

Prof. ROBERTSON.—I am not able to answer the question just yet, because negotiations are pending for an enlargement of the cold storage space in the ships that now have it, and the putting of it in the new steamships that are coming out. During last season the cold storage chambers were filled from about the end of August. The applications for room in them were greater than the capacity of the cold storage about the first week of September. The steamship companies are now offering to put in larger cold storage compartments on certain conditions, but the negotiations are not yet carried to a conclusion. The probability is that there will be enough cold storage accommodation next year for all the tender fruits that are ready to go, and better ventilated cool storage space for some varieties of apples that are half way between the very tender ones and the fall ones.