

## PEACHES TO PLANT.



N planting a commercial orchard great care should be taken in selecting the varieties. If a mistake be made here all the other work goes for nothing. Some varieties of peaches are local and do well only on certain soils and in certain localities. It is always better to observe how certain varieties do in your locality. I shall briefly state how some of the leading varieties have done with us during the last few years. Of a great many varieties that we have planted successfully and have fruited, we have found the following to give the best results:—Troth, Early York, Mamie Ross, Thurber, Captain Ede, Elberta and Ward's Late. The Thurber is a peach comparatively little known. It is one of those comparatively new sorts that were thought a great deal of when they first came out, but were soon forgotten in the headlong rush for newer and more highly advertised sorts. It is a white peach with a faint red cheek, very firm, productive, remarkable for its hardiness in both bud and blossom. We had fair crops of Thurber when no other variety in the orchard bore a peach. Its quality, however, is not first-class, and that is probably the only objection.

The Thurber gets ripe from ten days to two weeks earlier than the old Mixon freestone. It is a good shipper and profitable. The Captain Ede is a peach originated by the man whose name it bears. It is a golden yellow freestone, finest quality, ripens same time as Thurber. It is hardy and a splendid bearer. Elberta is another good peach, ripening about with the Thurber and Captain Ede. It is yellow with a fine red cheek, a beauty, good quality and productive. It contains about all the good points one could desire in a peach. Old Mixon does not do very well with us, but about forty miles north of where I live it does very well indeed. Ward's late is the Thurber over again, only of a little better quality, ripens about one month later than the Thurber. For a medium early peach we have found nothing that excels the old-fashioned Troth and Early York. Mamie Ross is a large, white peach, with a red cheek and freestone, fine seedling of the Chinese Cling and Early Rivers, that ripens about ten days later than the Early York. It has proved to be quite a good peach. It is the best of its season I have ever found. It is extra large, hardy productive and profitable. A few years ago we planted an experimental orchard containing thirty or forty new varieties.—WILLIAM GOULD, to Illinois Hort. Society.

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NOTE BY EDITOR.—In Canada we need a good peach to come between the Hales and the Early Crawford, and some say the Yellow St. John is the peach to bridge over this gap. The Early York we discarded some years ago. It was not large enough. Lord Palmerston is a fine peach, white-fleshed, ripening September 7th, as the Early Crawford is just over. It is almost equal to Old Mixon in quality, and is a firmer peach. Bowslaugh's Late is one of our best late peaches.