

THE FOREIGN MARKET REPORTS.

No doubt the bulk of our apples, of ordinary grades up to No. 1, or 2½ inch apples, must always be sold in barrels. It would not pay to expend the labor and money upon them which would be necessary to put them up in cases, and even if they were boxed they would not command any better price than the same stock in barrels. But extra grades of apples, put up in special packages, will command special attention and make such a reputation for high grade Canadian apples as has already been made for her cheese by similar methods. The following quotations are for ordinary first or second grade apples such as are usually exported in barrels :

Mr. Eben James, of Toronto, representing Woodall & Co., Liverpool, writes Oct. 12th :—

A decided change for the better has taken place and the outlook which was blue some time ago has been reversed. Present cables, though high, should not be accepted as a criterion of future prices, though they show that British buyers are appreciating the good quality of our fruit and we may anticipate a brisk demand which even at considerably lower prices will show a good profit. Also, unlike last season, the war is now practically over and there should be nothing to spoil the sale of what is, in a measure, a luxury.

There are other reasons which brighten the outlook. There have been numerous enquiries from the U. S. for our apples and a few contracts made, showing that their crop either in quantity or quality is not what was expected; also the report we circulated about the English crop of hard fruit being ruined, is undoubtedly true, as prices show; and the storms here did great damage and reduced our crop materially.

The apples are held practically by a few hands in Canada and our advice to our friends is not to be induced to sell out their holdings as we believe the prospects are bright and there is every reason to expect that much of the money lost last year will be made up. If you are bound to sell here, kindly advise me before doing so.

Woodall & Co., Liverpool, write Sept 29th:

The season's arrivals to date 24,940 barrels, have consisted of early varieties, and during the past fourteen days a fair quantity of Baldwins have been shown, but were of course green and immature, and have come into competition with the English crop which is a large one. and all our

markets are glutted with them. It is therefore a matter of little surprise that similar class fruit such as is now arriving from America and Canada are not sufficiently superior in quality to induce satisfactory prices, although there have been occasional exceptions. Each arrival is showing some improvement, and at the same time the glut of home production is disappearing, so that it may confidently be expected that in a short time imports will be of good quality and condition, and prices paid at recent sales would suggest that even now the trade are giving American and Canadian fruit the preference.

PRICES AT LAST SALES.

	Firsts	Seconds & Slack.
NEW YORK—	Baldwins.....11/6 to 14/	8/ to 12
	Kings.....15/ to 21/	12/ to 14/
BOSTON—	Baldwins....10/ to 12/	8/ to 10/
	{Ramshorns, } 11/ to 14/9	8/ to 10/
	{Hubbardston }	
CANADIAN	{Gravenstein }	
	{and Blush } 14/ to 19/6	12/ to 14/6
	Greenings...11/6 to 14/6	10/ to 12/6
	Snows. 15/ to 16/6	13/ to 14/6
	Colverts.....12/ to 14/6	11/ to 14/

Wasty sell 2/ to 3/ under quotations for slack.

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James Adam, Son & Co., write September 9th :

It is now more than a month since the first apples arrived from your side, and while the quantities were very small at the outset they have gradually increased, the total to date being 24,921 barrels, as compared with 41,195 barrels for the same period last season.

Needless to say, there has been great irregularity in the samples, some of the fruit being of only indifferent quality, as well as faulty in condition, still on the whole we should say that for first arrivals they have been fully up to the average, and from present indications we are inclined to hope for something good in the matter of quality later on.

New York up to the present has been our largest contributor, but it is doubtful if this will remain so for long, as the crop in the New England States is said to be very large, and in all probability we shall be getting more important consignments from this quarter very soon. So far the New York Baldwins have been wanting both as regards size and color, and although future arrivals may, and no doubt will, show an improvement as to the latter, the former defect is less certain of being remedied, indeed we hear already that the variety generally promises to run small this season. Of course with so many green apples of English growth available, our market has not warranted high prices being obtained for this fruit, still there has been a fairly good outlet at 7s. to 13s. 6d., while Kings