Mayville, N. Y. October 7th, 1908. Wednesday a.m.

General Freight Agent,

Penn. R. R., Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir: On Friday, September 4th, 1908, I shipped by the morning freight from this place over the Penn. R. R., to Buffalo two barrels of creb apples containing 7 bushels, retailing at that time at \$1.00 per half bushel basket, -- on the assurance of the officials here that these barrels would reach the consignee, Mr Geo. R. Whitney, Commission Merchant, 42 West Market Street, in time for the next morning (Saturday) market.

Instead of this assurance being verified, this fruit did not reach Buffalo until the 10th--6 days after shipment. In consequence of this delay it was a total loss, and after being inspected at the instigation of the Consignee, by the Claim Department of the R. R. . was turned over to a charitable institution of the city--the only alternative to throwing on the garbage pile.

I propose to make claim for the loss occasioned by the delay of the railroad company, and would like to hear from you.

I era, Sir,

Very respectfully,