

FRUIT-EXPORT.

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THE first shipment of fruit for export to South America this season was despatched by the s.s. "Alexander" from Motueka, on the 4th March, to Wellington, where it was transhipped to the s.s. "Remuera" for its destination.



A TIER OF MOTUEKA APPLE-CASES READY FOR SHIPMENT.

The quantity forwarded was 3,370 dump cases, made up as follows: Monroe's Favourite 1,156, Jonathan 1,045, Cox's Orange Pippin 266, New York Pippin (Cleopatra) 250, Hoover 234, Reinette du Canada 109, Spitzenburg 87, Adams' Pearmain 38, Worcester Pearmain 63, Blenheim Orange 47, Ribstone Pippin 21, Cellini 16, Allington Pippin 12, Alexander 5, Dessert (unnamed) 6, Winesap 3. Some of the Jonathans, although apparently mature, were of rather poor colour, and the same may be said of some cases of Monroe's Favourite. In picking it would be

well if growers would take a little more care to select only those apples that show most colour, leaving the others to fill out and colour up for later shipments. Hoovers, although of good colour and apparently mature at the time, are really a late apple, and are better left on the