

DUCHESS APPLES IN GLASGOW.

Mr. John Brown, Dominion Government Inspector at Glasgow, reports that the first shipment for the season of American Duchess apples arrived there on the 3rd of August in good condition. They sold at prices ranging from 12 to 21 shillings, notwithstanding the fact dealers showed some hesitation in taking such early fruit.

WHAT THE FRUIT INSPECTORS ARE DOING.

Mr. J. J. Philp, Dominion Fruit Inspector of Winnipeg, is coming east and will address a number of meetings in the fruit growing sections of Ontario. There are great possibilities for Ontario fruit in Manitoba and the Northwest, and Mr. Philp hopes that the information he will be able to give regarding the western markets will be appreciated by the eastern growers and shippers. Full instructions will be given regarding the quality of fruit and shape of packages wanted in the west. Meetings have already been arranged for Chatham, Burlington and St. Catharines, and it is expected that others will be held at Walkerton and some other fruit centres. After the meetings are over Mr. Philp will spend some time doing inspection work through Ontario and at Montreal, so as to become thoroughly familiar with the methods practised in the east.

While Mr. Philp is in the east Mr. J. F. Scriver, the Montreal inspector, will take his place in Winnipeg to study conditions and get in touch with the dealers and consumers in the west. Lieut. Vroom, Nova Scotia inspector, who was a member of the Basley team, is now returning to Canada by the Tunisian. After the shooting was over he spent a few days studying the conditions of the fruit trade in the chief British markets, and will be able to take up his work in Nova Scotia with a better understanding of the requirements of dealers and consumers in the Old Country.

Mr. A. McNeil, senior inspector, will have charge of the Fruit Division's exhibit at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition and will also conduct the packing demonstrations.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

American Horticultural Manual—Part II. Systematic pomology, containing descriptions of the leading varieties of the orchard fruits, grapes, small fruits, subtropical fruits, and the nuts of the United States and Canada, by J. L. Budd, professor emeritus in horticulture in the Iowa State College of Agriculture. Illustrated by hundreds of outlines of the leading commercial fruits and nuts. Published by John Wiley & Sons, New York City. Price, \$1.50.

A most valuable work for the fruit grower, and published at a marvellously low price, considering the immense amount of work entailed upon the author in preparing the technical descriptions.

THE FOREIGN APPLE CROPS.

A Short Crop Everywhere—Higher Prices Than Last Year Should Prevail.

All reports agree that both apples and pears are a short crop in Europe, and that our Canadian stock will be in great demand. A very complete report is just to hand from E. A. O'Kelly & Co., Covent Garden, London, from which we cull the following portions:

England.—There are no crops whatever of English apples this year. The London market, as is well known, is the natural outlet for apples from the home countries. We therefore believe that the London market will be as high as it was last year, and we shall most probably see London speculators take advantage of this, to buy apples in Liverpool, send them to London and realize a good profit, as was frequently done last year.

France.—The Dieudonne district (red apple district), the Charente district (Russett's district), and the Anger's district cannot be taken into account this year. We hear from reliable information that there are no apples whatever in France, and we believe that a few good good American or Canadian apples, such as prime Baldwins, and especially Russets, might be sold with advantage there. Shippers should only send small lots, and only the very best. We are in a position to take charge of shipments for Paris.

Italy has a fair crop of apples, but they will probably all find their way to their usual outlet, that is to say, the south of Germany and Hungary.

Spain has a medium crop, but the bulk of same will be imported into France for cider making.

Germany.—There is a good middling crop in that country this year, but as the bulk of apples grown there are cooking apples, Germany will be open this year again to receive large quantities of prime red apples, and we feel sure results will give shippers satisfaction.

Holland.—There is a fair crop of apples in Holland, but the quantity of apples grown there is limited.

American and Canada.—As far as we can judge, the crop of Canadian and American apples is not quite so large as last year, but the quality is, if anything, better. We are of the opinion that this year again American and Canadian operators are going to have things their own way. There is really no competition to be feared from apple growers this side of the water. It remains for operators to act in a judicious way, and this season ought to be a good one for all concerned. In consequence of the complete failure of English and French crops of pears, apples and plums, we are sure that early apples will do well. The same can also be said with reference to pears, providing they reach us in good condition.

The editor of this journal is now (August 25) packing a carload of his Bartlett pears and Duchess apples for Glasgow, to go in cold storage on the steamer Lakonia on the 3rd of September. He will report the result as soon as he receives his account sales.