

## Editorial Notes and Comments

### THE NOVA SCOTIA APPLE CROP.

**I**N a letter to the Fruit Division, Ottawa, Mr. J. W. Bigelow, of Wolfville, N. S., gives the following estimate of this season's apple crop in Nova Scotia: According to present prospects there will be a full crop of superior apples, giving over 400,000 barrels for export. Varieties are about as follows: Nonpareil, 60,000 barrels; King, 50,000; Gravenstein, 50,000; Ribston Pippin, 40,000; Golden Russet, 30,000; Baldwin, 60,000; Rhode Island, Greening, 30,000; all other varieties, 80,000.

### APPLES VS. STRAWBERRIES IN ENGLAND.

**T**HE folly of keeping Canadian apples until late in the spring with the hope of selling them for export at an increased profit is shown by a recent report to the Fruit Division, Ottawa, by Mr. A. W. Grindley, one of the agents of the Department of Agriculture in Great Britain. Mr. Grindley says: "Prof. Waugh, of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station, and myself, were looking at some States apples in barrels, arrived 29th June in cold storage. They were soft when discharged, and did not bring much, as they will go off very quickly; besides, who wants poor apples when the market is swamped with English strawberries at their best."

### A SHORT FRUIT CROP IN EUROPE.

**T**HE Fruit Division, Ottawa, has received from several of its correspondents in Europe reports showing that the fruit crop is a small one this year, and indicating that there will be an unusually good market for Canadian apples and pears. The Glasgow Herald says: "Apples will be scarce, the destruction by spring frosts having been serious and extensive. If

growers get half a crop on an average they will do well. The prospect, however, varies considerably. In some parts of Kent the trees carry excellent crops; in others hardly any. The same condition of things prevails in Herefordshire, whence the Midland counties are so freely supplied with choice dessert apples. In Cambridgeshire the crop is disappointing, although in parts of that county a fair harvest of apples will be gathered. Many growers will be satisfied if they get a quarter of a crop. Pears have suffered from the spring frosts equally with apples. In some counties the yield will be meagre; in others the crop is a complete failure. Only a third of a crop under the most favorable conditions is looked for."

E. A. O'Kelly & Co., of London, say: "We are glad to state that prospects are very favorable this year for the importation of Canadian fruit, as crops throughout Europe are a total failure. We anticipate that prices will be satisfactory all round for apples."

From Hamburg, Germany, Edward Jacobs & Sons report: "The fruit crop in Europe is this year, generally speaking, short. Should there be no duty on apples the prospects for Canadian are very promising."

Garcia, Jacobs & Co., of London, state: "There has been an almost total failure here of plums and pears, and this year there will be a good opportunity for the shipment of Canadian pears. The latter should be packed in cases similar to those sent from California. That there is a fair crop of early variety apples is a certainty, but they will all be cleared off the market before your fruit is ready for shipment. France, Belgium and Germany are large growers of