The above reports were ordered to be placed on file for further reference.

It was resolved that the time for holding the winter exhibition be left with the executive, with the understanding that it be during the meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture.

Adjourned to re-assemble at 7.30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The President in the Chair. C. R. H. Starr offered the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That in the estimation of this Association, the time has arrived when it is absolutely necessary that a frost-proof warehouse should be provided in connection with the Railway at Halifax, for the better protection of perishable produce, more particularly that designed for export during the winter months.

There was an animated discussion upon this resolution, which passed unanimously, and a special committee, consisting of the President, Secretary, W. H. Allison, M. P., W. H. Blanchard, Windsor; Rev. Mr. Axford, Cornwallis, was appointed to take it in charge.