

the barrels are not going to average very much. Besides other food products are largely shipped on consignment to brokers, such as cheese, butter, and eggs to a certain extent."

HOW LONG TO STORE APPLES.

THE question when to ship for best prices seems very unsettled, and probably varies every year. The Brighton apple men are now rushing forward all their stock in order to finish shipping by April 1st. They say that this continent has such an unusual quantity of apples in storage that the price cannot advance.

Mr. Allan gave his opinion that our apples should not reach England later than April, else they will meet the early fruits of Spain, and the Tasmanian apples. On the other hand we notice that Woodall's reports of Baldwin sales always reach the top notch in spring time. So we are still at sea, and cannot conclude this question.

APPLES PAY.

NOBODY about Brighton thinks of digging out his apple trees. They pay too well. One packer at Brighton took about 2,000 barrels off his nineteen acres and sold them for \$4,900. They were Phoenix and Baldwin. "I can beat that record," said Oscar Chatterson, of Brighton, "In 1896 I took 1,088 barrels of apples off four acres, but I did not get much for them that year."

"In 1898," said Mr. F. C. Morrow, "I was saved from disaster by a car of Mann apples. I had met poor sales and two carloads of my apples had been frozen at Montreal, though they were inside a refrigerator car, so that I was utterly discouraged. On the 17th of March I forwarded a car of Mann apples to Liverpool and got a net return of \$4.40 per barrel! and for a carload of Spys I got \$3.00 f. o. b. to go to Montreal."

PLAIN BRANDING.

"IT is a great mistake," said Mr. Allan, "to use rubber stamps or indistinct

pencil marks for the name of the variety; this is too important to be done carelessly; it should be made plain and distinct so that it would not be easily erased, and could be easily read."

We noticed that the Brighton people do this well. They use nicely cut stencils for all marks, and printer's ink as a marking fluid. They thin it with coal oil, and apply it with a brush, neatly and quickly.

THE TRENTON STORAGE.

MR. EBEN JAMES, who represents Woodall & Co., Liverpool, has perhaps the best situated apple house in Ontario, because at Trenton there are both Grand Trunk and Pacific lines in competition, and the Central Ontario R. R. to bring stock from the interior; while all about the Bay of Quinte, calling at least at twenty docks plys the Steamer Verona, gathering the apples of the farmers and landing them directly upon the commodious wharf of the Trenton Storage House. There are no wharfage, or cartage charges. The building is of stone, 94 x 124 feet and the cost about \$40,000; when completed it will be four stories high, and afford accommodation for about 50,000 barrels of apples. Refrigerator machinery will be put in next season, so that apples can be held at any desired temperature from "start to finish;" and for convenience of handling there will be barrel lifters, hoists and carriers, so that unloading from the cars, or loading upon the cars or upon the steamers for Montreal can be done at the least expense. The Richelieu line of steamers will call two or three days a week, and there are besides two daily boats.

The cost to the grower who chooses to store his apples, will be: 1st, the additional charge on the through bill of lading by the Railway Company of 11 cents a barrel, 10 cents a barrel for the cold air storage, or 25 cents a barrel for refrigeration, a total of from 21 to 36 cents a barrel. To this must be added the extra cost of repacking,