

APPENDIX No. 1

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. Were they packed in boxes from the time they were picked off the trees?

A. Yes.

Q. They never were in barrels?

A. No, and they were not re-packed either.

RE-PACKING NOT NECESSARY.

That is a point which we must not overlook. It is the common practice when apples are to be held for winter shipment to pack them temporarily, in the orchards, and to re-pack in the warehouse just before shipment. The re-packing can be saved if the apples are cold stored and more care is given to the original packing. We did not find it necessary to re-pack any of these cold storage apples. A thin pad or liner was put under the head of each barrel before final shipment.

Q. A paper liner?

A. There were two layers of paper with a little excelsior between, which made the pad about a quarter of an inch thick.

By Mr. Owen:

Q. You supervised the packing of them yourself?

A. No, not in all cases; in some cases we had men on the spot but in other cases we merely specified they should be well packed.

Q. They were packed a little better than ordinarily?

A. Undoubtedly, because when they are packing with the intention of re-packing they are not very careful. The result of re-packing these matured apples, because they are usually quite matured at that time, is that every apple is bruised more or less, in the operation, and when they are turned out in the old country, or anywhere else, you can hardly find one that is not so injured; that detracts from the appearance and the value in every way. If the cost of re-packing can be saved and the apples preserved in better condition it seems to be worth while.

APPLES SHOULD BE WRAPPED IN PAPER.

Q. Do you wrap each apple?

A. We wrapped the apples that were put in boxes and that is advisable, too, not only for the appearance, but paper helps to keep them tight. If an odd apple rots the wrapper confines the spores of the mould to some extent, at least, so that the others are not so much affected as they would be if unwrapped.

Q. Do you put pressure on the apples when packing?

A. Just enough to keep them snug, that is all, not enough to bruise the apple.

MCINTOSH RED AND FAMEUSE.

Now, I spoke of the McIntosh Red and the Fameuse, and I have some of those varieties here. I want to show you a Fameuse (exhibiting specimen) which is now two months past its regular season, but still in fine condition.

Q. Is this an 1909 apple?

A. Oh, no, that is last fall apple. Here is another specimen. Some of these are from Ontario and some from Quebec.

By Mr. Savoie:

Q. What apple is this?

A. Fameuse.

Q. Of last fall's growth?

A. Yes, last fall, it came from down near Como, I think