

The storing of evaporated apples is very important, whether they be in the possession of the manufacturer, the wholesaler, or the retailer.

A manufacturer should never be held responsible for goods that meet all the requirements of the law when delivered by him.

If a dealer, wholesaler or retailer, stores his goods where they take on moisture and spoil, or where they are subjected to extreme heat and dry out so as to appear short weight, that is his fault and no fault of the manufacturer.

A cool, dry, airy storehouse is the best for ordinary storage. During the warm summer months, cold storage is often resorted to. In selecting a cold storage one needs to investigate carefully the system of refrigeration used. A cold storage wherein the fruit takes on moisture is worse than no cold storage, as the goods will ferment almost immediately they come in contact with the warm air in the retailers store.

There are no definite statistics to show just how much of the dried product of the apple is used in Canada. Some of the largest dealers give an estimate that an amount equal to about three-quarters of the evaporated apples (white stock), one-quarter of the waste, and a very small quantity of the chops goes into home consumption. However, a close study of imports and exports of evaporated apples (including sun-dried apples, chop and waste), together with the knowledge gained through investigating the stocks of the various wholesale houses throughout Canada, convinces the writer that the manufacturers of this country do not produce as much white stock as the consumers use; that while the tables of imports and exports show a large balance in favour of exports, still the bulk of these exports is in the form of chop, waste, and sun-dried, while practically all the imports are in the form of white stock, or in reality, the imports of evaporated apples in the form of white stock is more than the exports of the same.

In conclusion, we would say that while the evaporated apple business is already an industry of no small importance, still it is, as yet, only in its infancy in Canada. Taking into consideration the number of apple trees which we have under cultivation, there is no doubt but what this country should be able to furnish a large portion of the markets of the world with evaporated apples, but to do this, intelligence in the manufacture and honesty in the packing must be observed.