

in a part of the hold where there was poor ventilation.

"Had I not sent these apples to two different buyers I would never have heard these particulars, as if only one man had received them he would probably have reported the whole lot to be inferior and I would never have known which shipment was the worst or anything about them. The varieties consisted of Spys, Baldwins, Ben Davis and Golden Russets in the car which turned out badly, while in the other car were Spys, Baldwins, Ben Davis, Golden Reds and a few Stark."

Only Good and Properly Packed Fruit Wanted

J. W. DRAPER & SON, FRUIT IMPORTERS, LONDON, ENG.

The only articles Canadian fruit growers can send to this market with a prospect of success are apples, the choicest pears and cranberries. There are no present indications of an outlet here for their other products. The packages to be recommended are: The barrel, as at present used, for apples generally, and a bushel box for any very choice apples and pears. Small or common pears are useless. A case should contain about 35 pounds of cranberries. All cases should have small battens nailed on the top and on one end, to keep the cases apart, otherwise heat forms in the centre of a pile while they are on the voyage.

We cannot too strongly recommend care in the selection and packing of the fruit. Only really good fruit should be sent, and a barrel or case should contain equal quality throughout. If this system of packing is adopted we feel certain that success will be attained by the packers, but fraudulent packing or careless selection is sure to bring disaster.

The London market receives very largely from all points, and is generally over-supplied with inferior qualities of fruits, but it is only in the very heaviest seasons that there is a glut of fine-grown and well-packed fruit. A packer who sends to this market should, therefore, try to secure the best portion of the demand that exists, and this can only be accomplished by sending the best qualities.

Great Britain

Taking the growing counties as a whole in the British Isles, the apple crop will be but a full half crop. The bulk of these will doubtless be marketed before the Canadian winter fruit is ready for shipment. At lower prices than last year, there ought to be a fair opening for your country's surplus.—(Craze & Goodwin, commission dealers, London, Eng.)

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Talks With Fruit Growers.

I have 2,000 peach trees and practically all are winter killed and damaged by water. Fruit of all sorts will be light except apples.—(George Chambers, Kent Co., Ont.)

There will be no fruit for shipping from this district. A good many apple trees are killed, all the English cherry trees and a good many pear and peach trees on sandy soil are dead.—(H. Forbes, Kent Co., Ont.)

Apples here are not more than two-thirds of an average crop. They are free from fungus of all kinds. Orchards that have been sprayed show but few worms and less than 3 per cent. of fungus. Japanese plums are a heavy crop; all other sorts practically dead. Peaches, with exception of a few favored orchards, have been badly hurt by the winter or mice.—(Milton Backus, Kent Co., Ont.)

Aphis and fungus are very bad where spraying is not done.—(J. E. Hambley, Kent Co., Ont.)

Mice were very destructive the past winter. I have eight acres in orchards and never saw trees so badly hurt with frost.—(H. Howard, Wentworth Co., Ont.)

There will be a nice crop of apples in our section if conditions continue favorable. The crop is light, but of good quality.—(A. H. Crosby, York Co., Ont.)

The curculio seems to have gotten in his work on the plums and peaches pretty well, as a lot of the fruit is dropping. Apples and grapes seem to be doing well, and fruit is making good growth.—(Chas. Lowrey, Lincoln Co., Ont.)

Fruit crop below the average in this locality. I have been a subscriber to *The Horticulturist* for over 30 years, without intermission.—(W. M. Robson, Victoria Co., Ont.)

The past winter was the most severe ever known as far as fruit trees are concerned. I had a seedling winter killed that was 14 years old. Last year's fruit was in good condition at the beginning of June, 1904. Very few pests of any kind on trees this year, a most unusual occurrence. Even our English walnuts are free from pests. The Duchess, Wealthy and Mann apples show no injury from severity of past winter.—(D. J. Hall, Grenville Co., Ont.)

The crop of winter apples along the shores of Lake Erie will be light. The blossoms were damaged by rain and fruit is falling off considerably.—(Jas. Symmington, Norfolk Co., Ont.)

Apples are free from insects and fungus so far, and of good size.—(W. M. Adam, Ontario Co., Ont.)

California growers have adopted a good method of protecting their fruit cases. The lids are nailed on, but are protected by cleats nailed across each end of the cover. When purchasers take the cover off to see the fruit, these cleats prevent the slats from splitting and the appearance of the box being injured.

I consider *The Horticulturist* a very valuable paper and would not like to be without it.—(Robert Scott, Meyersburg, Ont.)