

regard to fee for life-membership, by reducing the amount from twenty dollars to five dollars.

On motion of Mr. STARRATT it was resolved that all members of the Association attending the Dominion Convention be accorded all privileges as accredited members of the Nova Scotia Association.

The Association adjourned to meet again at two o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question first taken up for discussion was, "Is it advisable to recommend the re-imposition of a duty on fruit imported into the Dominion."

DR. REID moved that it was the opinion of the Association that it was not advisable to recommend the re-imposition of such a duty. This motion was supported by T. H. Parker and Dr. Young, and passed unanimously.

DR. REID was called upon by the CHAIRMAN to read his paper entitled, "The relative value of Fertilizers." Dr. Reid on coming forward to address the meeting said :

I did not prepare any paper on this question owing to press of other work, but I will endeavor to give the Association my views on the subject in the few observations I will now make. Members of the Association have probably all noticed the peculiar fascination which surrounds the observation of any acts of nature. We know what an amount of industry and labor has been expended in studying up life histories and the freaks of the little world around us, and many active minds have been lately studying the infinitely small things in nature. But those who have in a special manner devoted themselves to such studies, are not men who are thrown by virtue of their daily pursuits into association with the works of nature, but men who attain their knowledge from pure and enthusiastic love of science and inquiry, and yet when we regard the very men whose daily work brings them into direct contact with nature and its wonderful works,—the agriculturists,—we do not find them enthusiastic or thoroughly intelligent in this respect. Why not? The orchardist plants a small seed ; a tree grows up, and from that tree is produced a fruit of a certain variety, and thousands of their kind are eventually produced.

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