

## THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

promises well for one of our fancy varieties for export. It is said not to be an early bearer, and to be productive each alternate year.

The apple is a seedling of the Alexander, and originated in Wisconsin on the bank of Wolf River.

The tree is very hardy, vigorous and fairly productive.

The fruit is very large, 3 inches by 4½ inches, oblate, or roundish oblate,

usually regular in size; skin light yellow, shaded with dark red or crimson in sun, with a few yellowish dots; stalk three quarters of an inch long, set in a narrow deep basin, of a green or russeted color; calyx open in a narrow, deep, green wrinkled basin. The flesh is yellowish white, moderately firm in texture, not fine grained, juicy, with a pleasant, sub-acid, spicy flavor. Season October and November.

### THE TRANSPORTATION OF OUR FRUIT.



FIG. 1561.—LOADING FRUIT AT E. D. SMITH'S, WINONA.

HERE is no question that it is more vital to the interests of the fruit growers of Canada than the carrying of their fruits.

Numerous have been the complaints in the past, both with regard to the carriage and the rates. Ocean transportation of fruit has been extremely unsatisfactory; for even winter apples, which had been packed firm and hard in our orchards and graded with the utmost care; fruit which would keep in our own cellars for six months in good condition, after two weeks on shipboard, closed in hot, unventilated holds, have arrived in Great Britain as "slacks and wet and waxy." As a result,

Canadian fruit growers were being given a bad name for packing, which they do not deserve; and the English commission merchants are blamed for false reports, because shippers cannot understand why fruit, which leaves them in first-class condition, should be ruined in so short a time.

As a remedy for this evil, cold storage has been provided on many steamers, which of course will carry apples in perfect condition. To quote from Prof. Robertson's address at our St. Catharines meeting:

"By means of cold storage even the very earliest ripening sorts can be landed in Great Britain in first-rate condition. If these are put in barrels at even 60° Fahr. and headed