

Speaking of freezing reminds me of the way I put in ice last winter, and the hint may prove serviceable to some the coming winter. To those who only use a moderately small quantity, the best way is to make a tight bin of boards, well staved with studding, in a place where protection of sawdust can be piled up around of two feet or so in thickness ; fill in with water into the bin a foot or so each night during the freezing weather until the required amount is frozen, and then take away the bin and protect well with sawdust. This plan will keep one in ice the season through, when the same amount, saved in blocks cut from the lakes or rivers, would not hold out much longer than half the summer.

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THE APPLE EXPORT TRADE.

Surprise is sometimes expressed at the wide range in the prices for apples cabled from the English markets. The reason is not far to seek. A cablegram to hand this week read :—"Fruit importers say Canadian shippers of apples should exercise more care in packing. Many barrels were much depreciated in value on account of carelessness in this respect." Canadians might easily secure 25 per cent. more for much of their fruit sent from here than they now receive. The trouble is in the handling and packing of the apples. The prospects for Canadian apples in England are brighter. A recent report from London says : "We believe the bulk of the English apples will be on the market during the present month ; in fact, already a scarcity is felt, and apples are selling at higher prices now than they have been for some years in the month of September. Continental supplies are getting exhausted, and our opinion is that most of the apples on the continent will, as in our own case, be on the market during the present month, with the exception of the south of France. This is a thing that has not occurred before for many years, and we shall now have to look to the States, Canada and Nova Scotia for our supplies during the remainder of the season."

Another London firm writes :—"Now what is the outlook for this season as compared to 1891-'92 ? In that year we had a third of a crop of apples in England ; France had double the quantity she has this year, and the same may be said of Holland and Germany. This year, as stated in our report, issued in July, England has the worst crop of apples known for twenty years. At the present time the London market is in want of American apples, which is just one month earlier than she has ever had American apples here before. We have seldom wanted American apples here before the middle of October ; in fact, they have hitherto always done better in London towards the end of October than earlier. Freights are now the lowest they have ever been within the writer's recollection. We hear of 1s. 6d. freight from Boston, and 2s. from Montreal ; and from New York the freight will not be more than 2s. 6d. to 3s. per barrel. This is nearly 2s. per barrel less than it has been for years, and we do not think any important rise is coming."—The Globe.