

much as \$2.50 per bbl. for winter fruit, f.o.b. Indeed only last week, we had summer apples sold in Montreal at that figure, an unusual thing nowadays and which indicates a hungry market.

The fact is, apples are a very short crop. NEW YORK STATE is one of the most important apple-growing States in the Union, and the prospect is that it will not give 75 per cent. of an average yield. ONTARIO probably has not 50 per cent. of an average, even when we include in our calculation the fact that in the Erie sections, between Niagara and Windsor, there is a fair hang of fruit in a good many orchards. MICHIGAN promises a yield which will run below the average, and Ohio a very light crop. Aside, therefore, from the impulse of a foreign demand the prospect is that our apples will all be required for our home supply, and that at constantly increasing prices, unless some other fruits fill the gap.

From our foreign reports we gather that there will be a lively foreign demand for apples also, as the crop in ENGLAND and on the CONTINENT is much below the average. We hesitate to speak encouragingly to our readers concerning the apple market, after the misfortunes of last year; yet the conditions are different, for while what we said about the English supply was true, the unprecedented quantities sent over from America exceeded the requirements about one-half.

It will not, however, be necessary for us to ship to England to get good prices this year, as we shall be able to command them at our own doors, without risk.

#### Philadelphia.

SIR,—Apples; choice stock scarce and wanted, \$2.75 to \$3.00 bbl. for Blush; \$2.25 and \$2.50 for Alex.; 20 oz., Grav. etc. Peaches, light supply and firm, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per basket for choice, down to 50cts. and 75cts. for seconds and common stock. Pears, choice large bright stock wanted, \$6.00 to \$7.00 bbl., but inferior and dull \$3.00 to \$5.00 bbl., as to quality. Plums and grapes increasing in demand with improving quality. Plums, 50cts. to \$1.00 per 10 lb. baskets. Concord grapes 50cts. to 60cts.; Delaware, 70cts. to 80cts.;

Pves, 25cts. to 35cts. per 10 lb. basket.—PANCOAST & GRIFFITHS, Wholesale Fruit Merchant, Aug. 15, 1889.

SIR,—Southern fruit being done and our local crop being short and poor in quality, gives us at present a good fruit market. We think we can please you on car lots of apples and pears; "Maiden Blush" are a favorite apple here, and command \$2.50 to 3.50 bbl. as to quality, choice stock scarce and wanted, at outside prices. Bartlett pears \$4.00 to \$6.00 bbl., as to quality and condition, very little choice stock here.—PANCOAST & GRIFFITHS.

#### Montreal.

SIR,—The market this week is quiet on all lines. Apples; several cars good Southern apples have sold from \$2.00 to \$2.25, and one car Canadian Astrachans at \$2.00, while some extra lots of Astrachans and Duchess brought \$3.00 per barrel. For good summer fall apples, the outlook is very good, and we can use a great many. Pears, good Hudson River Bartletts have sold fast from \$2.75 to \$3.00 per keg, and \$6.00 to \$8.00 per barrel. But smoky are a gut in the market and almost unsaleable. Canadian basket pears have sold from 50cts. to \$1.00 per basket as to quality. Peaches, in fair demand, good basket stock, \$1.25 to \$2.00 per basket; common, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Grapes, not many in yet. Selling Soci. to \$1.00 per basket. Plums, scarce and wanted.—VIBOND, MCBRIDE & Co., Aug. 14, 1889.

#### London, England.

In reviewing the business of the past season we regret we cannot refer to it with satisfaction. The unprecedented quantities of apples that were shipped from the United States and Canada to this country had a disastrous effect upon prices, which ruled exceedingly low during the greater part of the season. We may say that last season's supplies exceeded requirements by about half. The prospects for the coming season are of an encouraging character. From accounts received the apple crop in this country promises to be very small, and similar reports have come to hand of the French and Continental crops generally. We think there will be a good opening for American and Canadian apples during the coming season; fall fruit particularly, we think, if at all good, will meet with a good demand; but shipments of this class are only to be recommended when condition is likely to stand the voyage.—VAN OS & CO.

#### Covent Garden, London, England.

In view of the early resumption of apple shipments, I have again the pleasure of submitting for your information particulars of the apple crop prospects this season in Great