



FIG. 1107.—AVENUE OF NORWAY SPRUCE.

order of ripening:—*Alexander and Rivers*, varieties that succeed well, and give a crop almost annually; *Yellow St. John*, one of the finest of early peaches for Southern Ontario, more productive than *Alexander* or *Crawford*. Six year old trees have borne three crops, and in 1896 averaged five baskets per tree; they also command a higher price than even the *Crawford*, probably because earlier. *Early Crawford* does finely, six year old trees average four or five baskets per tree annually, of magnificent samples; *Crosby* and *Loughurst* and *Bowslaugh's Late* come next, and are excellent varieties. The two latter are,

however, so much alike that Mr. Carpenter does not see any choice between them. The *Crosby* sells the best of the three in his experience. *Smock* is his best late variety.

The secret of Mr. Carpenter's success with his peach orchard, aside from his soil, is manure and cultivation: he applies a heavy dressing of barnyard manure and ashes annually, and gives his orchard constant cultivation, until the fruit is nearly ripe.

Besides his peaches, he has about 600 pear trees, 300 plum trees, and a small vineyard.

**PALMS.**—The cooler varieties, usually grown in houses, like a night temperature of 55 degrees or ten degrees higher; a north or east window is best;

Repot only when ball is crowded with roots, and only in spring or summer. Sponge foliage frequently with clean water.