

PEACH GROWING IN NOVA SCOTIA.

SIR,—Some of your readers may be surprised at the statement that peaches can be successfully grown in the open air in Nova Scotia. But such is the fact. About five years ago I ordered six peach trees—all different varieties—from a nursery-man in Western New York, as a mere experiment. Only four of them survived the first winter and they have made excellent growth, except one, which is affected by blistered or curled leaf. The first three have all borne fruit. The fruit on two of them the last season surprised, not only my neighbors, some of whom had never seen peaches growing and could not name the fruit, but others who had visited peach growing sections in the U. S., and who declared they never saw their superior. I have eleven very promising younger trees; and some of my neighbors, profiting by the experiment, are ordering peach trees for this spring's setting. I would just add that, although we are situated about on the 45th parallel, the mercury seldom falls below 0°, and very rarely 10° below zero, and I suppose it is the mildness of our winters that so favors the production of this fruit.

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MANURING BEARING ORCHARDS.

ON my orchard of bearing trees I haul out as many as forty wagon loads of manure to the acre every year and spread it over the ground. I mulch my trees thoroughly. I think it is an impossibility for a tree to bear fruit and live any length of time, making a thrifty growth unless the ground is properly manured. If it requires all the vitality there is in a tree to ripen and mature its fruit without making growth it will not last long. I have observed that from experience. If we can keep the ground rich enough to make a tree have considerable growth, besides maturing its fruit, then there is a proper prospect of its living a number of years.

I have trees in my orchard that have now stood there 28 years, and to-day they are just as healthy as they were 20 years ago; at least I sold more than four tons of apples from an orchard of Duchess of Oldenburg, seven by nine rods in size, this season. The trees bear every year; but this result is only accomplished by means of heavy manuring and mulching. I have other trees likewise that I treat in the same manner. I find as they grow older that they require more mulching. The vitality in a tree must be kept up. It appears to me there is a similiarity in animal and vegetable life. We must feed a tree, because it is very exhausting for it to produce its fruit each and every year. The results with me from mulching have been very satisfactory. It keeps the ground in good condition and does not let the grass grow. However, manuring may be overdone with young trees, but when a tree comes into bearing it needs much food.—*Minnesota Horticultural Report.*