

the same cold storage chambers as the pears that were landed in first-rate condition, and at the temperature that the Californian shippers keep their fruit at, viz.: from 38° to 40° Fahr. on the way across.

QUINCES.

Fourteen cases of quinces realized fifty-nine (59) cents each, but I do not know that we have exact information enough in regard to quinces to say whether they may be carried safely as a rule or not. Some of the 149 cases shipped were landed in good condition and some were not. That seemed to be owing to the condition in which the quinces were when they were put in the cases at Grimsby.

APPLES.

Of apples in those small packages, 254 cases were sent. They realized forty (40) cents at Grimsby, but the reports all said: "Do not send any more apples in such small cases; larger sized cases will pay you very much better." Apples of the most tender sorts, that cannot be sent at all without cold storage, have been sent to England in the very best of condition through cold storage, and they realized very fair prices. Mr. Brodie, of Montreal, was telling me this morning of some apples he shipped from Montreal in cold storage that netted him fair prices this year. Apples, like the Duchess, that could not at all be sent to England hitherto, can be sent in excellent condition in cold storage if they are properly packed; but a discussion of that will come under the head of Transatlantic Transportation.

Mr. BRODIE.—Were those sent to London or to Liverpool?

Prof. ROBERTSON.—These were all consigned to Bristol.

Mr. BRODIE.—This shipment of mine was sent direct to London. It was 20 days from Montreal to London. That was a long voyage to remain in cold storage.

Prof. ROBERTSON.—What did they realize at Montreal?

Mr. BRODIE.—About \$2.25 a barrel; but the dock charges were something tremendous, also cartage—15 shillings on 30 barrels of apples from the London dock to Covent Garden Market, about 12½ cents a barrel. For 2½ cents we can get apples carted from one end of the city to the other in Montreal.

Prof. ROBERTSON.—I think any one who has large experience in consigning small shipments to England will agree with Mr. Boulter, that the English commission merchant has wonderful facility and thoroughness in devising new items of expenses that he can add to account sales, and in making a long, long list of charges.

GRAPES.

I have a few observations to offer on the trial shipments of grapes. There were 441 cases forwarded. Twenty packages that were sent to Glasgow realized seventy (70) cents at Grimsby for about 18 pounds to the case; twenty-five packages realized forty-one (41) cents per case; sixty-two packages realized nineteen (19) cents per case; but the other grapes did not fetch anything at all worth mentioning.

Mr. PATTISON.—With the grapes that were successful, was it a matter of varieties or of condition that they arrived in?

Prof. ROBERTSON.—It was a question of the market they happened to strike. The grapes that were sent to Bristol were landed in good condition; there