

years "speaks volumes." Cordwood has been sold for four dollars in Toronto, and eight in Montreal per cord.

Make then our woods productive. The Duke of Atholl, in Perthshire, annually fattens immense herds of cattle in his forests, which he has sown down with woodland grasses. Could the same not be done at small expense in Canada? Could the *poa nemoralis* not be taught to cover the soil of our Canadian woods, which would then shelter from the summer heats, and feed with nutritious herbage, flocks that else had been on the verge of starvation. Woods, then found profitable, might still minister to the most necessary comforts of life, might long continue to be the ornaments of a province, whose natural tameness nature seems by their means to have struggled to supply.—*Communicated.*

New Peaches.

We can attest to the accuracy of the following statement, from the *Michigan Farmer*, having seen some specimens of Mr. Dougall's peaches at the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition at Hamilton. They were superior to any variety ever before exhibited in Canada:—

"I have just received from J. Dougall, Esq., a basket containing three varieties of his Seedling Freestone Peaches. One of them, which I shall take the liberty of naming, Rosebank, after the name of Mr. Dougall's seat near Amherstburgh, C. W.—is a very large globular peach, with a shallow, but distinct suture all round, rather deeper at the top than at the sides. The fruit enlarged upon one of its sides—skin of a dull yellowish white, richly marbled with bright red and deepening upon the sunny side into a dark red. Flesh yellowish white, but red at the stone, stone quite rough, and the flesh adhering somewhat to it. Very juicy, melting and of the highest flavor. We have specimens of many of the most approved varieties before us, but the flavor of this surpasses them all. The stem of the Rosebank, being very short and the fruit large, every specimen was deeply marked by the branch to which it was attached. Another variety, which from its colour, I shall name Dougall's Maroon, is a smaller peach than the Rosebank. Fruit round and flat. Suture at the top only, and very slight. Fruit enlarged upon one of its sides. Skin of a yellowish white, the largest side beautifully marbled with bright red and maroon, deepening on

the smaller side into a very rich, deep maroon. Flesh yellowish white, slightly red at the stone. Stone very small. Very juicy, melting, and will compare well in flavour with most of the older named varieties."

A FEW HINTS ON THE PROPER SITUATIONS FOR PEACH TREES.—I often wonder why people in general in this country cut down all the trees without immediately planting others: they are little aware of the benefit derived from the shelter afforded by forest-trees even in Canada, tropical fruits and plants may be reared in sheltered situations. The Peach-tree, for example, which grows so luxuriantly and blooms so freely, and yet seldom ripens its fruit, will, with due attention to situation and shelter, amply reward the grower for his pains. Plant them in a spot well protected from the cold north winds; keep the tree thin by cutting out the old wood, and occasionally shortening the young wood, when the shoots are too long and strong. By avoiding low rich or wet soils, and planting in poor and dry soils, the tree does not make so much wood, and will not of course require so much pruning. With proper attention to the above directions, Peaches will grow abundantly in Canada.—*Com.*

To the Editor of the Cultivator.

SIR,—

I beg to recommend to the President and Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Society, the English plan of giving Prizes or Honorary Rewards for the best cultivated Farms, which has done more than previous efforts to emulate and bring out good practical Farmers.

I suggest the following as adapted for Canada:
Class 1st.—Farms of 250 acres or upwards, in cultivation, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize, or Honorary Reward.

Class 2nd.—Farms not less than 100 acres in cultivation, 1st, 2nd, and 3d Prize, or Honorary Reward.

Persons intending to compete should give due notice, and the Farms be viewed by local Judges in each district, who should report to the Secretary of the Provincial Society, that officer will then send other Judges to view the Farms of the successful competitors and award the Provincial Honors.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY MOYLE.

Sheep-walk, in Brantford, }
Nov. 23, 1847. }