

W. G. SCOTT. I have had a little experience. When I was planting I kept a cut before me all the time. I got through 500 in a day and I did not lose more than one per cent. I find that strawberries have too many enemies. I put up scarecrows to keep off birds and found in a few days that the wrens had built nests in hats and coat-sleeves. The small boy is another enemy. I found it impossible to keep them off. It may be different in Kildonan and when I go into the strawberry business again I will move to Mr. Whellams' neighborhood.

I have tried the potting system. Put small pots in the ground so that the runners can take root in them and in the course of two weeks the pots are filled with roots and they usually bear the second year. I would recommend this as the best way to manage in the city in a small way.

This system is used mostly for getting a crop the following year. You need a system entirely different from what they use in Ontario and the United States, the season is so short.

G. H. GREIG. The hill system does not mean that the earth is raised about the roots of the plants, does it? The ground is all on the level, is it not?

MR. WHELLAMS. Yes, all on the level.

Plant strawberries two and a half feet apart. As they throw out runners keep pinching off. The more runners you pinch off the larger the fruit grows. I always pinch them off with finger and thumb.

PROF. BAIRD. I have only some three or four hundred plants and have them in the hill system. Keeping runners pinched back is laborious business and I thought of getting a circular knife and using it to chop them down. I suppose any blacksmith could make it without much cost.

MR. WHELLAMS. In some places some grow as much as 200 acres all planted in that system. A grower in the State of Michigan had something like sixty acres. He grows them entirely on that system. For us it is a particularly good one.

W. G. SCOTT. How many crops should a strawberry patch be allowed to bear? Some authorities say two—others three.

W. H. TOMALIN. The best crop I got off my land was two years ago. I had a bed and got two crops off it. It kept raining in the spring and I was not able to make any other use of the bed. Mow near the rows. I am not afraid of cutting an occasional plant.

*Question.* How wide do you leave your matted rows.

W. H. TOMALIN. I plant them four feet apart and let them meet.