

"Certainly it does," said Mr. McNiell. "Why already our Canadian XXX apples are becoming known among English buyers, and are wanted in preference to those marked with ten X's from countries where there is no inspection. After another summer or two we shall find retailers ordering our XXX apples, with confidence, at steady values. Here is a grand work for us inspectors, viz., to see that this grade is kept up to the mark, and this we mean to do."

A SAMPLE ACCOUNT SALES.

MANY of our readers will be interested in a sample account sales of these summer apples, so we print one in full. The cases contained about 40 pounds of fruit each, so that about four would equal a barrel, so that the highest price shown, seven shillings a case, would equal about 28 shillings, or seven dollars a barrel—a pretty fancy price for an apple that is almost unsalable in our Canadian markets. The smaller sized fruit, marked X, and only 2½ inches in diameter, sold for from four shillings to four and nine pence, which, of course, brought down the average very much for the whole of this lot.

GLASGOW, 5th Sept., 1902.

Account sales of 303 cases apples ex 'Kasbah,' sold by Thomas Russell, by order and for account of L. Woolverton, Grimsby, Ontario. L. Woolverton.

Selected fruit, 2 cases.....	7 0	14	
" " 2½ " Astrachan.....	6 0	7 4	
Inspected " 4½ " " ".....	5 3	10 10	
xxx 16 " " ".....	4 6	3 12	
2½ xxx 4 " " ".....	5 6	1 2	
2½ xx 20 " " ".....	5 3	5 5	
2 " " ".....	5 0	10	
xx 16 " " ".....	5 9	4 12	
25 " " ".....	5 6	6 17 6	
17 " " ".....	4 9	4 9	
58 " " ".....	4 6	13 1	
x 48 " " ".....	4 0	9 12	
2½ x 11 " " ".....	4 9	2 12 3	
Dessert x 18 " " ".....	4 6	4 1	
x 1 " " ".....		5	
Inspected x 1 " Scotch Ben Davis.....	5 9		
303 cases.....		£74 4 3	

CHARGES.

Freight on goods.....£26 2 4

River and Harbour dues.....									
Master portorage.....									
Landing, selecting, cooping, catalogues, advertising, etc....	7	11	6						
Cartage to warehouse, houseing and delivering.....									
Marine insurance, telegrams.....				2					
Commission and guarantee.....	3	14	3	37	10	1			
Net proceeds.....							£30	14	2

THE EXPENSE OF PACKAGES.

There is a serious difficulty now a days with every fruit grower. Freights and commissions eat so large a hole in our proceeds, that we cannot afford to give away so large an amount in gift packages, which are never returned, but always go with the fruit. This year for example, the bill for packages at Maplehurst was about \$1200, of which \$600 has been for apple boxes, \$400 for baskets and \$200 for barrels.

The California apple box is cheaper, for being only 18 inches long instead of 22, much thinner sides are used; so that while ours costs \$12.00 per 100, theirs can be made for about \$8.00.

ASTRACHAN IN GLASGOW MARKET.

OUR worthy exchange, the Sun, having made some remarks rather discouraging about the export of summer apples, Mr. W. A. McKinnon, who is in Manchester, representing the Fruit Division of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture, writes in reply as follows:

"I see that your columns have contained expressions of doubt as to the 'holding up' quality of Red Astrachan apples, so I am sure you will be glad to note the following facts:

"One Wilson case of Astrachans, which arrived in Glasgow September 4th, was sent at once to Liverpool, and kept at a temperature of 38 degrees for two weeks; one tray was then removed, and kept in a warm house for a week, without showing any serious deterioration. The other trays