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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Higher prices were realized for both barreled and boxed apples on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, January 6, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Supplies of American apples on the auction were light. Supplies afloat for the United Kingdom are also light. The condition of the fruit was good. Barrels are arriving mostly tight. Low grade barreled stock, which has been in heavy supply, is being cleaned up. Demand was active on high grade barreled stock and improved for boxed apples.

The light supplies of barreled apples made higher prices than last week at London. Boxed apples, supplies of which were liberal, did not share in the rise and remained at about the same levels except for Winesaps which sold at somewhat lower prices. Prices for Yorks ruled at about the same levels as those established at the Liverpool auction. Barreled Winesaps and Bens, however, returned better prices at London than Liverpool. Boxed Winesaps made about the same prices at London as Liverpool. The general condition of the fruit was good. The market evidenced a stronger inquiry for apples than last week but is interested mainly in high quality fruit. Supplies of barrels afloat for London are light and boxes moderate. The plentiful and cheap supplies of Spanish and Jaffa oranges are competing with apples and helping to keep prices down. The dock workers' strike has slowed up the delivery of apples to the markets with the result that stocks on hand have been fairly well cleared. The British Ministry of Agriculture is being pressed to impose a tariff on American fruit during the principal seasons for marketing British grown fruit from the Southern Hemisphere, notably apples, pears and citrus. No definite action has been taken yet but an important meeting was to be held January 8.

Arrivals of fruit this week ended Tuesday in the United Kingdom amounted to: Apples, 37,100 barrels, 162,000 boxes and 1,200 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 48,000 boxes from the United States; grapes, 2,000 packages from California; grapefruit, United States 13,600 boxes and Jamaica 2,800 boxes; oranges, Palestine (Jaffa) 123,000 boxes, Spain 90,000 half cases (110 lbs); South African fruit, peaches 24,000, plums 1,500 and apricots 570 packages. Expected next seven days: Apples, 37,600 barrels, 40,000 boxes, 3,600 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 9,000 boxes from the United States; grapefruit, 10,500 boxes from the United States; oranges, Spain 139,000 half cases (110 lbs), Palestine 98,500 boxes, Japan 3,000 boxes; South African fruit, peaches, 61,888, plums 42,474 and apricots 959 packages.

Prices this week were converted at \$3.35 to the pound compared with \$3.40 last week and the par of exchange at this time a year ago.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

| Variety, grade and origin | Liverpool | | | London |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | 1931 | 1932 | 1932 | 1932 |
| | January 7 | December 30 | January 6 | January 6 |
| | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars |
| APPLES | | | | |
| York Imperials, Va. | | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 inch..... | 6.08-6.33a/ | - | - | :3.52-3.69 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 1/2 inch..... | 6.57 a/ | :3.06-3.40 | :3.86-4.19 | :3.86-4.19 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 3/4 inch..... | - | :3.23-3.57 | :5.86-4.02 | :3.69-4.02 |
| U.S. Commercial 2 1/4 inch..... | - | - | - | : 3.35 |
| Utility 2 1/2 inch..... | - | :3.06-3.19 | : 2.10 | - |
| Comb. No. 1 and Com. 2 1/2 inch... | - | - | - | :3.27-3.35 |
| Comb. No. 1 and Utility 2 1/4 inch: | - | - | - | : 3.52 |
| Staymans, Va. | | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 1/2 inch..... | - | - | : 4.02 | - |
| Utility, 2 1/2 inch..... | - | - | - | :3.19-3.52 |
| Winesaps, Va. | | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 inch..... | 6.57 a/ | - | - | :4.19-4.53 |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 1/4 inch..... | - | - | - | :4.27-4.53 |
| Utility, 2 1/2 inch..... | - | - | : 2.10 | : 3.35 |
| Black Twigs, Va. | | | | |
| U.S. No. 1, 2 1/2 inch..... | - | - | : 3.94 | - |

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