

decay, in order to make pulling easier. Axes, and dynamite may be used to cut roots to loosen those trees which are very difficult to remove.

On the basis of removal of peach trees from ten acres, it is estimated that the cost per tree will average eight cents when a heavy tractor is used, or about fifteen cents when a stump puller is used.¹⁶



Fig. 7.—Bracing by means of wooden props. This is a three-year-old Paloro peach tree which bore a crop at the rate of seven tons per acre at this age.

Under some conditions the costs may be partially or wholly offset by the sale of wood for domestic purposes, three mature peach trees giving approximately one tier. Such a tier may cost from \$2.25 to \$3.00 for pulling and cutting combined, and has a sales value of from \$2.00 to \$3.50

¹⁶ Unpublished costs supplied by E. F. Serr, Assistant Farm Advisor of Sutter County.