

sound stock (every apple perfect), should be sent in boxes; the first essential is to establish confidence in the box, which is for Canadian apples a new package, and then it will be time enough to send various grades, between which the buyers will learn to distinguish. For common stock, use the barrel."

OUR EARLY APPLE SHIPMENTS ALARM BRITISH FRUIT GROWERS.

IT is evident that our Astrachan and Duchess apples were a surprise to the British people. Such beautiful color so early in the season cannot be had in England, where the sun is so seldom seen, while our clear Canadian skies and the burning rays from old King Sol paint our Astrachans with most beautifully colored cheeks. In this connection the following extract from the journal, *Green Grocery*, of London, England, will be of interest:

A few weeks ago we reported the first consignment of American apples—much earlier than usual. From these early consignments it would appear that American growers intend to place their produce upon the market to compete with our earlier supplies. Now, if this is the case, home growers must wake up. Granted that we are heavily handicapped this season, everything being late owing to the weather, it is not always so. Every grower is aware of the fact, or should be, that the early produce fetches the best price, and this applies to fruit as well as vegetables. Intending apple planters must therefore plant early varieties as well as late ones.

That home growers can beat all comers at growing apples, pears, peaches, grapes, and most other fruits, can be gleaned by those who care to visit the show of British grown fruit held under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society at the Crystal Palace, which, by the way, takes place on Sept. 18, 19, 20, or by visiting many of the horticultural shows held in country districts. How to pack the fruit when it is grown, however, is quite another matter, and one about which growers in this country do not trouble themselves sufficiently. It is the greatest mistake possible for growers to content themselves by packing their fruit in sieves and half-sieves just because their fathers and grandfathers did so before them, and the sooner they get out of this "rut" the better. On account of the excellent grading or evenness of the foreign fruit, the method of packing, and its general appearance, the fruit in many cases is purchased in preference to English, not because it is better in quality, for often it is not, but because of the general appearance which home growers would do well to remember.

SUCCESS IN EXPORTING TENDER FRUIT.

THE writer has been forwarding a carload of apples or pears each week since early in August, beginning with the Astrachan and Duchess; continuing with Bartlett pears in September, and Gravenstein, Kings, Greenings, Baldwins and Spy in October.

These have all arrived in excellent condition in Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow, so that the anxiety about their safe carriage seems to be entirely removed, and we may ship with more confidence.

For Astrachan and Duchess we used the Wilson cases, with fillers, which kept each apple separate from every other apple, and this helped their delivery in a safe and excellent condition. Messrs. Woodall & Co., Liverpool, wrote on receipt of them, saying, "These apples arrived in very good condition. The Astrachans were fairly well colored and nicely graded as to size."

CONFIDENCE IN CANADIAN APPLES.

"WERE you not a little sanguine in your statements about the Ontario apple crop published a few months ago?" we asked Inspector McNeill at the St. Catharines meeting. "Not at all," said he, "Granted that in Essex where they ripen a little early, or where scab or bitter rot is prevalent, that buyers are few and a large quantity of such fruit goes begging, there is a keen demand for our prime apples. Why, in many parts of Ontario to-day I know of \$1.00 to \$1.50 being paid for the fruit in the orchards, and in the Georgian Bay District, where apples ripen late and are known to keep well, growers will not accept these prices but have combined to store and ship during the winter. I believe there are 500,000 barrels stored in that district alone.

OUR NO. 1 OR XXX GROWING IN VALUE.

Does the Fruit Marks Act work in the interest of the apple grower?