

The Russian Apple Trees.

87. I send for this day's post two apples from the Russian tree received from the Society. I may say that the tree is exceedingly healthy and vigorous as well as perfectly hardy; not even the terminal buds suffered.—W. W. HIGGINSON, *Hawkesbury*.

The Russian trees referred to were seedlings, sent out without name, and consequently nothing could

be said of the kind or quality of the fruit they would produce. Their only point of excellence was their hardness, in which respect these appear to be all that could be wished. The size and color of these samples compares favorably with the Greening, but the quality is inferior.

OPEN LETTERS.**Dominion Convention of Fruit Growers.**

SIR,—In response to an application from the Provincial Fruit Growers' Associations, the Dominion Government has granted an appropriation to aid in the extension and development of the fruit growing industry in Canada.

A Convention of the Fruit Growers of the Dominion will be held in the City of Ottawa, February, 1890. Delegates will be present from the various Provinces, and a programme will be prepared upon subjects of general interest.

Prizes to the amount of \$400 will be offered

for dried, preserved, and late-keeping varieties of fresh fruits.

Special railroad and hotel rates will be obtained for those desirous of attending.

Schedules of prizes and programmes of proceedings will be issued at an early date, and may be obtained from L. Woolverton, Secretary Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Grimsby, Ont.; C. R. H. Starr, Secretary Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, Port Williams, N. S.; A. H. B. Macgowan, Secretary British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, Vancouver, B.C. or W. W. Dunlop, Secretary, P. O. Box 1145, Montreal.—*Montreal, Nov., 1889.*

OUR FRUIT MARKETS.

OUR home markets have been a little fitful owing to the plentiful supply coming in from certain localities, but on the whole there is a constant demand, and prices for first class apples are from about \$3 upwards. The export trade in apples from the Atlantic seaboard to Great Britain, including the ports of New York, Boston, Montreal, Halifax and Annapolis, have amounted to 261,176 bbls. to date of Nov. 9th. Last season to same date the amount was 553,456 bbls.

Liverpool.

SIR,—Apples from your side are being forwarded on a very limited scale and prime stock of every description meets with a very ready sale, and this class we can recommend shipping. We quote: Baldwins, 15s. to 18s. 3d.; Greenings 14s. 9d. to 18s.; Kings, 23s. to 26s. 6d.; various, 13s. 3d. to 20s. 6d. Market steady with a continuance of limited supplies. Prices will be sustained. Waiting

your favors, yours faithfully, WILLIAMS, THOMAS & Co.

Edinburgh.

SIR,—The markets here and in Glasgow are maintaining prices of Canadian apples with a tendency to firmness for the finer parcels, the prices quoted in your last issue being fully maintained up to this date.

In this market, careful and honest regular packing is essential to good results.

There is, at present, a scarcity of color which we should be pleased to see supplied.

There has indeed been a fair supply of Danish Gravensteins, but though color is beautiful, the flavor is very deficient.

The Danes have shown remarkable energy this season, shipping their fruit in American style, also in cases of from 60 to 130 pounds net, and as it has met with a very fair market, they will no doubt be stimulated to greater efforts in the future.

Packing with them has been made a special feature, so much the more necessary does it become for our Canadian friends to attend to this vital point.—We are, sir, yours respectfully. WOOD, ORMEROD & Co., *Edinburgh, Oct. 21, 1889.*