

orchard alone, though a fine peach orchard just of bearing age; nor in the location altogether, although that is one of the pleasantest, but largely in the grand old trees which were left from the primeval forest to shade the borders of the lawn and hide unsightly views. "It would take a life time," said the buyer, "to put such grand old trees about a home, and I would not buy a place bare of trees at any price." Why is it that the grand old oaks, maples and elms, monarchs of the forest, are so thoughtlessly destroyed by the farmers of Ontario? Is there no way of convincing them that in time these will add thousands of dollars to the selling value of their farms?

THE APPLE SITUATION TO-DAY

IS the heading of several columns in "The Sun," in which the editor says, "Taking the situation as a whole it looks as if good apples, not necessarily grade No. 1, should go between \$1.00 and \$1.50 in the orchard. They may go more, they are not likely to go less, and the probabilities are on the side of the growers." It is really a comfort to us growers to find one journal taking up our interests. The Official Crop Reporter, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, in speaking of the conditions of the apple crop in the United States, says that of the States having four million trees and upwards in apples eleven report an improvement in condition during August, and all but six of the apple-growing States report conditions ranging from 7 to 32 points above their ten-year averages. The State Weather Bureau reports that the outlook in New York is for considerably less than an average yield of apples. Buyers are snapping up desirable apples throughout the western part of York State. A Kenyon man has sold 2,000 barrels of bulk apples at \$2 a barrel; Albert Wood, Carlton, his orchard of 700 trees for \$7,000; the Pratt estate, Carlton, gets \$2.50 per

barrel for firsts and seconds; an East Albion man, \$2 for everything barrelable; I. Cooper of Carlton, \$2,500 for a 9-acre orchard; several other orchards sold at from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The Illinois Orchard Co., of Kankakee, Ill., has sold the apples in two orchards for \$11,500. These orchards total 125 acres, and are situated in Clay and Richland counties. The apples were of the Ben Davis and Jonathan varieties. On the other hand we read in the New York Fruit Journal such statements as the following:—"The talk that buyers are offering \$2.50 per barrel is rot. The apple men, with few exceptions are not anxious to part with their money. We were talking with one grower to-day who expects 500 barrels, and he remarked that he 'hoped to get \$1.00 for the fruit clear of the barrel.' This is not an exceptional case. The rank and file of our growers are beginning to wonder if they will be able to realize the above figure. Of course, the growers are talking short crop, hoping thereby to get the price started high.

We believe that the situation is one that calls for careful investigation before prices are made."

APPLES A BIG FAILURE IN ENGLAND.

ALL our foreign reports agree that the apple crop in Great Britain is an unusual failure, especially of colored or fancy fruit, so that the prices in England will be high. Already (September 2nd) sales are reported in Liverpool for fall apples at about \$6.00 a barrel, and in Glasgow at \$2.50 per bushel box! We have word of a syndicate in England, which is being formed for the purchase in Canada of high grade apples, packed in boxes, under high class brands. This is pointing in the right direction. We are tired of shipping fruit to commission men, who so often sacrifice it, and seem to care little for the interests of the consignor, so long as they get their percentage.