

and Nova Scotia fruit poorer than usual, and of course that made the disparity greater. Had heard complaints of Nova Scotia fruit not being packed tightly. Apples needed careful packing to make them firm.

PRESIDENT BIGELOW said the principal objection to our fruit in Liverpool was on account of the small barrel, they called them Nova Scotia "kegs" in the Liverpool markets.

MR. DIXON said they were retailing Newton Pippins in London at 3 shillings per dozen.

MR. WHITMAN here read a letter from Nothard & Lowe, of London, in which they called attention to the fact of losses to Nova Scotia shippers were often owing to the small barrels.

MR. B. STARRATT said the size of the barrel interests us all, and is a practical question. He had seen our apples in Covent Garden Market. They stand the barrels on end, three tiers high. He had seen N. S. and Ontario barrels side by side in three tiers, and there certainly was a wide difference, about one foot in height in the three tiers. It was an important question, and should receive careful consideration. Was glad to say the most of our farmers are honest in their packing, as much, or more so, than any other class of people. There was a great improvement in methods of packing, but some men still went to their cooper and wanted small barrels. We cannot legislate for Ontario; we must raise our standard to conform to theirs. Apples in Ontario were exceptionally fine this year, and that was the reason they outsold ours.

MR. JONES said we should consider this matter carefully. Our coopers were prepared to make barrels of the present size, and to change would entail much expense. Let the Ontario people alone, our time will come by and by.

MR. WHITMAN was afraid matters would go from bad to worse. Had found from measurement that barrels in many cases were not up to the standard the statute requires.

MR. STARRATT said no doubt we lost more in the price than there was difference in quantity. There was also the freight, which would be the same in either case.

MR. JOHN SHAFFNER said there was something besides shipping, barreling and marketing. We must in the first place grow the fruit.

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