## SPRING MEETING.

Held at Berwick on April 20th, 1891.

THE President took the chair at 2 o'clock, and in the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary filled that position.

The Committee to devise a scheme for the formation of an Apple Shipper's Association, and a large number of gentlemen being present who were interested in that scheme, about two hours of the Afternoon Session were given to the discussion of that project, and a great deal of information was elicited and many original ideas were advanced. The matter being disposed of, the business of the Association was then introduced.

The first paper on the programme was the Report of Committee on "Apple Scab," which was presented to the meeting and spoken to by R. W. Starr, who gave some good ideas on the subject.

L. D. Robinson said the black spot hurts both the apple and the tree, stunting its growth.

Mr. Whitman thought the black spot was caused by the season. In some seasons he had a good crop, again a total failure.

A letter was here read from J. W. King of Truro in reference to the Forest Tent Caterpillars, suggesting Legislative enactments. Spoken to by several persons, but no action was taken.

Mr. Whitman wished to know if it was beneficial to scrape apple trees.

R. W. STARR thought scraping of the loose bark was good, but not to go too deep, and wash with an alkaline solution, it would kill all insects and perhaps benefit the tree.

J. W. BIGELOW had read that when a man took care enough of a tree to scrape it, he would also give it a load of manure.

T. H. PARKER thought too much scraping was bad for the tree. Meeting adjourned till 7 p. m.

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