

shares of the Exhibition Building in Wolfville, and had purchased them for the Society. With the consent of the other shareholders, the care of the building was intrusted to Mr. C. Y. Johnson, as Janitor.

At the annual meeting of 1878, a resolution was passed, conferring on R. G. Haliburton, Esq., the life-membership of the Association, in recognition of his services to the Society, and to the cause of Fruit Growing in the province, especially in having so effectively brought the capabilities of Nova Scotia in this department of her industries, to the favourable notice of the people of Great Britain.

At the July meeting of the Association, the ravages of the canker worm was formally discussed, and the experience of different members stated at large. The President had used tar-bands and wool-bands, but not with satisfactory results. He considered the fowls useful in destroying the chrysalides. Had used the Paris Green in solution with good effect; but recommended that it be of moderate strength, lest it should injure the foliage of the trees. He had tried also a varnish, made by the Pennsylvania Roofing Felt Company, mixed with grease, and found it preferable to tar, as it was very sticky and did not harden, and was moreover poisonous. Leander Rand, Esq., had used the Paris Green in powder, mixed with slaked lime and applied with a bellows. He approved of the powder rather than a solution, as it did not injure the leaves. A. H. Johnson, Esq., considered Paris Green as "a remedy worse than the disease," as regarded the year of its application; but he used it from a sense of duty, to prevent the multiplication and ravages of the insect in future years. He had tried hellebore without effect. Leander Eaton, Esq., had applied the Paris Green in solution, probably too strong, as the foliage was destroyed. Cyrus Webster, Esq., did not like the Paris Green. He depended upon the fowls and a smart blow of a stick against the branches of the tree. R. W. Starr, Esq., had found the birds to be the best reliance of the orchardist, and the best protectors of the trees. They were the allies, designed by Providence, to aid man in all such battles, and they were willing, skilled and powerful auxiliaries. It may be pardonable to take up Mr. Starr's words and add that there is a difficulty here too, which is the want of birds. Idle and mischievous and wicked boys, small and large, some large enough to consider themselves men, persecute and destroy these our active and useful friends; and we are compelled to pay the penalty in the loss of the crop—one of the most valuable, or rather *the* most valuable which the

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