

FRUIT MARKETING.

The Palermo Lemon Market.

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The present conditions and prospects of the summer lemon crop, in this consular district, seem to be satisfactory. The crop is not so abundant as that of last year, but it is of a superior quality. However, there are plenty of lemons of the 300 and 360 size, which are usually exported to the United States, and if prices at the New York market continue as encouraging as they are at present, they will all be shipped there.

The average prices for good, ripe lemons are now from 15 to 16 lire (\$2.89½ to \$3.088) per 1080 fruits; while Verdelli are sold at from 18 to 20 lire (\$3.47½ to \$3.86). But these prices may naturally increase from day to day, if the export fever will continue as at present. Freight rates to American ports: One shilling (24½c) to 1s 2d (28½c) per box.

Here is the quantity of green fruit exported to the United States during the month of April, ultimo, with a comparison of the same month last year:

Lemons, boxes.....	239,037	175,318
Lemons, half boxes.....	97,719	681
Oranges, half boxes.....	23,748	6,718

Total packages.....362,604 182,718

An increase during April, 1902, of 179,787 packages.

JAMES JOHNSON, U. S. Consul.
Palermo, Italy, May 10.

MESSINA LEMON MARKET.

The present condition of the summer lemon crop in this district is good, and the prospects are that the yield will be equal to that of last year, but the quality promises to be much better.

The prices paid average about 9 shillings c. i. f. New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The rates of freight are unchanged—1s 2d, with a rebate of a penny at the end of the season.

CHAS. M. CAUGHY,
U. S. Consul.
Messina, Italy, May 18, 1902.

Winters Enterprises.

TO THE EDITOR:—The building and furnishing of the new warehouse of the Winters Dried Fruit Co. at Winters is nearly completed. The Anderson-Barngrover Co. is furnishing the packing machinery. The building is 150x30 feet on the ground, and about 30 feet to the eaves inside, practically three stories. The Yosolano packing house, which was taken over by the company from Mr. J. L. Harlan, is 72x30 feet, two stories. There is a good supply of skilled white labor to be had in Winters and vicinity, and the new company calculates to be able to store a million pounds of fruit, and to resulphur, process and pack two carloads a day this fall. The Winters Dried Fruit Co., largely composed of growers of fruit in that section, has the only warehouse equipment at Winters, and will undoubtedly operate it much to the benefit of that side of Yolo county.

When Mr. Bird of the A. Bird Canning & Mercantile Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., first came to Winters, some weeks ago, to look over the fruit raising in that section to determine the feasibility of opening a cannery there, he said he doubted if there was fruit enough raised there to keep a cannery running; but after he had ridden through the orchards there for half a day he said he believed enough fruit went to waste to keep a cannery running, to say nothing of the vegetables grown there which might be utilized. F. P. C.

Crude Oil Smoke for Hoppers.

T. E. Brown of Gartfield has used crude oil to fight grasshoppers after they get their wings. He says the smoke has driven the hoppers away rapidly. He suggests wetting the ground with water and then pouring

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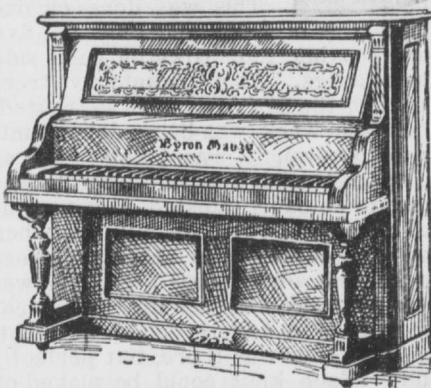
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