

which keep until July. I have no other late variety half as useful.—CHARLES E. BROWN, Yarmouth, N.S.

Golden Queen.

SIR,—This raspberry, which I received from the Association last year has done finely, and gave me a quart of as fine berries as ever I tasted, and that is the testimony of

several others that tasted them. It wintered well, showing no signs of winter killing, although it is in an exposed place. It has made a vigorous growth, sending up many shoots which I intend to set in the Spring. This is the result from one bush, the others I received did not live. I think the Golden Queen has come to stay, and for a near market I think it will take the lead in a few years, as soon as its good qualities are known.—W. C., South Livermore, Maine.

OUR FRUIT MARKETS.

THE scarcity of *apples* is being more and more realized in Ontario, and, though prices have not yet advanced above quotations of last month, yet apple shippers feel confident of very high prices before the spring. Farmers in the Niagara peninsula even, who live on the mountain, and away from the favoring influence of the lakes, have no apples at all in their orchards, and drive twenty and thirty miles to secure a supply for their families.

Mr. J. F. Wilson writes that buyers are paying \$2.00 per barrel at Chat-ham, for the bare fruit, and paying for barrels and packing extra; and no doubt they can well afford this price. Kings and other fancy stock are in especially good demand, and are worth from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bbl. in our home markets.

Pears are no longer in great demand, dealers having for the most part laid in a good stock of Duchess, and few are being asked for by consumers.

Grapes are ruling higher than for many years, the lowest price received by growers being 4 cts. per pound for Concord in ten-pound baskets. They are now advancing again, and are worth about five cents for choice samples.

A few apples are going forward to the British markets, but not one quarter of the quantity that went over last year. The average net returns, so far,

to Montreal men, amount to about \$3.00 per barrel for winters, an encouraging result; but when we have a prospect of getting \$3.00 per barrel right at home, we doubt the wisdom of risking the chances of any foreign market.

We subjoin a few market reports, which have come to hand:—

Bournemouth, England.

SIR,—Hearing your journal mentioned as the leading pomological organ of Canada, we beg to inform your readers of the scarcity of good English Apples this autumn, and would remind that by shipping good sound fruit to England this year they are bound to carry all before them.

We would also add a word of caution, viz.: to avoid crushing the London and Liverpool markets by forwarding all goods to these centres, whilst the smaller, but none the less wealthy, towns are starving for good fruit.

The great markets are quite overwhelmed, although their demand is enormous, and it is certain that no one can make a mistake in scattering their consignments, (so equalising prices) whilst those who persist in sending to one market, often suffer heavy losses.

We ourselves are prepared to receive consignments and guarantee top prices, our trade being of the highest class, and no local fruit worth naming.—A. MAY & CO., 12 The Arcade, Bournemouth, England 18th, October, 1889.

Liverpool.

SIR,—Arrivals of Apples during the past week have been on a rather more liberal scale, although strictly moderate.