

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

(*Stenographic Report by W. H. Huggins.*)

HELD AT WITTER'S HALL, WOLFVILLE, JANUARY 29, 30 and 31st, 1895.

The meeting opened at 2 o'clock, p. m., with President Bigelow in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, and on motion the same were approved.

President Bigelow presented his Annual Address as follows :

In reviewing the history of this Association for the past year we have great reason for thanksgiving to Divine Providence for an abundant crop of superior fruit, and a great advance in scientific fruit culture in this province. The apple crop may be safely estimated at over 300,000 barrels of the best marketable fruit ever grown in N. S. We shall ship to London alone, over 200,000 barrels, and with an abundant crop of plums, small fruit and berries, the cash value of the fruit crop of 1894 in N. S. may be safely estimated at \$1,000,000, and as there is no outlay for raw material or plant-power or machinery in this product, the revenue is a direct gain to the Fruit Growers and an immense benefit to the Province.

The School of Horticulture established by this Association last year has been very successful, the details of which our energetic Professor, E. E. Faville, and the indefatigable promoter W. C. Archibald will explain to you. I wish to mention the fact that of the sixty-two students enrolled, thirty-three were returned to the N. S. Government as regular attendants in accordance with the terms of the Act, and we drew \$50 for each student, \$1650, which sum, together with donations from members, has paid the expenses of the school and furnished a laboratory, library and green house. So important and necessary is some experimental work to insure the success of the school that