

Mr. Haliburton, tendered his resignation of office, in order that the position might be filled, as in his opinion it ought to be, by a practical pomologist. Dr. Hamilton, of Cornwallis, a member of the Council for Kings' County, was appointed his successor—a choice, the wisdom of which, a long course of invaluable services to the Society, and to the cause abundantly demonstrated. Other meetings, either of the Association or of the local Council, were held at brief intervals during the summer and autumn in Wolfville, Canning, and Kentville—their frequency being occasioned partly by work in connection with the approaching Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, a department of which had been committed by the Government to the Association, and assumed by them.

The first exhibition of the Association was held at Kentville on the 7th and 8th days of October, 1863. As neither the Society nor the Province possessed at the time any exhibition building, the public grounds adjoining the Court-house were applied for and obtained, and being fitted up with temporary structures, were made to answer the purpose. As the weather, fortunately, proved very fine, no serious inconvenience was experienced. On that occasion the eight medals, awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society of London, were offered for competition by members of the Association—the silver for apples, one of the bronze for grapes, and the other six for different agricultural and horticultural products. Only a portion of the medals were drawn, as in the opinion of the Judges, the standard reached was not satisfactory. A disposition was thus manifested at the outset of the operations of the Association, to employ all proper checks and guards, that nothing might impede the work, or frustrate the objects, contemplated in the formation of the Society.

Towards the expenses of the exhibition and the premium fund two hundred dollars were contributed by the Government Commissioners, in recognition of the services of the Association, in connection with the agricultural and horticultural departments of the show. This sum, with the entrance fees, which amounted to \$226.28, enabled the Society to pay prizes to successful exhibitors to the amount of \$206.00, and the necessary expenses of the exhibition, having a small balance in their hands. These sums were not large, but, according to a high authority, we "should not despise the day of small things."

It ought to be recorded that the Administrator of the Government, General Hastings Doyle, was present with his suite at the

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