

The competition among the regular lines to Liverpool is stronger than to other ports, and some of the slower lines have to "cut" under in order to get a share.

To Glasgow, to which quite a lot of apples is shipped from here, (this season 148,000 barrels,) the rate has been 4/- and 5 per cent until 1st January, and since then 3/6 and 5 per cent.

From Boston to London very few apples are shipped direct.

From Boston to Liverpool the rate until the middle of January was 2/6 and 5 per cent per barrel, since then 2/3 and 2/-. The Liverpool steamers make a through rate to London adding 1/9 extra to the ocean.

From Portland to Liverpool the rate has been 2/6 and 5 per cent during the season.

2nd. You will see from the above that rates from New York are about the same as those from Halifax during the heaviest part of the season, and when you add the cost of forwarding to London *via* Liverpool (say 1/9) to the rates from Boston and Portland, it makes the through rates from these points to London 4/3 to 3/9 delivered.

It costs more to perform the service calling at Halifax, specially for a part cargo, in the way of extra port charges, detention and risk; and there are other disadvantages, such as the extra insurance premium on the United States cargo because of the calling at Halifax, which tell against the steamers freight. No extra charges are incurred when apples are received at New York, Boston, or Portland, as the steamers are loading entire cargoes there.

3rd. The Hudson River Counties in this State, before the close of navigation, send their apples down by Barges, by which the charge ranges from 10 cents to 15 cents per barrel, according to distance, quantity, etc., say 90 to 130 miles up the River. After navigation closes they come by rail at about 15 cents to 20 cents per barrel. The cartage from Barges and railroads to steamer costs 5 cents per barrel extra. The rail rate from the northern part of New York State to New York, say Rochester and thereabout, 368 miles, is 25 cents per barrel in car lots; from Hamilton, Ontario, 44 cents, (489 miles.)

Most of the apples shipped from Boston come from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Mass., but I do not know the rates paid from shipping points to seaboard.

4th. When through rates are quoted it is simply the regular rail and ocean rates combined.

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