

The Most Profitable Peaches

Wm. Armstrong, Lincoln Co., Ont.
If I were planting a peach orchard today, I would have but three varieties, or four at the most. I would have them ripening at different times, so that the same set of pickers could handle the entire crop. From my 40 years of experience in peach growing I would select the following varieties:

(1) Yellow St. John: This peach is handsome in color and size, coming in just when people want it. It is a money-maker and a good bearer. Its weakest point is that it clusters too much, especially when about eight years old.

(2) New Prolific: This is the latest peach of all varieties. A twig 14 inches long will have from 50 to 60 buds. I would recommend cutting

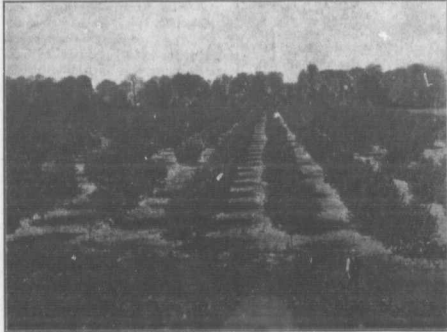
My third variety and one much liked in foreign markets is the Duchesse. It is a fairly heavy bearer.

Were I to select other varieties I would take the Anjou, Bona and Clapp's Favorite. The first is an annual cropper with a full crop every other year. It is of high quality and there is a good local demand for it. The latter blooms badly but is the first pear on the market and a good price is always realized. It is a good cropper and of fine appearance.

Hints on Top Working

John Bremer, Brant Co., Ont.

Of late years I have come to prefer trees that have been grafted to the varieties desired before they leave the nursery. At least three years are lost when Talman Sweet or other



In One of the Newer Peach Growing Districts of Ontario

When we think of peach growing in Canada, we have also been accustomed to think also of the Niagara district; but the peach belt is extending as this photograph shows. The healthy three-year-old peach orchard here illustrated is in Lambton Co., Ont., near Forest. As harder varieties are produced we see no reason why peaches should not be successfully grown in all of the older sections of Ontario as well as in the more favorably situated sections of the other Eastern provinces.

back to four or five buds.

(3) If I wanted to plant a variety that would mature between the two already mentioned, it would be the Fitzgerald, a heavy bearer, but one needing careful trimming.

(4) My choice for a late maturing peach would be the Elberta. The fact that this variety is so well known and well thought of, is the best proof I can offer on its merit.

Pears to Plant

M. C. Smith, Halton Co., Ont.

This year we had over 5,000 bushels of pears. I have handled pears for several growers, heard their experience with various varieties and if I were planting an orchard myself I would reduce my selections from five or six varieties to three.

My first choice would be the Bartlett. This pear is unequalled for quality, appearance and yield. It is profitable for home and for foreign markets. As well as being a heavy cropper it is an annual cropper. It bears young and lives long.

My second choice would be the Kieffer. The longer we grow it the more we appreciate it. It is a heavy and early bearer and easier to take care of than most varieties. It is not very popular on local markets, but there is a growing demand in England for Kieffer pears. One of the best English dealers advised me to plant Kieffer and next to the Bartlett the canning factories prefer the Kieffer.

hardy varieties are set and top worked to the varieties desired by the orchardist. In one of my orchards set nine years Spy trees that were bridge grafted in the nursery have tops that are 50 per cent. larger than other trees set out at the same time and top worked on the same parent stock. Many of us, however, have young orchards set that have to be top worked. Others will have varieties that will turn out unsatisfactorily and the tree can be changed over by top working. Accordingly a few hints gained from my experience may be of value.

I never top work the tree in one season. This robs the tree of vitality and gives it a check in growth that it may never get over. At least three years should be taken in top working the young tree. We do not allow any buds to develop that are not at least three inches above the joint. Branches growing out very near the graft are very apt to split off. Two scions are inserted in each graft but only one is permitted to grow.

Don't forget to save some seeds to give to your friends.

Many insects can be killed on gold-rop, sweet pear, rose, buckthorn, plum, or any plant, by applications of soap solution. This is perfectly safe to use, and leaves no bad odor, and a few applications apparently are sufficient to rid a plant of its unpleasant parasite.



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