

FRUIT MARKET IN NORTHWEST

COMMISSION'S REPORT

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Following is a report from J. C. Wolfe, commissioner, relative to marketing of fruit in the North provinces:

Regina, Sept. 26.—I saw a car of apples from Grand Forks, B. C., at Vernon Fruit Company's warehouse, contained Alexander, Wealth and Jeffries, arrived in excellent condition, were up to grade in every respect.

ton, went up to grade in the
pack, color and quality. I also saw
car of Washington fall apples at Ste-
ton & Ellison's warehouse here,
all about No. 2, and cost \$2c. per
f.o.b point of shipment; stated that
had another car rolling at the same
price. Manager of this house shows
me quotation just received that
September 26th, from Spokane, quoted
winter apples, assorted varieties,
red stock, four tier, wrapped, fine
\$1.10 per box f.o.b. point of shipment.
Mr. Anderson, manager Vernon
Co. here reports car of plums
prunes from Hatzie and Mission, E

arrived in poor condition, did not
up, will show considerable shrink-
from brown rot.

Saskatoon, Sept. 27.—At Curry
retailers here, I saw a car of fruits
Vernon, B. C., that arrived in
condition, plums and peaches a
over-ripe, but would suffer no loss
shrinkage, and was pleased very
with fruit as a whole. Early &
jobbers here, report having had
carloads of B. C. fruit this season
date; all arrived in good condition.
Fruit was well packed and up to a

in every respect. He stated it was the finest fruit they had handled this season. He further stated that they found it difficult to obtain enough and had not been able to supply the demand for B. C. fruits; had one car rolled in from B. C. again, and thought this

from B. C. now, and thought this our opportunity to push B.C. fruit, the shortage at other points, and then wherever boxes were introduced dealers and consumers much preferred.

dealers and consumers much prefer to buy barrels. He showed me an American quotation for fall apples at 80c. and 90c. for assorted varieties of good quality. The Northern Fruit Co., of Chicago, reports that the barrels here report our fruit the best they have had this season to date.

had a number of carloads of B. C. fruit all being very satisfactory, and a present time are wanting to buy apples and pears, and are prepared to pay more for B. C. fruit than for American fruit as it has proved more satisfactory. He stated he could buy American apples, pears, assorted varieties, at 75c. the per box f.o.b. point of shipment.

Biggar, Sept. 28.—Agent here received considerable quantities of fruit coming in by local freight and express.

Freight Rate.—Saskatoon to B
38c. per cwt.; Edmonton to Biggar
per cwt.
Express Rate.—Saskatoon to B

75c. per cwt.; Edmonton to B
\$2.50 per cwt.

Edmonton, Sept. 29.—A car sh
from Haney, B. C., to Oscar Brow
jobbers here, containing Italian p
arrived in poor condition, was sh
on the 9th, arrived on the 15th, six
in transit, iced. They report it
ed considerable shrinkage from
rot. They stated a car was se

loaded, fruit well packed, and weight to basket, but fruit did not ship up. I regret to state some of my prunes were in this car. Manager Vernon Fruit Co. here reports from the Hammond Fruit Growers Union, Hammond, B. C., as arriving in poor condition, shipped on the 8th, arrived on the 15th, iced, containing prunes mainly, and a few crab apples. He reports prunes did not

pears. He reports prunes did not
up; showed considerable shrinkage
from plum rot. Manager of
Brown Co., jobbers here, showed
a circular letter issued to their
big houses, by Nash Bros. of
Forks, Dakota, controllers of
holders of the greater percentage
stock in these American fruit
houses, in which it stated that
they would be able to buy on Amer-
side at Wenatchee and other
winter apples, best quality, at

winter apples, best quality, at
 10¢ f.o.b. point of origin.
 Nevertheless, at the present
 every one of these jobbing houses
 open and wanting to buy B. C.
 at much higher prices than the
 jobbing man, they are in the
 favor of B. fruit that the ma-
 of two or three jobbing houses
 might go on to B. C. to buy
 B. C. apples.
 Calgary, Jan. 1.—I saw a car-
 pile from Victoria, B. C., at P.
 & Savage's warehouse here. Ma-
 gage stated Dominion fruit in-
 sured, and branding falsely mar-
 they were not to be mar-
 bled. I could not see the inspec-
 he was out of town. He further
 and they were not offering the
 sale. I was not satisfied with
 them again. The same firm stat-
 they had bought heavily of
 winter apples, and were offering
 them at a made price of 10¢ per
 box in car lots for a point of
 chaser anywhere here in all pro-
 The MacPherson Fruit Co. here
 they bought 75¢ carlots of
 apples at 10¢ per box, and
 paying 75¢ to 85¢ per box f.o.b.

To summarize: Plums, prunes and peaches are over; jobbers and retailers are now looking for quotations of winter apples and our growers and exporters should get in touch by October prices as soon as possible, or their travellers call upon them usually. Apple prices are firm and demand good, so there is no need