

has been a large percentage of apples landed in Liverpool in a damaged condition by heating on the voyage or otherwise, but I do not think that more than two or three per cent were packed dishonestly."

This may be an under-estimate and it is certain that a great deal of bad packing is done for the home market. The true remedy, however, cannot be found in lowering the standard, mixing 10 or 20 per cent of culls with the best fruit and marking the packages A No. 1 or No. 1. The Parliament of Canada could legalize such a method of packing and marking, but it could not make it honest.

There is no reason why culls, as such, should not be sold at their face value

I am not, as you assume, entirely without experience in packing apples for export. I am sincerely yours,

D. FERGUSON.

Tulloch ave., Charlottetown, P.E.I.,

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We have to thank the Hon. D. Ferguson for calling our attention to the wording of Section 1, Chap. 35, Victoria 56, which was originally prepared by the writer and published in this journal in Vol. 15, C.H., page 129.

In our draft of grades prepared ten years later, we thought we had made some improvement in the wording. First the name of the grades was objectionable.

The term No. 2 is now commonly applied to apples which are so blemished that they are unfit for export and only be sold for the evaporator or the cider mill. So we proposed to establish two special grades of export apples, A1 which means

'Well-grown specimens of one variety, sound, of nearly uniform size, of good color for the variety, of normal shape and not less than ninety per cent

free from scab, worm holes, bruises and other defects, properly packed and marked in a plain and indelible manner with the minimum size of the fruit in inches (or fraction thereof) across the core of the fruit,"

And No. 1 which means

"Specimens of one variety, sound, of fairly uniform size and not less than eighty per cent free from scab, worm holes, bruises and other defects, properly packed and marked in a plain and indelible manner with the minimum size of the fruit in inches (or fraction thereof) across the core of the fruit.

Now possibly our honorable friend is correct in saying that we should make no allowance for even a small percentage of imperfect samples, but, in such a case if an inspector were very exacting, we fear that even some of the barrels packed by our honorable friend might be found at least slightly lacking in perfection.

In our opinion the most important part of the whole thing is the requirement that the *minimum size* of the fruit be marked on the head and this has been entirely eliminated.

Our first thought was that all A1 apples should be 2½ inches and upwards in diameter, and this really the best plan; but perhaps A1 Snow apples and some other small kinds would not reach that size, and therefore we have contented ourselves with asking to have the minimum diameter in each case marked on the barrel, separate from the grade mark.

Our Affiliated Societies.

ORILLIA.—At a meeting of the joint committee of the Board of Trade, the Town Council and the Horticultural Society, held on Monday evening, the condition of the streets, boulevards, etc., was considered, and it was resolved that, whereas, a large number of the members of this committee were present at a meeting of the Town Council in the month of June, and at the said Town Council meeting the views of this committee were urged on the attention of the Council, and subsequently a promise was made by the members of the Council that certain lines should be followed in dealing with the planting and pruning of shade trees and

the care of the boulevards, and that an overseer of shade trees should be employed, and that boxes for the reception of waste paper should be placed at various points in town, this committee now regrets to find that none of the measures promised by the Council have been carried into effect, and we would again respectfully urge upon the Council the necessity of at once giving the matter of proper care of the streets and boulevards such a measure of immediate attention as will make them more attractive, in view of the numerous summer visitors who may be expected to arrive in town during the coming weeks.