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Would Promote Market in Toronto For Apples Grown in Ontario

Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, intimated in the Legislature yesterday that the Government had under consideration legislation which would aim to give Ontario apple-growers a better market than now existed in the City of Toronto.

Mr. Martin stated that 60,000 barrels of apples were shipped from his County of Norfolk last year, but that none of them had gone to Toronto. Shippers had told him that markets for this fruit in Toronto were "demoralized." In fact, said the Minis-

ter of Agriculture, no one could go into a Toronto fruit store without seeing "bruised and broken" Ontario apples. Much of the responsibility for the situation, said he, lay with people who drove into the country with barrels, bought up "windfalls," and deceived buyers by covering the "poor stuff" with a few layers of good apples.

There was no legislation at the present time, he said, to control this "vicious practice," which was increasing yearly, and reacting seriously on the shipping trade. The Government proposed to deal with it, and deal with it soon.