

to produce fruit of unusually fine color as well as almost entire freedom from black spot or blemishes. This has been particularly noticeable in the Bell Flower, R. I. Greening, Spitzenburg, and other sorts that have for some seasons past been almost worthless on account of the black spot. The Baldwins also have matured and colored much better than usual, and growers who have numbers of young trees of this variety are feeling more hopeful in consequence.

The Gravenstein continues to hold the place which it has so deservedly gained as the premier apple for profit, and the grower who will produce another apple with all the good qualities of tree and fruit as has the Gravenstein with the keeping qualities of the Baldwin, will indeed be a benefactor.

The Ribston Pippin holds first place in the London market for price, closely followed by the King of Tompkins, the latter having this advantage, that it will command the highest prices in all the great markets while the Ribston is almost a London apple at present, altho' Manchester is enquiring for the favorite and doubtless other cities will follow when they find its real value.

The exports of Nova Scotia apples have been almost entirely to London this season, only a few carloads and small shipments of Gravensteins being sent to Boston and New York, the balance of the Gravensteins finding places in local markets.

The shipments to Britain up to this date has been as follows: London, 38,682; Liverpool, 540; Aberdeen, 150; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 70. It is not probable the total shipments to England will exceed 50,000, or about half of that of last season; while shipments to the States, if we had the exact figures, would show a much greater falling off in that direction.

The report of the Fruit Committee last year, shows by figures taken from traffic returns of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, kindly supplied by the managers, the steady increase in the quantity of apples handled by the company. It may be of interest to quote from the trade returns the exports of apples from Halifax and Annapolis since 1880 and 1881, when we exported 24,250 barrels; 1881 and 1882, 35,340; 1882 and 1883, 38,435; 1883 and 1884, 3,758; 1884 and 1885, 49,819; 1885 and 1886, 41,143; 1886 and 1887, 121,541. The figures must not be taken as indicating the whole export from the province, but they seem to show something of the

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