

same time in Liverpool. You will remember that last September most of the apples picked and shipped landed in England in poor, wasty condition. These barrelled apples were no better than the usual shipments while my boxes landed in good condition and brought—King, 8s. 3d.; Ribston, 7s. 9d.; Fallawater, 7s. 6d.; Stark, 6s. 6d. (These Starks were too green.) This proves that papered apples in boxes will carry better than barrelled apples.

Now as to winter apples,—Baldwins, Greenings and Ben. Davis. These were packed and piled in my storehouse in boxes in the same way and sorted, wrapped and tiered in boxes several days afterwards and shipped in ordinary cars to St. John, N.B., and placed there in cold storage on dates Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and Nov. 9, '08. I went to St. John in the beginning of December and saw that cold storage filled with barrelled apples from cellar to roof, several floors, with about 40,000 barrels and a few boxes besides mine. The temperature was kept at about freezing point. I then went to Liverpool on the Empress of Ireland.

With the exception of a few boxes sold in London I sold my whole crop in Liverpool at auction by a well-known firm. They received as high as 8s. 6d for Baldwins, 7s. 3d. for R. I. Greenings and 7s. for Ben Davis a box. These apples were shipped from St. John in small lots on Jan. 14 and 28 and Feb. 19 and 26. The last of them were sold in Liverpool on March 24, all Baldwins, at 8s. 6d. a box.

These apples topped the market for same variety and opened up as good as those from anywhere else. My boxes contained 40 pounds of apples as against 140 to 150 pounds in Canadian barrels.

The only other apples selling at a higher price were the Oregon Newtowns. Most of the California and Oregon boxes were bet-

ter packed than mine. I hope they will not be so next year for I shall endeavor to equal their packing.

The point I want to make here is that my Elgin apples reached that market in as good condition as any apples offered there for sale and brought as high a price as anything of the same variety sold there in March. They were sold in their original wrapping and package, as packed at my orchard and not repacked in the cold storage as is usual with barrelled apples.

This does not bear out Chief McNeill's contentions in regard to the inferiority of Lake Erie apples. I can emphatically back J. E. Johnson, of Simcoe, in his claim that there are no better apples raised anywhere in the world than right here on Lake Erie. We have high colored apples and the British prefer high color. We have as good flavor as anywhere and cold storage will keep our apples as good as those from anywhere else. I must therefore take exception to the article that appeared in that Western Ontario paper.

The Oregon Newtowns sold at 12s. a box and upwards for their larger sizes. We grow apples here fully equal to that apple but we have not delivered them to that market with the same care that the Oregon people do. It is up to our Ontario growers to pack and deliver their fruit to the British markets in as good condition as the Hood River growers do.

It will not do to pack equally as well and send there on consignment to be sold to the highest bidder. I have discovered a better plan than that. In that case, you have to accept what they choose to give but can not control the price. The better plan is to be there and set your price. In the next issue of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST I shall refer to this plan at further length.—J. A. Webster, Sparta, Ont.

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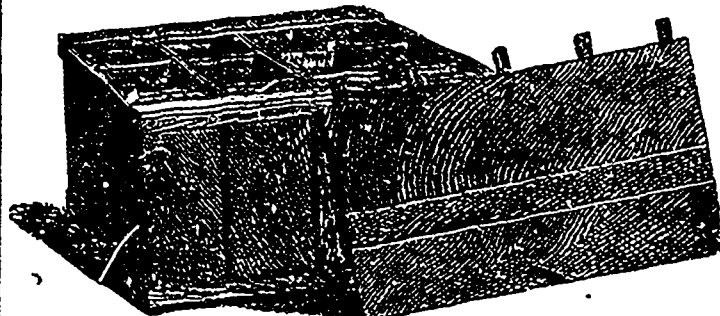
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