

## THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET.

After all it would appear that the apple markets of Great Britain are governed chiefly by the supply from Canada and the United States. A little while ago, the market reports of Great Britain led us to suppose there was such a heavy home crop, that there would be no opening for our apples. Now, the November reports have come to hand it appears that the supply of home-grown apples is about exhausted, and that there is a sharp demand for Canadian apples at high prices, for first-class stock. Inferior stock is always cheap in every market, and should not be sent over under any circumstances.

James Adam, Son & Co. write, under date of 28th Oct., as follows :—

For the few Canadian apples yet to hand, we are pleased to report a very strong demand, with sales mostly at the following satisfactory prices: Kings (the so far favored variety), 25/ to 33/, Baldwins 20/ to 23/6, Greenings 15/ to 21/, Blenheim and Ribston Pippins 15/6 to 28/6, and 20oz. 25/ to 31/6 per barrel. The English growths are now greatly diminished, and the bulk of present stocks being of greenish varieties, fruit of good quality and color is wanted, and, provided supplies are not excessive, we think satisfactory returns may be looked for, from now until about the middle of December. About this time demand invariably falls off, and it will then perhaps be advisable to stop shipments until say the beginning of January.

And again, under date of 4th of November :—

Offerings this week have been in excess of last, though, as will be seen by figures below, arrivals altogether thus far are remarkably light. With the exception of a few Newtown Pippins, there have been no American, and of the Canadian, we are sorry to say the stock was not by any means good, having we suppose been put up in the orchard. In consequence of this, together also with the fact that green varieties predominated, prices are a shade easier, home growths yet offering plentiful supplies of these, as intimated in our last issue; but all things considered fair values have ruled, anything of color being again well competed for. Kings brought from 18/3 to 29/, Baldwins 15/3 to 21/, Spies 16/3 to 22/, Canada Reds and Ribstons 18/ to 20/6, and Greenings 9/3 to 17/9 per barrel, these latter having varied considerably in quality, as quotation indicates.

Newtowns, as was to be expected, are also cheaper, prices for first shipments being too high for this period of the season. Latest sales have been from 15/ to 30/ per barrel.

Prospects for good stock are still encouraging, provided supplies are not excessive, and it is to be hoped shippers will not be induced to send forward inferior stock, as this we feel sure will only lead to disappointment.

Arrivals from 1st September, 1893, to 28th October, 1893 . 2,238 barrels.  
 “ during the past week ..... 6,678 “

Total to date ..... 8,916

To same date last year, ..... 248,277

Messrs. Woodall & Co., of the same market, write under the same date :—

Of the arrivals up to date, 6,586 barrels were received during the present week, those received previously being insignificant and spread over a considerable period. About three weeks ago it became apparent that the enormous English crop was getting exhausted, which was confirmed by a small arrival of Canadian realizing up to 33/ for Kings, clearly showing that good qualities were wanted. The bulk of supplies, so far, are from Canada, and what were offered this week of good quality were eagerly competed for and sold at very full rates. A somewhat adverse element was produced by a shipment of false-packed fruit which brought very little, and made a quotation for Canadian that should not exist, and it is to be hoped the cause of it will not be repeated, as it gives a want of confidence