

# The Markets.

## Apple Reports.

MESSRS. JAMES ADAM, SON & Co., Liverpool, write:—

Although still very early, the shipping season may be said to have commenced in earnest, a fair quantity, mostly from New York, having already come to hand, as will be seen from the figures given below. Whether results have given satisfaction, however, is more than we can say, as owing to the more or less faulty condition of the fruit prices obtained have been very irregular, defective barrels making from 7/ to 15/, and tight up to 23/ per barrel. In many instances the stock was very tender, and ought never to have been shipped, especially at a time when English-grown fruit is available; indeed, considering this, we have been surprised that such high prices were paid for the better samples of American, and are consequently inclined to take a favourable view of the out-look for winter stock. So far, of course, it has been impossible to form any opinion as to what the quality is likely to be, but we hope, as reports indicate, it will be good, and that shippers will exercise every possible care in the selection of fruit for export, and keep back anything not likely to carry in good condition.

MESSRS. DICKNOTH & SOHN, Hamburg, write:—

In regard to the prospects for the sale of apples from your side in our market, we can only confirm what we said in our last circular, that is for table apples we shall have entirely to depend upon shipments from your country, and we can strongly advise you, to make regular shipments of first grade best keeping winter-apples.

The Trade Bulletin, Montreal, says:—

The heavy shipments of common grades of apples in different markets of the country has had the effect of glutting most markets and of forcing prices to a much lower scale. This condition at market points has very materially changed the situation in the country. Buyers are not anxious for stock and are inclined to hold off, and farmers who have been holding out for higher prices are now offering fruit more or less freely at lower figures, \$2.25 being about the top price in a general way for No. 1 stock with some very good fruit to be had at \$2 per barrel. The market in this city is somewhat congested, principally with lower grades of fruit, and would probably be even more so had the growers in Jersey and Up-river points been able to have secured help to pick and send in fruit, which in lack of these has had to go to the evaporator and cider maker, or else wasted. Stock in store and in transit has

ripened very rapidly, owing to the warm weather, and much fruit originally intended for export has for this reason been thrown on the market. The general range of prices here is from \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel, although fancy soft, table fruit commands a higher price. On good, sound fruit, well packed, there is a fairly good shipping trade and a moderately good export demand, and on this quality of stock the market is holding fairly steady.

The New York Fruit Trade Journal says:—

*Apples.*—About all the apples that came forward the past week for market purposes were of such quality as would not do for storage or export. The best of these met slow sale while, very poor stock was hard to move and accumulated. Prices quoted are for fair to choice stock, while undergrades were often sold as low as 50c. per barrel. The following are quotations:

King, per d-h, bbl.....	\$2 00 to \$2 75
Twenty Oz. d-h bbl.....	2 00 to 2 50
Snow, d-h. bbl. ....	2 00 to 2 75
Ben Davis, d-h. bbl.....	1 75 to 2 00
Fall or York Pip. d-h. bbl....	1 50 to 2 00
Baldwin, d-h. bbl. ....	1 50 to 2 00
Pelican, d-d. bbl. ....	1 50 to 2 00
Smith Cider, d-h. bbl.....	1 50 to 1 75
Greening, d-h. bbl. ....	1 25 to 1 75
Open heads, bbl. ....	50 to 1 00
Crab apples, small, bbl.....	1 50 to 2 00

*Pears.*—The demand was smaller than for some time past. Even fancy Bartletts, which are very scarce, met slow sale at \$2 to \$3 per box. All other varieties were scarce, except Keifers which were quite plentiful with practically no demand. They were quoted at \$1.50 to \$2 per double-head barrel, but prices were frequently shaded as demand required.

*Quinces.*—Receipts of Quinces were quite liberal, but fancy stock was scarce. Demand was small at \$2.50 to 3 per barrel for fancy and \$1.75 to 2.25 per barrel for other grades.

*Grapes.*—Fancy table grapes were very scarce and wanted. Offerings were poor and hardly worth the price paid, 13 to 14c. per basket. The bulk of grapes coming on the market are for wine purposes, the frost having rendered them unfit for table use. Receipts were heavy and offerings were not all disposed of. Prices were quoted at \$25 to 28 per ton for Concord; \$25 to 30 per ton for white; \$45 to 50 per ton for Delawares and \$25 to 28 per ton for Catawba. At the end of the week these figures were shaded considerably.

And further regarding the grape situation: The grape market has been sadly congested the past week. Owing to the heavy frost the early part of the month, shipments of wine grapes have been rushed very much and the market has had more of this kind of stock