

ANNUAL MEETING.

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT BY W. B. WALLACE.

THE Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association began at Wolfville, on February 5th, 1890, the President, DR. CHIPMAN, taking the Chair at 2.30 P. M., and there being a fair attendance of members.

On motion of R. W. STARR the report of the Secretary was adopted.

MR. R. W. STARR, as chairman of the Fruit Committee, read the report of that Committee, which was as follows :—

REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE.

Mr. President,—I beg leave to present the following as the report of the Fruit Committee :—The apple crop of the past season has proved (notwithstanding the low estimates published during the summer) one of full average quantity, and of more than average quality in all points except the important one of keeping. Form, colour and flavour have been good, size very good. The crop packing out with exceptionally little waste, and that largely due to wormy fruit. The great drawback to success in the market has been the early ripening of some of our best varieties, rendering them unfit to stand the rough usage given them by the steamship companies in their methods of handling and stowing. The Gravenstein and the Ribston were particularly noted for the failure to "stand up well" during transit, and most other sorts have had to be sent to market a month or six weeks earlier than usual, so that at this present time, about the only fruit yet left to go forward is what is usually termed "Long Keepers," and that is showing more than usual signs of ripeness and maturity for the season. In looking for a reason for this extraordinary want of keeping qualities in our apples this year, we must remember the peculiar climatic conditions of the