

creditable to us as Fruit Growers and Fair-dealers. There is also simplicity and convenience in the way of computing quantities with barrels of this size.

Great good would ultimately attend the passage of a law establishing the size of our apple-barrel at $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, and the attaching of adequate penalties for any and all violations of the law.

As regards the London, Liverpool and Glasgow markets, it is stated that the prices obtained for apples is strictly regulated by and is proportioned to the size of the barrel in which they are packed. This is as it should be. Why should the same price be paid for a barrel of apples containing *two* bushels only, as for one containing two-and-a-half bushels?

True, in our own markets, about the same price is obtained for the smaller that is obtained for the larger barrel; but, generally speaking, where this species of fraud is successfully practised for the time being, there is more lost than gained, ultimately; for in most cases the deception could not be practised upon the same parties a second time. In reality this is a penny wise and pound foolish policy, to say nothing about its moral character.

Where Apples are properly put up there is seldom much difficulty in selling them.

To ensure this essential condition, all Apples intended for foreign shipment, should be subjected to the closest inspection; not after they have been put up, but while they are being packed. The packing should be properly done in the first place; indeed in the nature of things, Apples *badly* put up, cannot subsequently be *well* put up. The extra handling is necessarily attended with more or less damage to the Apples.

Were a cargo of Apples to be shipped to the London, Liverpool, or Glasgow Markets, it would be highly desirable that the whole cargo should be put up by thoroughly competent and reliable parties; or that the shippers should personally, or through agents specially employed, know precisely the contents of every barrel shipped.

There would be great gain were every barrel branded and quality thus guaranteed by some recognized authority, such, for instance, as that of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, whose reputation is now pretty well established, both on this Continent and in Europe.

On a variety of grounds it would seem desirable that matters