

APPLE BARRELS SCARCE.

THERE is a great scarcity of apple barrels in all parts of the province, and as a result thousands of barrels of apples will not be shipped or take off the hands of the growers. The coopers cannot get material to make the barrels, and are unable to supply more than half the orders they have received, and what is still worse, for the buyers at least, is the fact that the prices of barrels has advanced from 60 to 70 per cent. during the year. Mr. Sherrington, salesman for the Walkerton Fruit Growers' Association, is one of the many shippers who have difficulty in filling orders owing to the lack of barrels. In the county of York thousands of barrels are stored in outbuildings awaiting shipment. As to the abundance of the crop, one orchard which in the early part of the season gave promise of

yielding 75 barrels, will yield fully 200 barrels of fruit suitable for the export trade. This is in addition to 40 or 50 barrels fallen and immature fruit suitable for cider making and immediate consumption. Four trees of the Ben Davis variety yielded 36 barrels, or an average of nine barrels per tree, a remarkable showing, and one which it is doubtful has ever been surpassed. G. W. Gillbank, of Hagerman, representing a leading commission house, has purchased some 400 barrels of apples in York county at an average price of \$1.10, which figure Mr. Hood has also disposed of his output. In addition to a fine apple orchard, Mr. Hood has also ready for shipment 70 barrels of pears, which are quoted at the local market at \$2 per barrel.

\$1,500,000 FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

OF the apple crop of Nova Scotia, which this season will give 500,000 barrels for export to England, 155,000 barrels have already been shipped, the steamer St. John City, which sailed Saturday, taking 18,000 barrels. The remaining 350,000 barrels will be shipped between now and the middle of March, when the Australian apples begin to arrive. The average price netted by the Nova Scotia orchardists this season is \$3 per barrel, which will make one and a half million dollars this year for the apple growers of this province, who are located in

the counties of Kings and Annapolis. The Nova Scotia government's display of winter apples in the Crystal Palace, London, is creating much interest among British fruitcrers and the public. The exhibit is tastefully arranged, and the big court is filled with apple scent. Some Blenheims measure a foot in circumference. The Hon. Mr. Drysdale, who himself has 200 barrels for export, says the export trade this year is over half a million barrels. Nova Scotia Ribstone fetched twenty shillings last week against the usual eighteen.—*Mail-Empire*.