

Apple Growing in Tasmania.

The island of Tasmania appears to be the greatest apple producing colony to Australasia, and perhaps as a purely apple grower, it has no equal in the southern hemisphere. Apples are grown in many parts of Australia, South Africa and in some other countries south of the equator, but in small quantities and of inferior quality. Apples grown in all hot countries, lack color, flavor and keeping qualities, as compared with those grown in the temperate zone and in higher latitudes.

The climate and soil of Tasmania are much the same as that of the famous Annapolis valley in Nova Scotia, which is the finest apple-growing district in Canada, or perhaps in North America. By recent advices received by the Aorangi, it is learned that during the month of February there were no fewer than thirteen freight steamers loading apples at Hobart, Tasmania, for the London market, and the smallest of these ships carried some 55,000 cases.

Failures for last week were 185 in the United States, against 142 last year, and 20 in Canada against 16 last year.

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