



A Field of Potatoes—Half-mile from Armstrong

Potatoes

DURING October, 1909, 139 cars of potatoes were shipped from Armstrong station, and in the year the total shipment of potatoes aggregated over 6,800 tons, giving Armstrong first rank in the Province.

Early potatoes are ready about the first week in July, and shipments continue until the following April, though the heavy shipping period is in July and August for the early crop, and in September, October and November for the late crop. Stock that is stored and pitted being shipped in December, January, February, March and April.

The price opens up at about \$30.00 for early shipments and gradually declines, and the decline depends somewhat on the season, but the early potatoes occasionally go as low as \$12.00 to \$14.00.

The price for late shipments run from \$18.00 to as low as \$12.00 per ton, though several growers have for consecutive years averaged \$18.00 and \$19.00 per ton for their entire crop of early and late potatoes.

The average crop on low land runs from 8 to 14 tons per acre, and on the upland from 4 to 8 tons per acre, depending somewhat on the season.

Armstrong possesses two shipping concerns who make a specialty of handling potatoes and other vegetables, and their business is increasing rapidly as the market is widening constantly.