



FIG. 2697. APPLE PACKING IN THE ORCHARD.
NAILING UP THE BOXES, USING EXCELSIOR
OR WOOD SHAVINGS AS PACKING
MATERIAL.

same under the cover to prevent the bottom lid from bruising the fruit when it is being nailed on. This stock is selected in the orchard and brought into the fruit house for wrapping and packing.

Ordinary XXX, or No. 1 apples, we pack in boxes from the packing table in the orchard, and the No. 2 in barrels, throwing the culls into heaps on the ground to be afterward gathered up for cider. No doubt it would be better to evaporate all No. 2 apples, instead of shipping them, and if this work could be done at home, on a small sized evaporator, probably this kind of stock could be made to bring the grower almost as much money as his No. 1.

CIDER APPLES FOR FRANCE.

THERE seems to be a most unusual shortage of apples in Europe, when even our Ontario culls are being bought up and forwarded to France for cider making. The Oakville Star of the 7th November has the following interesting item:

For over a week the Dawson Commission Co. have been buying up solid cull apples around the country and packing them in boxes weighing three hundred pounds each and holding as much as two barrels. The biggest rush was on Tuesday, when over a dozen teams, with large loads of apples, waited their turn on the hill to the wharf. Many of these apples were

not marketable at all, being too small, but as long as they were sound they were all right for this purpose.

The steam barge, Lloyd S. Porter, came in on Tuesday, and the pier was pretty well filled up waiting for her. She called at Burlington and took over twelve hundred boxes from there. It was after eleven o'clock at night when she finished loading. All day the company had a big gang busy.

The shipment from here was about fifteen hundred boxes, or about three thousand barrels, which is the biggest shipment ever put out of Oakville. A number of earloads were also shipped from Bronte. The entire shipment from Canada to France will be one hundred thousand boxes. The taking away of these apples has left about twelve hundred dollars with our farmers for stock which otherwise would have largely gone to waste.

We purchased these apples at a low price, said the Dawson Co. to the writer, only about eight cents a bushel, but we took everything in, no matter how small or scrubby. The French buyer does not wish to take more at present, but we are just now negotiating with an English buyer for a shipment of the same class.

"I do not see," said Mr. Chapin, of Madalin, N. Y., "why your Ontario farmers do not forward their own fruit just, as our growers do. I am forwarding agent for fruit growers along the Hudson river, and there every farmer ships his own stock, even if he has only fifty barrels."

DOES IT PAY TO SPRAY.

THE excellent results of faithful spraying with the Bordeaux for the prevention of apple scab is wonderfully evident in the Johnson orchard, near Simcoe, in Norfolk county, as will be seen by reading the article on page 355, by T. H. Race, of Mitchell, who was judge of fruit at the Simcoe Model Fair, and who visited the orchard the day previous to our visit.

There must surely be some conditions not fully understood when such remarkable results attend spraying in some instances, while in others, with the work apparently as well performed, the benefits seem to be comparatively small. It is only in the latter instance that there is any question as to whether it pays or not.