

greatest possible use of our splendid opportunities.

A. BLUE.

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The following list shews the counties as grouped under the heads referred to in the foregoing paper :

Lake Erie.—Essex, Kent, Elgin, Norfolk, Haldimand, Welland.

Lake Huron.—Lambton, Huron, Bruce.

Georgian Bay.—Grey, Simcoe.

West Midland.—Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Perth, Wellington, Waterloo, Dufferin.

Lake Ontario.—Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, Peel, York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Prince Edward.

St. Lawrence and Ottawa.—Lennox and Addington, Frontenac, Leeds and Grenville, Dundas, Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Carleton, Renfrew, Lanark.

East Midland.—Victoria, Peterborough, Haliburton, Hastings.

Northern Districts.—Muskoka, Parry Sound, Algoma.

FALL PLANTING.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Canada Baldwin Apple-tree from the Fruit Growers' Association, which was received some time ago. I planted it at once, believing that to be the proper time, without waiting to "heel it in," as some do. A friend once told me it was much better, when trees were obtained in the fall, to heel them in, to keep them there until spring had warmed the soil. "For," said he, "you will then see the fine, hairlike roots just starting out, and when put in the ground will grow at once." To this I said, "Why not plant them in the fall, in the place where they are intended to grow, and then the very small rootlets will not be in danger of being disturbed, and will be solid in the ground and ready as soon as the ground is warm in the spring to grow?" In my opinion, the only argument that can

be brought against planting in the fall is, perhaps, when trees have been taken up in the nursery from a thickly shaded place there may be some slight danger, when planted at a proper distance in the orchard, of their not being able to resist the cold of winter as well as when they were in the nursery. On this score I never had any difficulty, and when I buy trees in the fall and they arrive at a proper time, I plant them at once, and they grow.

GRAPES.

One of my neighbours complains about his grapes not doing well. To this I have to say, mine have done well. I have, amongst others, the Isabella, which is considered a rather late grape, and it ripened and was just as sweet as many much further south. If you have a stone wall, plant grape-vines on the south side of it. It makes all the difference in the world to have a proper place to plant them. If you have a big, unseemly rock or stoneheap on your farm, plant grape-vines about them, and the unsightly places will become profitable. Some say that such and such kinds of grapes will not ripen with them, or that they are much later, &c. Much of all this depends on the situation in which they are placed.

FRUITS IN GENERAL.

We have had a very dry season, and fruit in general has not done as well as usual: but taking one year with another, I believe we have as fine a fruit producing county as most in Canada. Tempered as it is by the waters of Georgian Bay, we have no trouble with early and late frosts. We have lost some plum trees, but this has been general all over. All the fruits of a temperate climate flourish here. Fearing I have trespassed too long.

I am, yours truly,

TIMOTHY CHAMBERS.

Presque Isle, Nov. 18th, 1884.