

growth, reasonably level, entirely agricultural and inhabited by a people whose hospitality is unbounded. The form of Government does away with municipalities and manages everything direct from the dingy old provincial building in Charlottetown. Their land is divided into counties and these into lots corresponding to Ontario townships. All that is possible is done with single horses, driven, in winter as in summer, in the middle of the road. If heavy work such as log-hauling is to be done, two sleds are loaded and one horse led. If the farmer drives into town, a box is put on the sled-bottom and the transformation is complete enough. If he meets another he turns to the left, as do also his fellows in the other provinces near. Trolley cars are a thing unknown to him and his con-

ception of a railroad is found in a narrow gauge track so rough and crooked as to render a rate of twenty miles an hour positively dangerous and supremely uncomfortable. The little locomotives, fitted with the old time funnel smokestack and shrill whistle, and attached to the cars by the old link coupler, are certainly emblematic of a day that the rest of Canada has passed.

And what has all this to do with Canada? Simply to show how vast a country is ours, that we so seldom notice these altered usages; and further, to show how great a country is ours, seeing that these differences in no way interfere with our equality or national happiness.

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Winter Protection for Peach Trees.

Peach growing in Ontario is limited, at present, to the Niagara District and to that portion of the province fringing the Great Lakes. Outside of these districts the growing of peaches as an industry has many drawbacks.

The cold winter, the lateness of spring, and the tenderness of the peach tree make difficult its culture. To overcome to a certain extent these difficulties, the grower must acquaint himself with the best methods for protecting the tree in winter. Some are already familiar with this phase of the question; others are not, and a few suggestions along this line may be of value.

The most serious drawback to suc-

cessful peach culture is the winter-killing of the fruit buds. In some parts of the province good crops of peaches have been grown with very little winter protection. In other portions, however, it is absolutely essential to protect the tender buds in winter. Probably the changeable climate makes the question of winter protection important in all parts of the Province.

CAUSES OF WINTER-KILLING.

Imperfect ripening of the wood and buds in autumn.—This is usually caused by late cultivation or by warm autumn rains, which prolong the growing season. Sometimes it is caused by the excessive use of fertil-