

THE MARKETS.

making prices 35% to 50% better than what they made this time last year. Under these circumstances we think well of shipments of early fall fruit, especially Canadian, which as soon as they shew a little color combined with good size and clear skin, may be sent forward by fast steamers to Liverpool. As a rule these land in poor condition, but we think this is a season when a small quantity may be shipped with fair prospects of making a profit.

From the Continent our Dutch friends say their crop is small, while Germany will have a fair average. France so far promises well and these will, along with Kent and other English Southern Counties, give a good supply to the London Market until winter sets in.

CINCINNATI.—Messrs. Armacost, Riley & Co., say on 7th September:

Canadian Duchess are selling at \$2.50 per bbl.; Culverts, Gennettings and Alexanders, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per bbl.

Michigan is now through with summer apples, and fall varieties are not grown extensively in that state. New York state has a light crop, with none in the Central and Western states. We therefore expect even a better market than is ruling at the present time. Damson plums are very much desired in this market, and always command high prices. Sales were made to-day at \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel.

Last year we received a great many Canadian damsons, which were very fine and arrived in good condition under refrigeration.

CINCINNATI.—Since our last quotation apples have been in very light receipt, and as small fruits, especially peaches, are about exhausted, the demand has been very heavy and prices have ruled high. Maiden Blush and Alexanders, \$3.50; Colverts and Jennettings, \$3.00 to \$3.25. Other good varieties, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per barrel. Michigan fall apples are entirely exhausted, and as the supply of this grade must now come from the New England States and Canada, there is no prospect of lower values soon. Damson plums scarce; selling at \$2.00 per bush. Let consignments come forward, and will place same to best advantage.

HAMBURG, GERMANY.—Messrs. W. Dickwuth & Son write under date of 26th August:

"There are very good prospects for the sale of Canadian apples in our market this coming season, and should be very pleased if you would try our market with some shipments of good quality and good carrying apples.

We have a very large outlet, as Hamburg is the market for all Germany and Austria, and buyers come and attend to our sales from all round. For the last two years quite a market opened here for Canadian apples, these being so very superior to what we raise here. People are wanting for table use

Canadian apples only, and the demand is increasing every year.

BELLEVILLE.—At a meeting of the Belleville Horticultural Society, held recently, the secretary reported that the manager of the Bay of Quinte Agricultural Society had notified him that their society had decided to hold no fall show. It was decided that it was too late to prepare for a successful flower show this year. The holding of a show at a date fixed so that the members would not have to wait the action of the agricultural society for 1899 was also decided on.

It was further decided to give, next year, special inducements to all members for the year 1899.

The Board also had under consideration the question of a prize to the best kept and best flower beds of the city schools, and will ask the school boards to co-operate in the matter.

The Fruit Growers' Journal says:—The West will depend on the East for its apples this year, unless all signs fail. That is a reversal of the conditions of 1897, yet it is the opinion of the fruit experts in many of the Western States. At the recent meeting of the Missouri Valley Horticultural Society, held at the home of G. F. Espenlaub, near Rosedale, L. A. Goodman, in reporting on the condition of orchard fruit, said there was almost a failure of apples throughout the West, especially in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas, while Ohio, Michigan, New York and New England will have from 60 to 75 per cent. of a crop, and will be called upon to furnish the larger amount of the apples consumed here.

Messrs. Jas. Lindsay & Son, of Edinburgh, write:—

"As the apple season is now approaching, we take the liberty to address you re prospects. We have had information from various apple producing districts at home and on the Continent, and so far as our information goes we are of opinion that there will be a good outlet for fine clear skinned bold Canadian fruit. English crops are only medium, and very few will find their way into the Scotch markets. Productions nearer hand are not to be counted upon, they being too small, and only fit for manufacturing purposes. There is only one quality that competes with Canadians. They are the French Belles, a large beautiful which is both a good eater and admirably adapted for cooking purposes. However, we expect the bulk of them will be over previous to the arrivals of winter fruit from Canada. Hence, we do not anticipate any serious opposition from this quality. Therefore, we consider the outlook will be very good for fine bold selected fruit. We again hope to be favoured with your shipments, and we need scarcely say that we shall use our utmost endeavours to realize satisfactory prices. Growers who have not much experience in packing, and who wish to ship direct them-