

" We recommend this to your earnest attention and we are bound to say if you inquire of the trade generally in Glasgow you will find that this is the opinion in general throughout British importers. Signed, Watson & Phillip."

These complaints are rather intensifying than decreasing, and in this last season when there was no tremendous crop and consequently no great rush on the part of the packers when they might perfectly well have dealt with their fruit honestly and properly, it seems to have been worse than ever before, and I feel it is important that these facts should be shown and ventilated here and published at large, and the people who are particularly concerned in the trade at large should be informed of it.

Mr. McMILLAN.—I don't know of a single farmer that has shipped apples for a number of years in our district, but the apples are all picked by the farmers themselves, put in heaps in the orchard, and the buyers buy them and send their men around to pack them.

Hon. Mr. FISHER.—That is the system adopted in the Annapolis Valley.

Mr. McMILLAN.—I am against leaving the apples in the field. We pull all the apples, put them into the barrels and take them into the shed, put straw around them and leave them and they lay there for a week or ten days before being packed. But those apples that are left out in the sun are injured. They are not only damaged because of the sun but there is a little worm that gets into them if they are left out in the air very long.

Having examined the preceding transcript of my own evidence I find it correct.

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Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying.