

A COMMENDABLE EXAMPLE

What is being done on 30 acres of land

La Semaine, of Grand'Mère, admits that agricultural exhibitions are excellent, but asks that practical lessons be given to our farmers.

La Semaine shows what knowledge and hard work can make out of a land of inferior quality; and it quotes the example of the farm of the Laurentide Co., of Grand'Mère, situated North of Petite Rivière. This farm, which is under the supervision of a gardener graduated from the School of Grignon (France) contains thirty acres, given up to intensive cultivation.

The yield was as follows:

Lettuce.—From May to October, there are always 3,000 heads of lettuce growing. These are picked up and replaced in about seven weeks.

The total yield is thus 10,000 heads, on half an acre of land.

The gardener puts 30,000 heads more in the cellar for the winter. The summer lettuce sells 10 cents in the spring and 5 cents later on, an average price of 7 cents. The winter lettuce is worth 15 cents.

Average value of this half acre: \$1,780.80.

Cabbage.—Three acres of the Laurentide farm are covered by 11,000 summer cabbages, worth \$1.25 a dozen. Three acres and a half bear winter cabbages, worth 18 cents a piece. We have to add to that nearly an acre of 3,000 cauliflowers at 15 cents a piece and 2,000 Brussels sprouts, at 20 cents, covering half an acre.

Peas.—Five species "Not Excelsior", "Little Marvel", "Stratagème", "Telephone", "Gradus", cover nearly three acres and, at 8 cents a quart, bring from \$150 to \$160.