

JANUARY MEETING.

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HELD AT WITTER'S HALL, WOLFVILLE, JANUARY 26TH AND 27TH, 1894.

30TH ANNUAL MEETING.

A large number of representative fruit growers were present, the weather being exceptionally fine. The proceedings opened at 2 o'clock, the President, J. W. BIGELOW, in the chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that the hour had arrived appointed for the meeting, and he would now call upon the SECRETARY to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read, and on motion the same were approved.

The PRESIDENT then read his annual address, which was as follows :—

PRESIDENT BIGELOW'S ADDRESS.

To the members of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In reviewing the history of this Association for the past year, I have to report that it has been the most important and eventful year of any of the thirty years of its existence, and it affords me much pleasure to hand over to my successor in office the important charge with which you have honored me for the past three years, so much improved in the number of members and in financial standing.

The most important features of our year's work are : The successful exhibit of our fruit at the World's Columbian Exposition ; the increase of our membership to over four hundred, composed of the most influential men in almost every county of the province ; the establishment of a School of Horticulture,—and while a detailed account of either would be too long for this report, I will endeavor to refer to them briefly. The exhibit was opened and conducted by Mr. Robert Starr, in April and May last, and he was relieved by Mr. John Starr in