

In fact peaches have been grown on a small scale in the valley successfully for the last 70 years. They were grown by a Mr. Prescott of Town Plot as far back as 1820, and have also been grown at Kentville, Wolfville, Wallbrook, and different parts of the valley. The trees have attained the age of 35 and 40 years, and have been bearing fruit a great part of that time and no doubt would have been fruitful all those years, had they been given proper cultivation and pruning. Recently quite an advance has been made in this line, and we now have thousands of trees planted throughout the valley and in quite a number of instances bearing fruit abundantly. If you will bear with me I will give you a history of my experience in growing this fruit :

In the Fall of '86 I ordered 12 Apricot trees to be delivered in the Spring of '87 to cost \$9.00. In the Spring they arrived as per order. I sold 3 of them to my neighbor and planted the other 9 trees. I treated them in the same manner as plum trees, cutting back two-thirds the last year's growth and trimming off the broken roots. I then planted them in mellow sandy loam, beside plum and apple trees. Since then they have had the same treatment with the exception of cutting back last year's growth. The first year some told me they thought that they were peach trees instead of apricot. The next season quite a number informed me they were peaches, and on making inquiry I came to the same conclusion myself. The 3rd season they bore a few peaches, the 4th year I had about 5 bus., and since then I have had an average yield of 6 bushels per year, one of the trees averaging  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushels per year. They have made a good spreading top and a height of about 15 feet with diameter of 8 in. Since then I have set about 2 doz. peach trees which have made good healthy growth, but I have been unable to get any fruit from them owing, I think to the variety. In the Spring there would be a few blossoms but very few would set. I have the last two years been budding them out, and budding in the variety that I have in bearing, which, as nearly as I can find out is the Early Alexander. The reason I call them this is from the description I found in Downing, and I have