

will pay to ship apples to Nova Scotia under the most favorable circumstances, what may be expected where one attempts it in such a season as that of 1883, when Ontario apples were so far below the average in quality, and yet, poor as they were, valued at from \$3 to \$4 per bbl. in our own home markets?

Well, I tried it that season, and shipped a carload to Yarmouth consisting chiefly of Greenings, Baldwins, King, Spy, Roxbury and Golden Russet, Ribston and Cranberry Pippin. In addition there were quite a few bbls. of inferior kinds, because I could not readily buy enough to fill the car without them.

Now, while the inferior stock brought deservedly severe criticism, as samples of our far-famed Ontario apples, the first-class kinds were highly satisfactory.

Messrs. P. D. Kinney & Co., the consignees, wrote: "This lot of fruit, on the whole, is rather better than you led us to expect. Of course any examination cannot be thoroughly reliable unless the contents of the barrels are emptied out. But we are satisfied that they are honestly packed, and *well* packed, too, for after the journey of 900 miles they still retain their places in the barrels, every apple of them, except two barrels which had evidently got part of their heads knocked out by rough handling."

The apples were distributed in Yarmouth as samples of Ontario apples, and critical reports were asked for from the consumers in the month of April of the following spring. While some of these were very justly adverse, the majority were highly commendatory, showing that the strictly first-class ones gave complete satisfaction. Here, for examples, are a few quotations from the reports:—

Mr. A. Lawson, proprietor Yarmouth

Herald, writes: "The three barrels of Ontario apples, viz., King, Spy, Ribston Pippin, which I purchased from you last fall, proved of very excellent quality and fine flavor, and gave my family and myself the utmost satisfaction."

Mr. R. S. Eakins writes: "Referring to the Ontario apples, I can only say that they were in quality and flavor, &c., the best I ever had. If you have some now send me one barrel."

Mr. W. E. Perry writes: "The barrel of apples, King of Tompkins Co., which I purchased from you last fall, proved entirely satisfactory in every particular. A most excellent eating and cooking apple."

Mr. G. E. Day, Baptist minister, says: "The Ontario apples purchased from you were sound and good; they possessed an excellent flavor, and were in every way highly satisfactory."

Mr. W. D. Lovitt writes: "The Ontario apples I bought from you in December last—Ribston Pippins and King of Tompkins Co.—were of the best quality and gave good satisfaction."

Mr. W. A. Chase writes: "Apples, viz., Ribstons, Greenings, Spys and Russets, highly satisfactory in quality, flavor and quantity in the barrel."

Mr. A. Smurn writes: "The Canadian Golden Russets bought from you last fall turned out of medium size, beautiful in form and color, of delicious flavor, and will keep perfectly sound and crisp till June. I want no better."

M. R. Bingay writes: "The Ontario apples received from you were first a barrel of large, red apples, very fine indeed, and very few spoiled ones. The Golden and other Russets were also very good, and the Greenings were just splendid."

Mr. H. A. Hood writes: "The Ontario apples have kept entirely free from rot, and have given good satisfaction. The Russets are a clean, well-preserved apple, but their flavor, I think, might be improved."

Mr. Chas. Allan writes: "The barrel of Ontario apples that I got from you gave entire satisfaction. They were called Cranberry, and have kept much longer than you guaranteed them. The flavor was excellent."