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apples, with the one proviso that they are free of disease," said Fruit Pests Inspector Thomas Cunningham recently. "That they are I can guarantee," continued Mr. Cunningham, "and it will not be very long before this province will be able to meet the requirements of the great Australian markets, because the production is increasing very rapidly. Recently I signed certificates of inspection of twelve shipments of apples in the Okanagan which were consigned to Australia."

### Nova Scotia

Mr. Ray, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Birmingham, England, writing on September 21, said that during that week a consignment of 200 barrels of apples from Nova Scotia, shipped two or three weeks before contracted time, had been declined on account of their inability to compete with the home product. The imports of apples during the month of August were valued approximately at \$270,000, being \$96,000 less than the corresponding month of 1910. Nova Scotia Cravensteins were then commanding, No. 1, \$2.67 to \$3.40; No. 2, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, respectively.

The total shipment of apples from Halifax up to October 16 for the present season has been 352,000 barrels, compared with 205,000 barrels for the entire season last year. During the present week there will be at least another 50,000 barrels shipped.

One of the finest and best packed consignments of apples that has ever been sent out of the province was shipped recently by the Hillcrest Orchards at Kentville. It comprised 218 boxes. Half-tone reproductions of scenes in the orchards were placed in each box for advertising purposes. Up to October 12th this company had harvested between 8,000 and 9,000 barrels, including about 2,000 barrels of Cravensteins, which is probably the largest crop harvested this year in Eastern Canada. On that date picking in the orchards was not completed.

### Notes from Niagara District

Linus Woolverton, Grimsby

Autumn work is beginning earlier than usual. Many of our fruit growers have already begun plowing their fruit orchards, having finished their fruit harvest by the middle of October. The drouth in early summer hastened the ripening of all our fruits, so that even winter apples were ready by the end of September.

Apples have graded number two and number three, instead of number one and number two. Had it not been for the hail storm the crop would have been chiefly number one, thanks to lime sulphur and arsenate of lead. The effect is noticeable in my orchard, trees bearing enormous loads on the sprayed half and no fruit to speak of on the other. I think the apple scab weakens the little stem of the blossom and causes it to fall, and when sprayed it becomes healthy and holds for fruiting.

I like having my whole orchard fall plowed for two reasons first, the improving effect of the frost on the exposed soil, and second, the advantage of having it done before beginning the pruning, otherwise one must clear up so much rubbish in early spring before beginning to plow, or to plant trees. Of course here we do not need winter protection for trees; and if we did, the mulch of plowed ground would be protection enough.

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