

OUR APPLE MARKET.

There has been little during the past month to encourage the export trade in apples. Such quantities of fall apples and immature, uncolored winter fruit have been flooding the English market, that prices there have declined almost below precedent. In one week, ending October 15th, about 45,000 barrels arrived in Liverpool, and the total to all points, up to October 21st was over 349,000 barrels. The result has been a very acute depression in prices, some varieties bringing very little beyond the freight. Kings hold almost the first place reaching up to \$4 and \$5 per barrel, even during the greatest depression, when even Baldwins were selling away down at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Since October 21st the cables indicate an advance and a sharp demand for our best winter fruit. The quantity likely to go forward is very small, so that much better prices may be looked for. A cable received on the 24th ult. from James Adams, Son & Co., Liverpool, reads as follows, Market better; more inquiry. Greenings \$3.25 to \$3.50; Kings \$5.25 to \$6; Colverts \$1.25 to \$2.25. The prospects are favorable for good winters.

In Montreal first-class winter apples are now commanding \$2 75 per barrel, and in Toronto \$2.50. It is just possible that our own markets may so advance as to yield better returns to the shipper than foreign ones.

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE

Ontario Fruit Growers at Brantford.

THE ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

OF THE ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the City of Brantford, beginning on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th, at 8 o'clock, and continuing the two following days.

The first meeting will be a public gathering of Ladies and Gentlemen in the Music Hall of the Institute for the Blind, when the Mayor of the City will give an address of welcome, the President of our Association will deliver his Annual Address, to be followed with addresses by Rev. A. H. Porter, A. McDallan, Principal Dymond and others. The evening will be enlivened by an interesting programme of music by the Students and Teachers of the Institute.

The day Meetings will be held in the Court room, beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and will be given to papers and discussions on topics connected with fruit growing.

On Wednesday evening the 7th of Dec., the meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, when Prof. J. H. Panton of the O.A.C. Guelph, will give a most profitable lecture on "Our Insect Foes," illustrated by the stereopticon; questions and discussion if the audience so desire.

Mr. Fred Mitchell of Inuerkip, will also give a paper on the Tuberous Begonia.

The election of officers will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th, after which the discussion of Horticultural topics will be continued.

A list of papers and subjects is now being prepared by the secretary, and any one may contribute to the same.

All the meetings are free, and should bring together a large number of townspeople, as well as of farmers, interested in the garden or the orchard.

Interesting samples of fruits, or implements useful to the fruit grower will be received for exhibition at the Court room. The headquarters of the Directors will be at the Kirby House.

L. WOOLVERTON, Secretary.