

rels and put them up on the car at \$1.75 per barrel for all kinds. I had about 75 barrels of Talman Sweets and a good many Bellfleurs, and some other varieties that the buyers would give me only 50 cents for.—(H. Hurd.

There are very few buyers, and they are only picking from the largest and best orchards. Thousands of barrels of good winter apples are being shaken down and fed to stock and taken to the evaporators. This points strongly to the need for a cooperative association for the handling of all fruit. Barrels are costing 45 cents each by the 100, and 50 cents for less quantities.—(A. W. Walker.

WENTWORTH COUNTY.

Buyers are paying 60 cents a barrel for winter apples, the buyer doing his own picking and the growers the teaming. Growers feel that considering the size of this year's crop and the condition of the market, that they should receive at least \$1 per barrel. As soon as the local crop is off the British market Canadian apples should bring better prices.—(Adolphus Pettit.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

The average price being paid for winter apples is 50 cents per barrel, the buyer doing the picking and packing, and the grower boarding the men. Only a few growers have sold at this price. One grower sold his orchard for about \$80 and the buyer has taken out about 300 barrels of fruit, taking almost all on the trees. As the grower had to board the men and teams, he does not consider he received over \$50 for his crop. We should have a definite

statement as to what a No. 2 apple is. Where fruit can be stored I am satisfied growers will do well to hold their apples, as better prices will undoubtedly be paid later.—(Oliver Austin.

PELEE ISLAND, ESSEX COUNTY.

My son and our next neighbor are holding their prices at \$1.50 per barrel for picked fruit, those fallen a little less. Where the buyer has a team he comes for them, otherwise they are delivered. None are shipped off the island, as not enough are grown for the home demand. I hear some are selling the crop in the orchard, rough and smooth, the buyer to pick and furnish his own barrels, for 75 cents. This is on the main land, and is about the same price as Pelee growers sell for. Ours are all spoken for, and as few have good cellars to keep fruit in they will sell before Christmas.—(James Sugley.

SIMCOE COUNTY.

The prices commonly paid for apples is for fall 50 cents per barrel, and for winter 75 cents. The buyer picks and packs the apples, the grower delivers the barrels in the orchard and takes them to the storehouse when packed, and also boards the hands while picking, etc. I think there will be many orchards unsold in the Georgian Bay district owing to considerable imperfect fruit, and because many growers prefer to feed the apples than undergo the expense consequent on getting them to market. I think the estimate of prices given in The Horticulturist last month was not too high.—(W. S. Pattullo.

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