

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

PRICE OF APPLES never ruled higher, so far as we know, than this season. Some very high prices, according to the Fruit Growers of London England, have been made in Liverpool during the month of November. Spys for instance, went up to 24s. 3d. per barrel, Newtowns to 31s. 6d., and King Pippins to 32s. The latter were Canadian, and proves the superior nature of the Canadian fruit against the American. Such prices have not been known for years. Greenings actually went up to 22s. 6d., Spys to 26s. 9d., and various odd sorts ranged in value from 12s. to 28s per barrel. Money is being made freely at these prices.

Pears.—The same journal, speaking of pears says :

“French Duchess are worth from 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per case, and crates from 6s. to 14s. Of course the latter contain a large quantity, cases running from 40 to 48, and crates as high as twelve dozen. The California fruit is remarkably fine. Glout Morceau are making the highest prices, ranging from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. Easter Beurres are worth from 7s. to 8s., and Winter Nelis the same prices per half case. The quinces from the same country are very good, making from 9s. to 12s. per three to four dozen package.

“The California pear trade will develop into a big business and we are satisfied that these growers have a great future before them. The English markets can take all the choice fruit they can send across, and it is to be hoped the shippers will keep up the quality of their shipments.”

We do not see why our friends in California, three thousand miles farther away than we in Ontario, should capture the English market, when we have equally good Bartlett pears, and when the Dominion is ready to give us the cold storage necessary to put our fruits there in the best condition.

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL AND EXPERIMENTAL UNION holds its 19th meeting at the O. A. C. Guelph, on the 8th, 9th and 10th. An interesting popular programme will be given on the even-

ing of the 8th and the two following days will be given to addresses and discussions, of especial interest to farmers.

CANADIAN PEARS seems to be highly appreciated in England—Messrs. Wood, Omerod & Co., of Edinburgh write : “We were present yesterday (Nov. 3rd) at sale of (Canadian) grapes, pears, etc., at Glasgow. Pears made a pleasant surprise, and were in nice order. We bought the first parcel of five cases offered, Beurre d’Anjou and made a profit on them here ; they sold at 15s. per case of about 54 pears at auction. We do not hesitate to say that these will become a common export, if care be taken. The condition of nearly all the samples left little to be desired, and the quality was good.

THE GERMAN APPLE MARKET is said to be a good one for Canadian apples and we are informed that the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, has just forwarded samples of our finest commercial varieties for exhibition at an exhibition now in progress at Berlin. The following quotation for our apples in Hamburg were given by a firm there under date of Nov. 2nd :

Baldwin...	up to 24.25	marks,	equal to \$5 77
Ben Davis..	“ 25 25	“	“ 6 01
Greening..	“ 18.25	“	“ 4 35
Wine sap..	“ 22 25	“	“ 5 30
Spy.....	“ 18.75	“	“ 4 83
G. Russet..	“ 18.25	“	“ 4 35
N. Pippin..	“ 23.25	“	“ 5 54
Kings.....	“ 17.25	“	“ 4 11
Cannons..	“ 17.50	“	“ 4 17

The average quality of the sales was poor. Price for good fruits are very firm and prospects are very favorable, the demand being strong.

TRITOMAS.—To-day (Nov. 23) we have received from Messrs. Webster Bros. Hamilton, nearly a dozen fine spikes of Tritoma Uvaria grandiflora, which we have opened out and placed in vases for