

THE MARKETS.

get more than 10% in this country, but there was no trouble in getting them to root in England. So I admit that if cuttings were completely shaded, or very heavily mulched, a large per cent. might catch.

STANLEY SPILLETT.

Nantyr, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

Advertise in this Journal.

SIR,—I beg to convey to you the information that the Ad which is inserted in your valuable journal by N. Otis, our Agent, at Boston, has proved to us of great advantage in furthering our business, and trust that your efforts in behalf of your journal will lead up to a bright and prosperous New Year.

Yours truly,

JOHN T. LOGAN.

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Our Apple Markets.

The total number of barrels of apples landed in Liverpool this past season to date of December 5th was about 940,000 bbls., over four times the quantity landed in 1895, and yet in all cases where the fruit turned out really tip top, the price obtained has been just about as high as in other years. The great difficulty is to get even our finest winters over in anything like the condition in which they leave our orchards.

Woodall & Co. write under date Dec. 5th :

SIR,—Week's receipts are 74,685 barrels, which is not excessive, as compared with the weekly receipts during the season, but the total quantity received to date is immensely in excess of any previous year. From some cause which has previously been experienced, but never satisfactorily explained, arrivals from all shipping ports have landed in poor condition. This has tended to depress a market that could only have been sustained with excellent quality and condition, in the absence of which a very large proportion of

the weekly arrivals have sold at low prices, and net results are consequently unsatisfactory. There is no important decline to quote on good sound stock, which was eagerly competed for, but the average returns to shippers through wasty condition must shew a reduction of 2/ to 3/ per barrel. At the approach of the holiday trade sound condition is of the first importance, and the failure in this is much to be regretted. If what are now afloat should land up to requirements, there should be an excellent demand at remunerative prices. Newtown Pippins continue in moderate supply, and there has been an active demand at very full rates, prices ranging from 16/ to 27/6 per barrel.

Quotations for Canadian apples for past week are as follows :—

Baldwins, 9/ to 12/9, 2nds, 7/6 to 8/6; Spy, 9/ to 11/6, 2nds, 7/9 to 8/6; Davis and C. Red, 10/ to 13/3; 2nds, 9/ to 9/6; King, 14/ to 17/; 2nds, 12/6 to 13/6; Russets, 10/ to 13/3, 2nds, 9/ to 9/6; Greenings, 9/6 to 13/6, 2nds, 8/ to 9/. Slacks sell 1/ to 2/ under these quotations.

LILIUM SPECIOSUM.

SINCE we intend sending all our Societies bulbs of this lily for general distribution in early spring, they will read the following directions for planting, from the Garden, with interest. In planting the bulbs they should be put far enough apart so that they will not need lifting in four to six years. They increase very fast. Some of the speciosum lilies here that were planted four years ago, three bulbs to a clump, have

30 to 35 strong flowering canes now, and are growing stronger every year. Lilies like plenty of water in their growing season, and this should be seen to. When you see the leaves at the bottom of the cane turning yellow, you may be sure the plants are dry at the roots. We always keep a mulching of old manure on them all summer, this helps to retain the moisture as well as to feed them. The mulching is put on in the fall, and left on, we do not take it off in the spring.