

bright red and yellowish white; flesh, tender and good quality, or perhaps fine quality. Size of Fameusc. Season, Oct. 1 to 15, and not much longer, and shows bruises, etc., a good deal, and in these ways not satisfactory.

I said season not much longer than Oct. 15, but pick carefully and put into cellar before too ripe, and it might keep a long time.

Blushed Calville has only borne with me two little specimens in nursery, and did not strike me.

Arabka (of Ellwanger & Barry) is young and abundant bearer, vigorous grower and rather upright, and fruit large—in fact very large, and deep purplish red with lovely bloom, and keeps longer than Longfield. My five trees were a perfect sight, but quality acid and thin.

Vargul fruited in nursery by my neighbor, John M. Fisk, is the Russian apple of finest quality we have grown here.

Furstlicher Tafelafiel (Royal Table) hails from Schroedn, of Moscow, and though marked tender by him, is quite hardy, so far with me. It is a young and abundant bearer, good size, good quality, good both in texture and flavor, and seems likely to keep some time. I have but two little trees of it, and it is very promising. It and Repka of Dep of Agr., would seem to be my best keepers.

I cannot yet recommend. I have given you my facts so far.

I could send you some scions of some, but not in quantity.—C. GIBB, Abbotsford, P.O., 4th Nov., 1888.

## Our Fruit Markets.

### The Apple Glut.

NEVER before in the history of the apple trade was such a glut of supplies flung upon the market on both sides of the Atlantic as at present, and it is thought that several weeks must elapse before a clearance can be effected. Cable advices from Liverpool on Wednesday reported sales of good Baldwins and Spies at 9s. to 11s., with the market sick and declining. One of our large shippers informed us that about 18,000 bbls of frosted apples were on the way to Liverpool from Portland alone, and that a large quantity shipped from Boston was in the same condition. Shippers, therefore, dread the result of these damaged lots going on the English market, and more unfavorable returns are looked for. A London buyer advanced \$1 per barrel on a large lot of apples booked on a through bill of lading from the west by the S.S. Pomeranian, but the apples could not be put on board, and were frozen as hard as cannon balls on the wharf. It is estimated that the stocks in store in this city are about 75,000 barrels, although some believe there are more. One of our oldest and richest apple dealers made the following remark a few days ago:—"This is a most extraordinary apple year, and we have all got bitten through paying too high prices."

Regarding the English market, a large Liverpool firm writes:—"The arrival of two large cargoes yesterday from Boston proved too much for our market, and prices had at length to give way. Boston Baldwins sold freely at 8s. 9d., 9s. 6d., 10s. and 10s. 6d. for really good fruit, and with the prospect of 60,000 to 70,000 due next week, we do not see much chance of any immediate recovery. New York fruit participated in the decline.

Baldwins made 10s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. A great deal of poor and wasty stuff is also coming forward, and this does more damage to prices than anything else. Buyers are afraid to buy when they see such quantities of wasty apples, and will not bid for any but choice lots."—Trade Bulletin, Dec., 1888.

### The Export Apple Trade.

RECENT mail advices from Liverpool, dated December 8th, state that "the continued heavy arrivals have at length had such an effect upon our market, that buyers have positively to have the fruit thrust upon them, and that at their own prices. Good New England fruit continues to sell at 8s. 9d. up to 8s. 6d., while New Yorks are neglected at 9s. to 10s., a very few parcels of choice fruit making 11s. to 12s. Canadian arrivals are exceptionally heavy, the last three steamers from Montreal docking within a few hours of each other 36,000 barrels. Very many of these were small and of poor quality, and sold at 9s. to 10s. 6d., while the rejections of 'slack packed' and wet have been exceptionally heavy, having evidently suffered from long passage in severe weather. In London, they have had two steamers direct with 35,000 barrels, the prices obtained meeting about the same as Liverpool, while a lot of Nova Scotians sold for 7s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. It will take until after Christmas to clear off the accumulated stocks, when we should see better prices."

### Montreal.

APPLES.—The market is as dull and unsatisfactory as it can be imagined, sales of frozen fruit having been made at 42c. up to \$1 per barrel, which shows a big loss to