

All this is now a matter of notoriety, but in those earlier days of the shipment of fruit to Britain, it excited no little thought and concern. It was further stated in the letter, that there was a difference of at least 4s. sterling involved in the price of the apples, as ordinarily placed on the English market, and those offered in the condition described.

At the annual meeting held on the 12th January, 1876, the Secretary read a letter, received by him from Birmingham, Eng., acknowledging the receipt of a package of apples sent by the Association for exhibition. It stated that for size, colour and general appearance, the fruit had excited a great deal of admiration; but, as it was not English grown, it could not, according to the regulations that had been adopted, be offered for competition.

Another letter was read from the "Massachusetts Horticultural Society," acknowledging the receipt of a collection of apples, pears, &c., sent from the Provincial Exhibition of Halifax, for examination and nomenclature. The Report, as regarded the collection of pears, of which there were about fifty varieties, was most satisfactory; as to the apples, it was rather less so. This was owing mainly to some of the varieties being unknown to the Society. A silver medal, received by the Association, accompanied the Report.

At this meeting delegates were appointed to attend the coming Exhibition of the American Pomological Society, to be held at Chicago. A Report by the President of the Association, one of the delegates, was subsequently received, stating that our Early Harvest and Early Bough Apples, excited general admiration and surprise, at the Exhibition, and puzzled the experts by their extraordinary size and beautiful colour. A silver medal was received from the Society as a return for the contribution.

A communication from Dr. Honeyman, suggested the propriety of the Association being represented at the approaching Centennial Exhibition, to be held in Philadelphia, and the President, Dr. Hamilton, was appointed the representative of the Society.

The Annual Exhibition was held this year in Wolfville. A collection of fruit sent from it to the Centennial at Philadelphia, was honoured by a diploma and a bronze medal.

At the annual meeting of the Association, held in Wolfville, on the 10th of January, 1877, the President reported, that by the advice of members of the Council he had attended an auction sale of certain