

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

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Fruit, ex.S.S. "Iona," sold at London, October 7, 1897. 194 cases—net returns, £16.8.

Bartlett pears	Nil	to \$1.03 per bushel case.
Tomatoes.....	24c.	" 30c "
Plums.....	Nil.	

Fruit, ex.S.S. "Vancouver," sold in London, October 10, 1897. 694 cases. Loss £37.12.6.

Bartlett pears.....	30c.	to \$1.11 per bushel case.
Plums.....	Nil	" "
Peaches.....	12c.	" 1.09 " "
Tomatoes	24c.	" 91 " "

Mr. Crandall writes: "While these two shipments were some improvement on the fruit shipped by the "Merrimac," they are far from being satisfactory. The peaches are practically worthless, most of them decayed and rotten. All the pears are over-ripe, and in some of the cases decayed and rotten." He then proceeds to blame the package and the ripeness of the fruit when packed, instead of the temperature of the cold storage, which, I believe, is in fault in each case.

Fruit, ex S.S. "Kastalia," sold in Glasgow, October 15, 1897. 752 cases. Net returns £21.0.3.

Grapes.....	4c.	to 30c. per bushel case.
Tomatoes	4	" \$1.23 " "
Tomatoes, half cases.....		75 per half case.
Duchess pears.....		1.64 per bushel case.
Bartlett pears.....	30	" 1.22 " "
Anjou pears.....		2.07 " "
Ribston apples.....	1.77	" 2.58 " "
Fl-mish Beauty pears.....		2.01 " "
Crawford peaches.....	2	" 97 " "

Fruit ex S.S. "Numidian," sold in Glasgow, October 15, 1897.—336 cases.—Net returns, £43.16.5.

Crawford peaches.....	Nil	to \$3.66 per bush case.
" on lot of 87 cases made net returns of \$92.02.		
Grapes.....	48c	" 2.68 " "
Tomatoes		1.44 " "
Bartlett pears.....		2.00 " "

Fruit, ex. S.S. "Hurons," sold in London, October 21, 1897—786 cases.—Net returns, £39.19.10.

Bartlett pears.....	73 c.	to \$2 92 per bushel case.
Duchess pears	\$1.64	" 2 19 " "
Anjou pears.....		1 34 " "
Louise pears.....	\$3.41	to 3.90 " "
Howell pears.....		2 07 " "
White Doyenne		3.01 " "
Peaches	73 c.	to 2.44 " "
Grapes.....	24 c.	" 1.36 " "
Tomatoes	\$1.23	" 1.71 " "
Tomatoes	61	half

Messrs. Garcia & Jacobs, the salesmen, write: "There is no doubt that the fruit will suit the London trade, the eating quality being exceptionally good. The general appearance is about equal to that grown here and in France, but not equal to that in California. . . . There is no reason to doubt that if the fruit can be made to stand the journey, when once the difficulties of packages and temperature are overcome, the results should be satisfactory."