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THE WHEATLAND PEACH.



THE readers of our journal are not to suppose that every fruit pictured and described in this journal is commended as being valuable for the commercial peach orchard. The object is to make known to all Canadian growers those new or old varieties which appear desirable, and which need more general testing in order to know their adaptability to the various parts of our country.

The Wheatland is a new peach which frequently comes under notice at fairs, and ripens at a time when a good yellow flesh peach is needed, just after the Early Crawford.

The variety originated near Rochester, N.Y., with Mr. D. S. Rogers. He grows a great number of varieties, but of them all he considers the Wheatland the finest. The following is a description of the Wheatland peach: Fruit is large, roundish; skin golden yellow, shaded with crimson on the sunny side; flesh yellow, firm; juicy, sweet, and of fine quality; tree vigorous and healthy.

Our colored plate of this peach is rather too highly colored for the average samples. Its behaviour, too, does not seem to be uniform in all localities, for Mr. A. M. Smith, of St. Catharines, says he has trees six years planted that have never yielded him a half dozen peaches, and he considers it a very poor bearer.

Mr. E. McArdle, a peach grower in St. Catharines, writes us as follows with reference to the Wheatland peach: "My own experience with the Wheatland is very limited, but others tell me that this variety is a very shy bearer. We planted very few of them, only twenty-five Wheatland in an orchard of two thousand trees. I consider the peach a very fine one in appearance, and of good quality, although not very highly colored." We shall be pleased to receive for publication the experience of other peach growers.