

water. The Great Lakes soften the dry piercing winds of that region and make them moist. Hence it is, that Michigan lying between 42 degrees and 46 degrees ranks high as a fruit producing state and can successfully compete with states in warmer latitudes, in the production of peaches.

Travelling eastward, we come to the wonderful fruit producing peninsula of Ontario, and take a look at its Geographical position. Lying between the parallels of 42 dgs. and 45 dgs. north latitude, and surrounded like Michigan with large bodies of water which kill the piercing hard frosts that would prevail in the latitude were it not for its encompassing waters, we find the peach growing abundantly and competing in the markets with the same fruit from its southern neighbors. Taking a step or two further east we will look at the geographical position of our own Province and see if it does not compare favorably in latitude and surroundings with Ontario and Michigan. We are situated between the parallels 42 dgs. and 46 dgs. N. latitude and surrounded on all sides by water. Having the same latitude, the same influences to modify our less severe and shorter winters, the same amount of sun, the same length of summer, and growing apples, pears, plums, grapes, etc., of as good quality, beauty, flavor, as Ontario and Michigan, why is it that we cannot grow the peach? I think we may safely say that it is because we have not made the trial. We have never grown them, and that is sufficient reason for many why we cannot.

People said to Columbus, you can never find a country across the water; no one ever has discovered the unknown world and therefore you never will. But Columbus saw enough evidence of another land to give him faith to make a start, and we know the result. So I think that when we look at our situation, consider the climate, think of the great success that has been attained through our experiments with other fruit, and the successful trials that have been made in growing the peach in our own valley, we may conclude that there is no reason why we should not raise this fruit and that like Columbus, all we need is faith and work.