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THE TRIUMPH PEACH.

 VALUABLE commercial variety, to follow the Alexander, but not very popular on account of its heavy coat of down, its dull color, and its susceptibility to rot.

ORIGIN : Georgia, seed of Alexander.

TREE : vigorous, hardy, very productive, subject to twig blight and leaf curl.

FRUIT : 2 inches long by $2\frac{1}{2}$ broad, roundish, somewhat shouldered and flattened; color, yellow ground nearly covered with red and markings of very dark red; cavity, deep; apex, small, in a decided depression; suture distinct; pit, semi-cling.

FLESH : yellow; texture, fine, juicy; flavor, sweet, rich and excellent.

SEASON : August 15th to 20th.

QUALITY : good.

VALUE : home markets very good.

ADAPTATION : Michigan, Ontario, New York.

PEACHES IN 1901.

The season opened at Maplehurst on the 27th of July, with the SNEED, the earliest good peach, and one that well deserves to be planted freely. It is agreeable in flavor, very juicy, but a poor market peach, because it ripens too rapidly; but it is much more

desirable for dessert than such varieties as Alexander, Hale's Early, Early Purple, Rivers, etc. For shipping it must be picked while still quite firm. On the 1st of August we found many prematures already overripe and fallen.

The ALEXANDER succeeded this variety about the 5th of August, and kept up the shipments until about the 13th. Owing to the scarcity of the fruit the prices of these early varieties were better than usual.

The TRIUMPH peach was harvested between the 15th and 21st of August, and was the best market peach of its season at Maplehurst. It is a yellow fleshed peach, and not a close clingstone as most early peaches, so that it suits a demand in Canada for yellow fleshed peaches. The tree is vigorous and productive, but is inclined to blight as the fruit ripens if conditions favor, a disease which sometimes attacks both twigs and fruit. The fruit is dull in color and very thickly coated with down, which stands in the way of its popularity.

EARLY RIVERS is a white fleshed peach about the same in season as Triumph (August 15th to August 25th in 1901) and was at one time largely planted in Ontario. We