

A REPLY TO INQUIRERS.

In reply to a large number of enquiries, which I cannot find time to answer personally by letter, I can confidently recommend the following firms to our Canadian shippers. In London, Eng.—Mr. J. B. Thomas, Covent Garden Market; Messrs. Williams, Thomas & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. L. & H. Williams & Co., Glasgow. These firms have very large storage capacity. Their method of handling is this: When a cargo arrives it is transported to the storehouse and every barrel opened and examined. Those that are decaying are sold at once. Those loosened slightly by the voyage and not shewing signs of decay, are tightened thoroughly. Then in selling they offer in the auction mart, but do not sell unless a bid is made up to what they consider the fruit fairly worth. They sell largely in lots in the warehouses. A grower can ship direct to these firms, and get returns promptly. They will pay drafts for a proportion at time of shipping, say from \$1 to \$1.75 per barrel, according to brand. The freight rates vary from 80c. to \$1.15 per barrel through the season. At present the rate is 90c. average. Fruit shipped this season has carried best via New York, owing to the fact that the American roads handle with less shunting, and steamships will give special apartments and cold blast.

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Review.

We will gladly give our candid opinion of any books, magazines or catalogues received, especially if they are likely to interest or benefit Canadian fruit growers, but will not insert cut and dried reading notices in favor of any publication whatever.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS. American edition. Published at No. 237 Potter Building, New York.

The number for Oct. 15 contains an

article of two and a half pages about the "Green Lanes" of England. The writer claims that the beauty of the country cannot be seen or appreciated in a hasty ride through it in a phaeton, a four-horse drag, or, much less, "on that abominable piece of mechanism, a bicycle. Patient and persistent way-faring through its green lanes—by no other means can you get at the secret of its beauty, and understand why it is, and how it is, that Englishmen, who thoroughly know their country, love it with so deep and passionate an affection." A series of pictures illustrating the scenery in the Atlas Mountains in connection with an account of the British Mission to Morocco is also highly interesting.

REPORT OF THE BUTANIST to the New York Experiment Station, Geneva, N.Y. By J. C. Arthur.

The Report treats of Pear Blight, Rotting of Tomatoes, Strawberry Mildew, Plum-Leaf Fungus, Smut in Oats, etc.

CATALOGUES.

SIMMERS' ILLUSTRATED AND DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF FLOWERING BULBS. J. A. Simmers, 147 King St. E., Toronto, Ont.

LOVETT'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF TREES AND PLANTS. Autumn, 1887. Choice small fruits a specialty. J. T. Lovett, Little Silver, N.J.

THE GREENWOOD NURSERIES, Como, Quebec. Hardy apple trees for sale, suitable for the Province of Quebec. R. W. Shepherd, jun., Montreal, Que., proprietor.

CATALOGUE D'OGNONS A FLEURS, graines et plantes d'automne, divers objets et ustensiles horticoles de H. Schmitz, 20 Rue de Brabant, Gand., Belgique.

BEES AND HONEY. Illustrated Catalogue and Price List. A. I. Root, Medina, Ohio.

"AH! WHAT'S THIS?" exclaims the intelligent compositor. "Sermons in stones, books in the running brooks?" That can't be right. I have it! He means 'Sermons in books, stones in the running brooks.' That's sense." And that is how the writer found it. And yet he was not happy.—*Boston Transcript.*