

astonished to read that all the fruit exhibited, which included some of the finest peaches imaginable, was grown in the open air. One fancies the Canadian climate to be more or less like a severe Christmas in this country, but during the summer season the land is a veritable garden, where flowers and fruits, which it is only possible to produce in hothouses in this country, are to be found in every garden. The fruit sent by the Manchester Commerce is grown at Grimsby, Niagara District, Ontario, a place famous for its orchards and vineyards; and here every description of fruit, including the finest Williams and other varieties of pears, and many kind of peaches, are grown in the open air. Those on view at the offices of the C. P. R. on James street were a continual source of attraction to passers-by, and some were so carried away by the exceptional appearance of the fruit as to be induced to enter and attempt to purchase what was only exhibited as samples. In Canada the fruit is carefully picked, the peaches when almost ripe, the pears and apples somewhat earlier, and as carefully packed, being forwarded by rail to the port of shipment in refrigerator cars. These cars are specially fitted for the purpose, and, being properly attended to, the fruit is carried through to the steamer in excellent condition. Of late owing to the splendid arrangements on most of the newer boats crossing the Atlantic, the carriage to this country has been perfectly satisfactory, and the result is that the Canadian growers have been able to put their fruit on the English market in perfect condition. It has been well in demand wherever offered, and has been sold at prices which equal, when they do not exceed those paid for the more hardy, but less juicy and delicious, fruits from California. Orders have already been received for large quantities of Canadian fruit, which is only being shipped. This includes some consignments of Canadian grapes, which will be put on the market in the course of the next two or three weeks."

Shipment No. 3 was by the steamer *Trader* again, sailing October 5th, but this was too late a date for peaches or Bartlett pears, both of which were in season for the previous shipment of September 15. Added to this the ice at the Grimsby storage gave out, and the weather came on exceedingly warm while we were packing. Under these unfavorable conditions we thought best to send forward only about sixty cases of peaches, which arrived in Manchester quite over ripe, and the same was the case with the few cases of Bartlett pears, but the principal part of the shipment consisted of fall apples, such as Ribston, Fall Pippin, Blenheim and King, which sold at from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel box; and of such pears as Duchess, Louise, Anjou and Sheldon, which

also arrived in fine condition and sold well.

There were also some red and black Rogers grapes, about two tons, sent forward in the storage chamber. These arrived in fine condition, but, as usual, failed to bring paying prices.

Mr. P. Byrne, Ontario Government Agent, writes to the Department of Agriculture at Toronto, on the 24th of October, as follows:

"The grapes, speaking generally, were in very good condition. An occasional sample was slightly wet or mouldy, but, on the whole, they looked attractive and sound.

"The pears were generally good also; some Louise Bonnes from 'Bonnie Brae' had several bad fruits in each 'sample.' The Bartletts were also soaky, but the other varieties were in excellent condition; especially the Duchess pears, which were all good without exception.

"I assisted in preparing and arranging an exhibit of the fruit at Manchester, and brought with me selected samples for a display in Liverpool similar to the one which was so successful in connection with the shipment brought by the Manchester Commerce. The samples I am showing consist of a tray of twenty-five very fine Elberta peaches—all that was fairly sound in two entire cases! Also two cases of red and black Rogers' grapes, two cases of pears and one case of apples. They make a very handsome and effective display and constitute a most valuable object lesson as to what our province is capable of producing. I sent notices to the press announcing the exhibit, and the consequence is continuous crowds as before inspecting and admiring the fruit."

Messrs. B. W. Potter & Co., the consignees, write on the 27th of October as follows concerning the second "*Trader*" shipment:

"We have now the pleasure to report upon the shipment per Manchester *Trader* of grapes, pears, apples and peaches. The latter were nearly all spoiled and we should say that they were packed too ripe. Besides this we see the Wilson cases are not ventilated at all. Kindly examine them and you will see that this is correct. It must have a serious effect upon the fruit.

"The Duchess pears have carried splendidly and taken much the best with buyers, prices varying from 73c. to \$1.40 per case. The Louise turned out very wasty, but the White Doyenne and Anjou were mostly sound. The Bartletts were almost wholly rotten, and we should judge had been picked at the wrong time, or stood before being placed in store. The prices will give you a good idea of the public taste.

"All the apples were in excellent condition, the Ribston's fetching the best prices—\$1.71 per bushel case, with Blenheims and Kings \$1.58, and Fall Pippins \$1.46. We could have disposed of any quantity of these fruits.

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