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## THE PEACH IN CANADA.

**F**OR the first time in three or four years peach-growers in Ontario are the happy possessors of a fair crop of peaches. The early varieties, such as Alexanders, Hale's Early, Louise and Rivers are overloaded, while the finer varieties, such as Early Crawford, Old Mixon, &c., are about a half-crop.

But peach-growing in Canada is by no means the important industry that it was five or six years ago. Then every choice piece of garden soil was devoted to peach culture, and every orchardist, along the southern shore of Ontario and the eastern shore of Lake Huron, had golden dreams of the profits to be derived from this delicate fruit. But, alas! the mysterious Yellows awakened us all to the unpleasant reality of great disappointment, and

our beautiful peach trees had to be cut off and drawn out of the ground by hundreds. Our growers are now turning their attention to the vineyard in place of the peach orchard; and very few are giving the latter even reasonable cultivation, so wholly disgusted are they with the unsightly remains of what was once the pride of their grounds.

But this is a great mistake. The sagacious orchardist will destroy the affected trees as soon as they are observed, and in the proper time plant young healthy ones in their places. He will not plant more than he can cultivate, prune and fertilize in the best and most approved manner, and thus he will succeed in reaping eventually a most satisfactory reward.

As the time for cultivation of the peach is now over for this season, we