

matter of fruit culture, and deserves all the thanks and encouragement that can be given to him.

The want of railway facilities, referred to by Mr. H., has been against us in the exhibition of fruit, as in other important respects, but we think (and hope not to be disappointed) that we can see the silver lining in the dark cloud which has been so long presented.

Yours truly,

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MAHONE BAY, *March 2, 1883.*

Dear Sir,—I have for some years spent considerable time and money in endeavoring to grow the best kinds of fruit. Except in a few instances, I have ordered my trees and stock direct from the nurserymen, and not from tree agents or pedlars, and as a rule they have turned out true to names and kinds. The trees planted by me in the spring have grown much better, and were surer to live, than those planted in the fall. The spring planting suits my land best. It lies a little low, and is flat and under drained, and my trees are doing well. I have lost most of the trees I planted in the fall. A great drawback to fruit growing in this district has been the ordering of trees from agents, and failure, except in a few instances, to get the kinds ordered. One man in this district a few years ago ordered one dozen apple trees from an agent, two of a kind, and they were to be all hardy and long keeping fruit. They turned out to be all of one kind, soft, worthless apples—not an apple like the ones ordered. They were worse than any of our seedlings with which we feed stock, though the trees were on arrival labelled according to order given. Many others have been taken in, the same way. There is no doubt that as good fruit can be raised in this county as in any other county in this Province, and it might perhaps be added, in the Dominion. All that is wanted is for our people to give more attention to, and take better care of, the trees—keep the sod from them, and manure them properly. There are some persons who, in those respects, do their best, but a large number, after planting trees, let them look out for themselves. In some instances the cattle are allowed to browse on them, and to shorten the last year's growth. Another drawback is, that such a long time must