

usual. Mr. J. M. Shuttleworth, of Brantford, sends us the following cables of Dec. 12th:—Messrs. Simons, Shuttleworth & Co., Liverpool, cable:—There is a steady demand for good sound fruit. The market is active and prices have advanced from our last quotations.

GALLING TO OUR YANKEE COUSINS.—The advancement we in Ontario are making in the way of extending our fruit markets, especially since the Provincial Department of Agriculture has moved in the matter, and the fruit is landing in Great Britain in such admirable condition, is a bitter pill for our Yankee cousins, who may never move in such an enterprise except at each man's own private risk and loss. The following extract from Cold Storage proves our statement:—

It must be galling to patriotic Americans who gloat over the vast strides we have made for foreign trade to learn that we are playing second fiddle to Canada in the matter of exports of perishable fruit products. It certainly moves us to wrath. That there is no sense in such a situation is apparent, except that Canadians are beating us in the game of progressiveness. That exception is just doing the trick. If our producers must get along without any governmental aid they ought to be the first ones to interest their fellow partners in the trade, and start a concerted movement for pushing exports of perishable products. Canada now sends more butter, cheese and eggs abroad than this vast Republic, and its fruit business is rapidly overhauling ours.

With less than one-quarter of our territory, and with a vastly larger percentage against that country in the matter of production, Canada has managed by ceaseless energy, to approach and pass us in sending abroad those products which this country is paramount in. Here is something for Americans to ponder over. Refrigeration is doing for Canada what it has done for Australia and New Zealand, and what it ought to do for this country. We know as much about the science as Canadians, but are not applying it to develop foreign business. We simply seem satisfied to work within our shell. Here is one sort of expansion that will meet with approval on all sides.

THE NOVEMBER FRUIT SHIPMENT.—On the 18th of November, the "Trader" sailed from Montreal, carrying a shipment of Grapes, Pears, Quinces and Apples, which we had forwarded from Grimsby a few

days previously. A letter has just been received from Mr. Peter Byrne, Government Agent, at Liverpool, dated Dec. 8th, in which he says:

The last shipment by the "Manchester Trader," which left Quebec on the 10th November, was discharged on the dock at Manchester on the afternoon of the 5th inst. I inspected it immediately on being landed and found the apples, pears and quinces all sound. But the grapes, though fairly dry and sound were in several instances wet and decayed. Since then I learn that they deteriorated after being landed and I fear a heavy loss on them was inevitable. The cold storage arrangements seemed to have been all right, but the fruit must have been too long picked at the time of shipment. The public here are slow to take up with anything new, but a good step has been taken in impressing them favorably with our grapes. I have had three exhibits at Liverpool, and a great many people have tasted them and pronounced them excellent.

Messrs. Potter & Co. write under the same date: The "Trader" has arrived and we hasten to inform you of the condition of the fruit sent by her. We understand that while she was loading at Montreal, the temperature was 15° F., and from the engineer's report that it took six days for the chamber to reach 39° F., no brine being pumped in the meantime, we judge that the fruit had been pretty well frozen. The result is that the pears rapidly rotted, almost immediately they were discharged they went off in color, and we fear it will be difficult to dispose of them at anything like a price. Of course you cannot expect them to stand such cold, and we should say it would not be wise to try to ship them so late another time.

This emphasises what we have all along advocated that in order to have perfect success, we must have weekly steamers. Last season we had only the space on one steamer engaged, and that after October 5th, it was November 18th before the next sailing, and fruit harvested in October had to be kept all the time waiting.

Let us have a steamer every week properly fitted as the "Trader" is, and this kind of a difficulty will not again occur. This kind of accommodation ought to be provided for us by the Government, and if our local associations would express their wishes either by letter or resolution to the Hon. John Dryden, we have no doubt he will make such provision as shall enable any company of growers willing to make up weekly shipments, with railway and steamship accommodation for the same.