

↔ Our Markets. ↔

THE APPLE MARKET this year has been unprecedentedly high. A correspondent in Peterboro' writes that he is shipping apples to Montreal in half bushel baskets, and receiving as much as 90c. each for them. And in that section the apple crop has been so good this season, that it will no doubt result in great encouragement of the fruit growing industry.

In the New York market, choice Greenings and Baldwins are quoted by Mr. G. S. Palmer, at from \$4.50 to \$6.00 per barrel. The Montreal Market at about the same figure, with, however, the warning clause, that inferior qualities are a drug in the market, at a range of from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per barrel.

In Great Britain the prices are on the whole advancing. Baldwins are quoted at from 25 to 27 shillings. The King has been sold as high as 40 shillings, and the Newton Pippin has actually reached the enormous value of 60 shillings per barrel.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Messrs. Woodall & Company of Liverpool, write under date of Jan. 17th, as follows: Receipts are from Maine and Canada and also a few from New York, the bulk of which showed excellent quality and condition, the exception being where some lots had got touched with frost. There has been a brisk demand throughout the week at advancing prices, closing at yesterday's sales with an improvement on a shipment of Canadian 7/ to 10/ per barrel. Should supplies next week be equally small a further advance may be confidently expected.

Quotations for the Week for Sound:—New York:—Russets, 18/3 to 23/; Ben Davis, 25/ to 26/6; Newton Pip., 30/ to 33/.

Maine:—Baldwins, 23/ to 28/6; Baldwins 2nds, 16/ to 22/; Greenings, 18/ to 26/6; Kings, 28/6 to 39/; G. Russets, 25/ to 25/6; Spy, 19/ to 28/.

Canadian:—Greening, 30/ to 39/; Spy, 32/6 to 36/6; Baldwins, 30/ to 39/; G. Russets, 31/ to 34/.

↔ Our Book Table. ↔

REPORTS.

Annual Report of the State Board of Horticulture for the State of California, for 1890, with the compliments of B. W. Lelong, Secretary State Board of Horticulture. A work of 522 pages, bound in cloth, and carefully indexed, containing a great deal of valuable information for fruit growers, especially for fruit growers on the Pacific coast. Much of it is also interesting to us in Ontario, as for instance, those portions dealing with fungoid diseases, injurious and beneficial insects, and the use of commercial fertilizers. There are several colored plates in it, and altogether the work is of considerable value from a scientific standpoint.

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Montreal Horticultural Society, W. W. Dunlop, Secretary. This report, always full of interest, is this year even more full than customary. Among the subjects touched upon, we notice an article by Dr. Hoskins on Ironclad apples; five varieties of apples for profit, by G. E. Roach. Marketing aspects for fruit growing, by A. T. McBride, Montreal. Summer pruning of grapes, by W. Mead, Patterson, and Sod in orchard, by J. C. Chapais, of St. Dennis. Also, discussions on Blackheart in Canadian varieties, apples for home use, etc. It would be a very advantageous thing for both provinces could a complete exchange of reports be made, so that every member of each Society could have both reports.

Transactions of the Maine State Pomological Society for the year 1889, D. H. Knowlton, Augusta, Secretary. This is another report that is of interest to us Canadians, because the climatic character of the State of Maine corresponds closely with a good deal of the northern parts of Ontario. The following are some of the subjects discussed:—"Four acres enough; Fungus diseases of fruits; How should we maintain the price of Maine apples; Pear culture; Condensed fruit list, etc."