

inflexible rule can be laid down for such details of planting; so much must depend upon the size and situation of the place, and upon the taste of the planter.

The following are some of the more desirable shrubs for planting in Canada, arranged according to the months of flowering: April—Forsythia, Japan Quince, Missouri Currant; May—Wild Thorns, Azaleas, Lilacs, Tartarian Honeysuckle, Weigela, Syringa, Spiraeas and Flowering Almond; June—Red-Twigged Osier, Winterberry, Snowberry, Snowball, Rose Acacia; July—Fringe Tree, Elders, Privet; August and September—Alder-leaved Clethra, Strawberry Tree, Hydrangea Paniculata. There are many others, but these are the most popular. The Winterberry, or Black Alder, as it is also called, is far more attractive in fruit than in flower, the bright red berries hanging on the bushes nearly all winter, and being particularly beautiful.

Lawn vases, with Agaves or stiff foliated exotics, are suitable on the verandah, or very near to the house;

but out on the lawn among the shrubbery they are out of keeping with their surroundings.

The great importance of water in the attractiveness of a country seat is again well illustrated in the engraving before us, where a delightful walk leads the visitor along the bank toward a pleasant summer-house, from which a delightful prospect is before him. How many such possibilities are afforded us in Canada along our beautiful rivers and lakes, the advantages of which are wholly ignored by the residents in their neighborhood. We have in mind just such a lovely situation, the beauty of which has been wholly lost upon its unappreciative possessor. Inheriting broad acres of land, he had built an elegant house in a choice position on the shores of our beautiful lake Ontario, and having a bank on one side sloping down to a picturesque inlet; but he had so placed his barns, stables and out-buildings as to most effectually hide the pretty landscape, and blot the beauty of the whole situation.

### CHOICE OF TREES FOR AN ORCHARD.

AT this season of the year, when many of our readers are being called upon by agents of various nurseries, a few words of advice may prove valuable.

First, with regard to patronizing the much-abused itinerant tree agent, we do not take the extreme ground which some do. There are, it is true, many rogues abroad who travel upon their own responsibility, and

fill their orders with the culls from any nursery, refuse which would otherwise have been consigned to the brush heap, and which they could purchase for a trifling sum. Such men should not be allowed inside the door. The first question should be: "What nursery do you represent?" And if it is a reliable firm, the next should be: "Show me your certificate." This precau-