

and it is a sufficient barrier to turn cattle. Mr. Morden sells all his fruit on the American side of the river, where he claims that he can get the

best prices. We are not surprised therefore to find that he is an ardent advocate of Commercial Union.

SEASONABLE HINTS FOR FRUIT GROWERS.

ONE year ago, on page 195, volume xi., of this journal, we gave our readers some information upon the quickest methods of packing apples for shipping to foreign markets, with an engraving of a convenient packing table, one of a handy crate to be used in the orchard for bringing apples into the packing house, and making some reference also to a Yankee invention for gathering apples, an illustration of which has been given on page 149 of the present volume. Progress and improvement being the motto of Canadian fruit growers, we hope that a year's experience has taught us something worthy of mention in addition to what we knew a year ago.

FOR NEAR MARKETS,

there is nothing gained as a rule in gathering fruit of any kind before it has attained its full beauty, and a certain degree of ripeness. It is a great temptation to do this when prices are up, and a drop is feared, but immature fruit is a drug in a dealer's hands, and the shipper soon receives word that no more is wanted. Experience only, however, can fit a man to judge just in what stage of ripeness a fruit should be gathered. The writer has, for some years, been in the habit of growing summer

apples for near city markets, and has learned some lessons in this respect. He has one hundred and twenty bearing trees of Red Astracans, and no kind has proved to be more remunerative when properly handled. Our practice is to go over each tree about twice a week for about three weeks, taking off the fruit as it ripens and colors up. The Astracan, is a beautiful apple, when it has its full color, but to get it just in its prime of excellence the trees must be gone over very often. As fast as gathered they are brought into the packing house in a spring wagon, and assorted. They are turned out upon an inclined packing table, and the extras, or perfectly formed, highly colored fruit, such as is suitable for table use and dessert purposes, is packed very carefully by itself in baskets, while all the rest is put up in barrels. None but the very finest will pay for the trouble of putting up in baskets and sending into market by express, the rest will do much better in barrels. We found that by carefully keeping our fruit up to sample we could get a pretty constant price for it right through the season, even when apples were coming in abundantly. They seemed to become known and sought for in the market.