

New Work for Fruit Experimenters

At a meeting of the Board of Control of the Fruit Experiment Stations held recently at Guelph, several very important decisions were arrived at which, it is hoped, will lead to even more valuable reports being received from the stations than in the past. As a result of the disasters which again overtook the peach growers in Essex, due to the extreme winter, the Board decided that something should be done at once to assist those who desired to replant.

It was felt that the use of cover crops should be encouraged, and their effect on freezing of the soil, ripening of wood growth, etc., thoroughly tested. With this object in view five

acres at the Essex Experiment Station, on the farm of Mr. W. W. Hillborn, will be set out this spring with about ten of the best varieties of peaches for that district in lots of 100 of each variety. Extensive experiments will be carried out to find the value of the hairy vetch, crimson and red clover, rye, etc., as cover crops. An additional test as to hardiness of plum roots for peach trees will be carried on by having ten trees of each variety budded to plum stock.

The Essex district is one of the best fruit sections of Ontario and it is hoped that some definite results may follow these experiments at Mr. Hillborn's. The peach industry there received a decided set back by last winter's

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