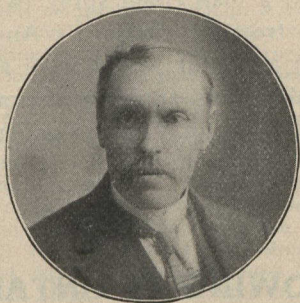


## A PEACH COUNTRY

MORE NOTES OF THE LEAMINGTON MEETING.



MR. W. W. HILLBORN, FRUIT EXPERIMENTER IN ESSEX; ALSO ORCHARDIST AND GARDENER.

THE home of our fruit experimenter, Mr. W. W. Hillborn, is situated just outside the town of Leamington, on a somewhat elevated location, and in the midst of peach orchards which extend as far as the eye can reach. Very few trees remain of those planted previous to the great February "freeze" of five years ago, but the new orchards are now coming into bearing, and in future the output of peaches from Essex must be reckoned with in our already overstocked markets..

After testing about one hundred and fifty kinds of peaches, Mr. Hillborn gives the following list as in his opinion the most desirable for commercial purposes, in order of ripening, viz.: Yellow St. John, Garfield, Early Crawford, Fitzgerald, Engol Mammoth, New Prolific, Elberta, Bronson, Kalamazoo, Late Crawford, Smock, Banner and Salway.

The Longhurst he would not plant, the Bronson and the Kalamazoo being much better; and in this our Niagara district growers will agree with him, for most of us have too many of this variety, which often grows small in size and is unattractive in appearance. The Banner is a local variety and quite a favorite in Essex.

We asked about two varieties which are great favorites with us in our own experimental plot, viz., Steven's Rareripe and Champion. While admitting them to be among the very best, he had omitted them from his list simply because they were white fleshed. Now in England the white flesh kinds are the favorites for dessert; we believe the same is true everywhere, and that the popularity of the Early Crawford for canning purposes explains the preference for the yellow color in America.

In this we are supported by Taft, of Michigan, who said that in his state some of the best white varieties are being specially grown for a fancy trade. He would not favor, however, any of those ripening earlier than the season of the St. John. We quite agree with the professor with regard to most of the early varieties, but would except a new variety, the Greensboro, a large white fleshed variety of fairly good quality, which we consider very valuable for home use or for a near market.

Hillborn has had excellent success with the lime and sulphur treatment for scale, which had established itself in his orchard before he was aware of it. One thorough treatment, just before the buds opened, was so effective that he has not since been able to find a live scale. In applying he is careful to spray on the windward side, finishing on the other side when the wind changes. With three lines of hose he applies five barrels of the mixture per day, one man being always at the steam cooker preparing the mixture.

Mr. W. A. McKinnon said that the experiments conducted by his department went to show that \$350 should provide a power spraying outfit, with which one