

nurseryman whose climatic conditions are as nearly like our own as possible.

DISCUSSION.

PROF. BAIRD. This is a subject everybody either has had experience in or wants to have. There should be plenty of questions.

MR. WHELLAMS. I might say that I do not think there is a gentleman here who has had as much experience as Mr. Tomalin. He has grown strawberries for several years and has always had a successful crop.

MR. TOMALIN. If I begin I am afraid I will be pulling Mr. Whellams' paper all to pieces.

I find the best way with plants is to take them up about the last week in September. Take a bunch in your hand, trim them off with a knife and put them into the ground as close as possible and let them stand till Spring. You can then set them out and do not need to water them. Put them in two or three inches apart. Cut roots off short. Always cut them off about one-third.

Strawberry roots grow near the surface. Put them all in same depth. Make holes with dibber. I plant perhaps a hundred and not get one a quarter of an inch lower than another. I have'n't time to take pains with them and spread out the roots. The advantage of transplanting them up in the fall is that a number of small white roots are formed. These hold a little ball of earth and support the plant till it is well established in its new position.

MR. WHELLAMS. Two years ago we were setting out a bed of strawberries and some of my men went to work and set out six rows, 360 in a row. They planted them in the morning and made short work of it and said that it did not take half the time my way did. I said I would finish them. Three weeks later every plant in my two rows was thriving, while more than a quarter of theirs had succumbed to the heat because of improper planting.

Prepare ground first and see that it is moist enough. I have tried the old system and it killed most plants.

In the matter of the hill system. Land around here is infested with weeds and I find that after the first season plants run and become matted. With the hill system you are able to get in and pick weeds. In the matted row system you cannot do that. The plants cover the whole ground and if weeds come up you cannot get down on your hands and knees and pick them out. Last year a traveller who passed through here said he had been all over the province and mine were the finest lot of strawberries he had seen.