



VESSEL IN AQUEDUCT OVER THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

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fine. The Williams were grand, and it is clear that no competitor on the market from any outside centre can touch them, for as far as quality, size, flavor and color are concerned they are as perfect as a market Williams can be. The other varieties are also of prime quality. It is thus evident that at last the whole export business has been put upon a proper basis, and that Canadian growers and shippers may rest satisfied with the situation as far as methods of transit are concerned."

And again under date of October 11th :

"It is worth noting that best pears have met a fairly good sale through the week and that the supplies have, thanks to the Canadian shippers, been well up to the mark. The Canadian Williams has attracted a good deal of attention in fruit trade circles. Some large specimens have been put on sale, and as the skins of the fruit were clean and delicate, they met a good reception from buyers in the best fruit shops. We learn that a large quantity of pears are to come across, and that in future years the competition in this branch of trade will be very keen. As a matter of fact the pear trade from October till February is excellent, and good samples put upon our markets during the former months can always be depended upon to secure good prices. The one difficulty as far as Canada is concerned has been overcome. Now they are in a position to put their fruit on our markets in perfect condition, and this is a consideration. So long as the fruit sent is large, of good quality and well graded, it

will pay. It has taken the colony time to master the initial difficulties that beset its path at the start, and it is to be hoped now that it will be able to develop a profitable business with this country."

The following extract is from the "Liverpool Mercury" in October :

"Since mechanical refrigeration was inaugurated on steamers running from Canada to British ports in 1897, many improvements have been made in the grading and packing of fruit, until to-day Canadian-grown peaches, pears and apples can be landed in this country and placed on the market in as perfect condition as if picked a day or two ago instead of a month. This has been illustrated by a consignment recently received in Manchester. The Hon John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, is co-operating with the growers in the matter, and the Canadian Government are now providing for each chamber fitted for the carriage of fruit a thermograph, or self-registering thermometer, which shows whether the fruit has been carried under proper conditions or not."

Now since the Province of Ontario is more deeply interested than any other Province in the development of this fruit export trade, we think our Association should urge upon our Provincial Government the great importance of vigorously prosecuting this en-