

The meeting in Halifax resulted, as stated, in the establishment of an organization called the "Horticultural Association and International Show Society of Nova Scotia"—a title afterwards slightly modified, the term "Fruit Growers" being substituted for the original "Horticultural." It is by this last application that the organization is known in the Act of Incorporation, passed on the 19th of May, 1864, and by which the Society is now universally designated.

Of the Association, as thus established, R. G. Haliburton, Esq., was appointed President; G. A. S. Crichton, Esq., Vice-President, and D. H. Starr, Esq., Recording Secretary,—the President agreeing to act also as Corresponding Secretary for the time being. To each of the four Counties of Annapolis, Kings, Hants and Colchester, a local Vice-President was assigned—namely, Dr. Robertson for Annapolis, Richard Starr, Esq., for Kings, James Thomson, Esq., for Hants and Dr. Forrester for Colchester. County Councils were also appointed for Halifax, Hants, Kings and Annapolis—for Halifax, James Forman, A. J. Ritchie, Herbert Harris, W. T. Townshend, Joseph Kaye, and John McDonald, Esqrs.; for Hants, Hon. R. A. McHefsey, Rev. F. Smallwood, G. P. Burnham and John Brown, Esqrs.; for Kings, Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Leander Rand, Edward Bishop and Abraham VanBuskirk, Esqrs.; for Annapolis, Moses Shaw, T. W. Chesley, Edward Cutler and Avard Longley, Esqrs.

At the first meeting of the Society, thus briefly described, the Rev. Mr. Storrs gave some highly interesting information relative to the introduction of choice varieties of fruit into the Province, and recorded the vast debt of gratitude due by the country to the late Hon. Charles R. Prescott of Cornwallis, for his most beneficial services in its behalf. Some of the varieties he introduced were brought from Western Canada, where they had been acclimated; but most of them were obtained from the London Horticultural Society, of which he was a corresponding member. Among these varieties, now so well known and so highly esteemed, may be mentioned the Ribston Pippin, the Blenheim Pippin, the Gravenstein and Emperor Alexander. From Judge Corse of Montreal he procured the Snow Apple, the Keswick, Codlin and a number of choice varieties of plums.

The following July a meeting of the Association was held at Kentville, in the County of Kings, which, being eminently in agricultural and horticultural district, was a locality most appropriate for the early operations of the Society. At this meeting, the president,