

OUR MARKETS.

rels have arrived, against 26,085 barrels to same period last year. Most of the arrivals have consisted of the usual early varieties, and landed in very variable but mostly bad condition, which is almost always the case with this description of fruit, and has been especially so this season, in consequence of the intense heat at time of shipment, as also similar weather on arrival here. The quality generally was disappointing, and even if sound, were not such that would realize satisfactory prices, however scarce the supply. There were some few exceptions, which were eagerly competed for, and showed that the market was ready to give extreme rates for suitable sound fruit. During the present week, 24,287 barrels have arrived, and among them were Baldwins and other winter varieties, mostly immature and unattractive, and although it is perhaps early to form an opinion, they have given the impression that the crop is not of fine quality. Notwithstanding this, there has been a very active demand throughout, and has demonstrated that the English markets are now ready to take larger quantities of American and Canadian Apples, and that the prospects are most promising for a satisfactory season. The market closed strong at yesterday's sales at the following quotations:—

NEW YORK—

Baldwins ..	15/ to 19/6 ..	10/ to 14/
Kings ..	20/ " 26/6 ..	15/ " 19/

BOSTON—

Baldwins ..	12/ " 14/6 ..	9/ " 11/
Hubbardston ..	12/ " 15/ ..	9/ " 11/

CANADIAN—

Gravenstein ..	20/ " 26/6 ..	14/ " 17/
Colvert ..	13/ " 16/6 ..	10/ " 12/
Maiden Blush ..	15/ " 18/ ..	12/ " 14/
Jenetting ..	11/ " 13/ ..	7/6 " 10/

Wasty sell 2/ to 3/ under quotations for slack.

Germany.

A German correspondent of the Trade Journal writes:—The apple crop in our next districts (which are the most important for apples) is fully a failure, our inland has a half crop, but consisting only of ordinary cooking summer apples which will be finished when the American winter fruit arrives. In my opinion we have never had such a splendid prospect for American and Canadian apples as this year, and there is no doubt that sound colored apples will not only command high prices around Christmas, but also during the whole winter.

Our Fruit in England.

The Financial News (London, England), says:—Fruit-growing has developed so extensively in Canada that native fruits, including grapes, are sold in top lots. Among the fruits

which arrangements are being made to ship to England in larger quantities are pears. Our supplies in the past have been home-grown pears, large quantities imported from France, and considerable amounts from California. "None of these except those grown under glass in Great Britain," says Prof. Robertson, "compare in flesh or flavor with the finest Bartlett pears from Canada. Now that cold storage," he proceeds, "has been provided, it has been demonstrated by trial shipments last year, that pears can be landed in Great Britain in first-class condition. The smaller packages which were recommended by the Department of Agriculture last year are being entirely used this season, with every prospect of complete success. Trial shipments of peaches will also be sent forward. The information gained last year will permit these also to be landed in good condition. Hitherto peaches in Great Britain have been a dainty fruit for the very rich only. At the prices at which they can be laid down there from Canada it is expected that they will be used more and more by large numbers of people. Tomatoes have been landed in good condition in past, and further trial shipments of small quantities will be sent this year. The report is that the British and French tomato crops will ripen about a fortnight later this year than usual, owing to the comparatively cool weather of the summer in those countries. The result of this will be that the largest supply of tomatoes will be in the British markets at the time when the Canadian tomatoes would be fit for sending; consequently, only sufficient quantities this year will be sent to obtain information as to the best method of packing and transportation. Small trial shipments of grapes will also be sent forward. These were landed last year in good condition, but the British public has not yet acquired a taste for the Canadian grapes. Last year a demand was created in some quarters, and the wholesale men say they can handle a limited quantity, but that if a large quantity were sent they would be slaughtered. The policy of the department is to send forward limited quantities of the most likely varieties, with the hope that the trade will gradually and naturally grow.

Foreign City Markets.

City markets in the large cities of the temperate zones at this season of the year are at their best in display of orchard and garden products. Then these distributing centres, the perishable produce of the farm, orchard and garden are very largely sent to the consumers. The origin of the central city market dates back to early antiquity, where we find the "market place" set aside for the disposal of marketable products of all kinds; gradually the crude systems and methods practiced in that early period became changed to suit the conditions of supply and demand of different countries.

A visit to the city markets of foreign coun.