

mostly crown work, such as we have often described in this journal, and he showed us samples of this work, which were a perfect success.

In pears Mr. Thomas has tried many varieties, but has found the Pitmaston Duchess, grown as a dwarf, the best commercial variety for profit, and he has a large orchard of it. The Bartlett (Williams) he does not grow to any extent; he prefers Dr. Jules Guyot for market purposes, because it is

larger and more attractive, although it scarcely equals it in quality.

After enjoying a cup of tea with our host we came away regretting that we had not more time to study the details of his methods, and concluding that the life of an English country fruit grower in the south of England was, after all, not very much different from that of the Canadian fruit grower, and that the chances of success was rather in favor of the latter.

## THE APPLE MARKETS

LIVERPOOL.—Messrs. Woodall & Co. write: Receipts show a smart advance, being 80,395 barrels; but, far from proving excessive, it would almost appear that the quantity was scarcely sufficient to supply requirements. In the early part arrivals from New York were cloudy and unattractive, but later showed some improvement. Maines were generally satisfactory, though many of them were wanting in size. Canadians were excellent in quality, and have taken by far the first position on the market. It is regrettable that so many varieties, in such small quantities, are being shipped, as they seldom bring their proper value, and the expense of samples so much reduces the net results. It is a matter for shippers to find if some arrangement can be arrived at by which these small parcels can be grouped together, and so avoid unnecessary labor and expense. At the opening there was rather a quiet tone, consequent on the generally unattractive appearance of what was offered, and there was a decline of 1s. per barrel, but this was fully recovered later, and the sound condition and good quality of all arrivals resulted in an active market, which closed at yesterday's sales at last week's full prices, to an occasional advance on choice parcels.

OTTAWA.

"THE McIntosh Red is the best family apple on the market." So said G. W. Hunt, of the Ottawa Fruit Exchange.

"This is a first-class table apple, its season running from 1st October to 1st May," he added. "The apples are popular not only in Canada, but on the other side as well. Chicago will take all of this variety we can supply at \$2 to \$2.50 f.o.b. I shipped a car to Winnipeg the other day at \$2.75 f.o.b., and immediately on arrival of this I got a wire back asking for 500 more.

"The quality of all apples coming in this year," continued Mr. Hunt, "is exceptionally good. There is no scab even on the McIntosh. This variety comes mostly from the St. Lawrence, about Iroquois. From the St. Lawrence district we also get Snows, Ben Davis, Russets, and a few Kings."

Mr. Hunt says over half the apples received in Ottawa this year have been shipped in boxes. Even a lot of No. 2 apples are received in this form. "The box we prefer," says Mr. Hunt, "is one 10 x 11 at the end, and 22 inches long." Mr. Hunt reports having received 85,000 barrels this season to date, as against 40,000 for the same period last year.