better to send all there that is really good, as freights there are, in any case, much in favor of the shipper compared with freights here. It is easily seen, also, that there is a great lack of despatch in the C.P.R. in forwarding freight here—and as for carriage, the fruit has the appearance of having had a more than usually rough handling in passage here. I never saw such imperfect, badly bruised fruit. We certainly cannot congratulate the C.P.R. on anything they are doing for Ontario fruit growers.

California grapes, which are very fine, will practically shut ours out of this market this

season, I fear. - Alex. McD. Allan. - Winni prg. Oct. 22nd, 1888.

#### G.T.R. Denies Favoritism.

SIR, -Yours of 26th received to day. There has been no such rate as 48 cents per barrel from any point in Ontario to Liverpool; \$1.00 is the best figure that can be obtained, and even this is only good for present shipments.—ROBT. QUINN, District General Freight Agent. Hamilton, 25th Oct., ISSS.

## OUR FRUIT MARKETS.

# Shipping Direct to London.

Regarding shipments direct to this port, I will not agree that it is cheaper. The freight may look lower, but the expenses of dock dues, carting, &c., will cost you from 9d. to 1s. Id. per barrel, which, by way of Liverpool, is inclusive, and above all, the fruit gets much more knocked about than coming via Liverpool.

You may commence making shipments of Russetts and Spies about the middle of November. With Spies you must be assured that they are really sound, hard fruit, otherwise the condition at the time of arrival is bad. Good choice Russetts ought to do well.—J. B. Thomas.—London, 27th Oct., 1888.

## Covent Garden, London, England,

Our market has been very good for fair fruit, Greenings making from 12s. to 15s.; Baldwins, 12s. 6d. to 17s.; Fancies from 17s. to 25s., but as regards Canadian fruit the arrivals appear to be worse this season than in the past; the packing is very faulty, as well as the want of discrimination as to the class of fruit that will stand the voyage.

Your American contemporaries have taken the lesson from past years, and with the result that they take care to pack and ship the proper fruit, with the result that is knocking Canadian fruit entirely out. We know, of course, that later on when you commence to ship the harder fruit, better results will follow, but it is as well to commence well and finish better, than to commence bad and finish better.—J. B. Thomas.—London, 20th Oct., 1888.

#### Liverpool.

Messes. Williams, Thomas & Co., writes under date of 8th November as follows:

Sir,—Supplies of Apples during the week have been plentiful, but more moderate, consequently prices have improved, we quote: Kings, 16s. 3p. to 18s. 6p.: Baldwins, 12s. to 14s.; Greenings, 12s. 6p. to 15s. 9p.; Russets, 14s. 3p. to 15s. 6p.; 20 Ozs. and Ribston Pippins, 14s to 17s. 3p.: Various, 11s. to 16s. 9p. Good green fruit is scarce and wanted.

Advices from New York are to effect that shipments from that State will be light for some time, so can recommend your shipping.

## REVIEW.

Transactions Iowa Horticultural Society, 1887.—Geo. Van Houten, Lenox, Iowa, Secretary. A volume of 437 pages, bound in cloth, and containing many interesting papers, from which we hope to find room for some selections.

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Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue, Simmers' Flowering Bulbs.—J. A. SIMMERS, 147 King St. East, Toronto.

Lovett's Illustrated Catalogue of Trees and Plants.--J. T. LOVETT, Little Silver, N. J.

The American Agriculturist, 751 Broadway, N. Y. The American aloes, our native palms, and the glacier pink, a beautiful flower of the higher Alpine regions, are described and illustrated in the November number.

American Grape Vines—Semi-Annual Price List, Fall, 1888.—Bush & Son & Meissner, Bushberg, Jefferson County, Mo.

Wholesale Trade List of the Cayuga Lake Nurseries, also of Foreign Fruit Tree Stock, &c.--H. S. Anderson, Union Springs, N. Y.

Circular to Nurscrymen, concerning next Meeting of the American Association of Nurserymen at Chicago in June, 1889, at which a nurserymen's institute is to be held.—Chas. Grren, Secretary, Rochester, N. Y.

Catalogue D'Ognons a Fleurs, dec.—H. Schmitz, 20 Rue d Brabant Gand, Belgium.

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