

2. If steamer rates from Halifax are higher than from these ports, what are the reasons why they should be so?

3. What are the average rail rates from shipping points to New York, and if you know, to Boston, Portland and Montreal?

4. If through rates are quoted, what are these from principal shipping points to London and Liverpool *via* New York, Boston, Portland and Montreal?

5. Any information bearing on the subject generally you may deem of importance?

Most of the shipments from Nova Scotia this season have gone by another line from Halifax, the rate from any of our Stations to Halifax being \$1.00 per barrel, of which our proportion will average about 16 cents. This rate is for quantities by one shipper of say 150 barrels and over. For small lots the rate is somewhat higher. In the previous season 70,000 barrels were shipped from our line to London,—this season, owing to a light crop, the shipments will only be about 40,000 barrels. The industry is a growing one, however, and a number of new orchards have been planted out and all gradually coming into bearing.

I trust you will excuse me for the trouble I am causing you, and I am, etc.

(Signed) P. INNES,
General Manager.

OFFICE OF THE ANCHOR LINE,

7 BOWLING GREEN.

New York, 19th February, 1886.

P. INNES, Esq., Kentville, N. S. :

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of 6th February requesting information as to the present season's rates of freight on apples from various ports to England, I beg to advise you as follows:—

1st. The steamer rate hence to London by regular lines has been 3/- and 5 per cent per barrel until about the middle of January, since which the rate has been 2/6 and 5 per cent.

To Liverpool the rate by regular lines until about 1st January was 3/- and 5 per cent, since then 2/9 and 2/6 and 5 per cent. To London *via* Liverpool 1/9 extra, delivered.