

### PRICES OF APPLES.

MR. ROBT. BALL used to say that it never paid to ship apples to England when the price reached \$2.50 in our own markets. He was one of the earliest apple exporters in the Niagara district, and his experience of an early day, applies equally to these times. Many of us would be money in pocket this season had we sold all our apples in our home markets instead of shipping them to England. Indeed it has been rather surprising that so many have gone over in a year of such scarcity at home. The English papers even tell us that they are surprised that so many apples have come forward after the tales of scarcity that had come to them from us.

As we might expect, prices in Liverpool have been gradually going down, while those in Montreal, Toronto and New York have been gradually advancing. According to late reports, Canadian apples were sold in Liverpool market, during the month of December at an average of \$5.00 per barrel, while in New York city they are quoted at \$6.00 to \$8.00, in Toronto have even touched \$4.50 per barrel, and have changed hands in Montreal at \$6.00.

---

### RASPBERRIES FOR HOME USE.

PRES. LYON, of Michigan, gives in the same bulletin the following as the best raspberries (of the *Rubus strigosus* type) for a succession for family use, viz : Thompson, Turner, Herstine, Golden Queen and Cuthbert.

Why he should give the Thompson as first early, instead of the better tested Marlboro', does not appear, for the former is a new variety, originating in Ohio not yet fruited long enough to have established a character. It does not seem to be as productive as the Marlboro' and is not any earlier in ripening. The fruit is bright colored, attractive and of good quality.

Of the blackcaps, (*Rubus occidentalis*), he gives the following selection for the family garden, viz : Doolittle, Hillborn and Nemaha, with Shaffer for canning. For market purposes he would substitute Gregg for Hillborn. Souhegan and Tyler, he says, are so like the Doolittle that there is practically no difference ; Nemaha and Gregg are also scarcely distinguishable. The latter he justly places at the head of the list for market.

---

### TWO NEW STRAWBERRIES TESTED.

MANY of the reports of the Experiment stations have little of practical interest to us as fruit growers. The bulletins are so abstract that few practical men have time to wade through them to get any benefit. In this respect we have to make some notable exceptions and among them those from the stations in connection with the agricultural colleges of Michigan and Massachusetts.

We give one or two extracts from these reports, concerning two of the newer varieties of strawberries, viz. : the Bubach and the Parker Earle.

BUBACH, originated in Illinois in the year 1885, of the largest size ; form, roundish, broad, oblate conical ; color, bright crimson ; a variety, which, though requiring a fertilizer, and lacking the firmness requisite for a distant market, possesses, with uniformly large size, such an assemblage of valuable qualities of both plant and fruit