

and where this was done the better appearance of the cases was very marked and was commented upon. A departure has been made this season in the method of marking the cases, the stencilling being replaced by a neatly designed label, for which the shippers are to be highly commended. I would much like to see the words "New Zealand Apples" appearing on the label.

As there are several more shipments to go forward this season, I trust growers will supply their best fruit as well as giving attention to the smaller details. We are now embarking on the export trade against more experienced competitors, and it behoves all interested in the industry to do their best to put that trade in a similar position to that occupied by our dairy-produce and meat trades. It is only by giving attention to the matters I have endeavoured to bring before growers in this article that this can be accomplished.

CERTIFICATES IN SPRAYING AND PRUNING.

T. W. KIRK.

SOME time since arrangements were made by which the Orchards, Gardens, and Apiaries Division of the Department undertook to conduct examinations, both written and practical, of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency in the work of spraying and pruning. Up to the present time the following have passed the examinations and hold departmental certificates:—

Spraying and Pruning.

Mackenzie, Thomas, Cromwell.
Harrow, C. C., Christchurch.
Thorne, Frederick A., Christchurch.
Kalaugher, J. P., Devonport, Auckland.
Brine, J., Wanganui East.
Brown, N. B., Wanganui East.
Hayward, F. H., Kaikoura.

Spraying only.

Boniface, H. A. J., Gisborne.

As the season for winter spraying is rapidly approaching, persons desirous of obtaining these certificates should notify the Director of Orchards, Gardens, and Apiaries, Mr. T. W. Kirk, without delay. He will then arrange for examinations to be held at suitable centres.