

Mr. Peter Byrne, Ontario Government Agent at Liverpool, writes concerning this shipment, October 5th, 1900 :

" Sir —The Hon. John Dryden having informed me that you would like to hear from me regarding the condition of your shipment of fruit on the S. S. Commerce, I am glad to inform you that I found it very good indeed. The fruit was very cold, and some of it very 'sweaty' when opened, but otherwise it was all right, every case inspected being sound.

" The Elberta peaches were rather green and

Those shipped by D. J. McK. were to a considerable extent damaged, having, perhaps, been packed over ripe. Messrs. Pettit & Son's lot (two grades) were in about the same condition, a good many in some of the cases being bad, and others being all right. Part were packed with wool and paper, and part with paper and shavings. I am inclined to think the wool packing is of doubtful benefit

" I find that some experienced fruit dealers here have no fault to find with the present modes of packing, and would suggest no alteration whatever.

" Mr. Potter secured the temporary use of a fine

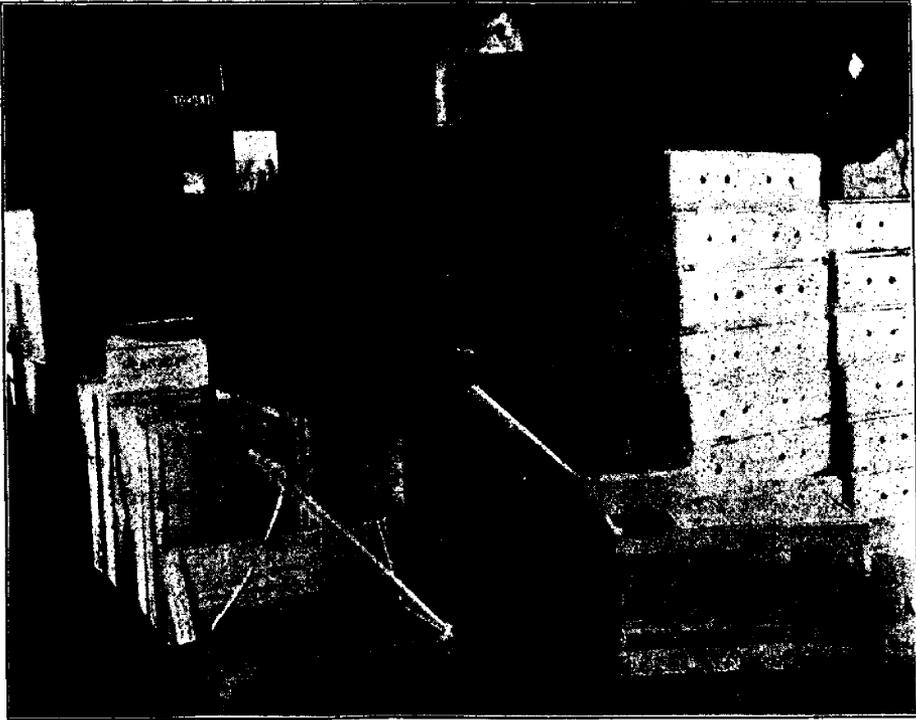


FIG. 1955. BUSHEL BOXES OF APPLES, HALF BUSHEL BOXES OF PEARS, AND PACKAGES OF GRAPES, PACKED FOR EXPORT FOR ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

immature looking, and consequently less attractive than the Crawfords sent by Messrs. Pettit & Son. Some of these had probably been a little too ripe when picked, as a good many of them were in various stages of decay when opened. Whether the wool used in packing had anything to do with it I could not say. But the majority of the Crawfords were in perfect condition, and have been much admired for their beautiful and attractive color.

" Your case of tomatoes turned out sound but very tender in the skin, and soft. It is well you did not send any considerable quantity, as the market is glutted with foreigners.

" The pears sent by E. J. W. all turned out well.

show window in Manchester for a display of the fruit; and I have done the same here. I brought from Manchester a Wilson case with a careful selection of pears, apples and peaches, but, finding these were too few to be effective, I got four half-cases from Mr. Shuttleworth, in Liverpool, who is the consignee of the other shipment ex-Commerce, and with their aid got a good and effective exhibit for the show window of the C. P. R. offices. It is attracting an immense deal of attention. I invited all the Press of the city to come and inspect and taste the peaches, which, being a great novelty here, form the most attractive part of the display. The great mass of the people here actually think that they are grown