

## THE INTENSIVE CULTURE OF SMALL FARMS

while the crops are maturing over and above the payment on the land. Neither can he expect to succeed without steady continuous work. There is no more interesting occupation than gardening; watching the first seedlings appear and gradually unfold, or to see the result of some new treatment and note the differences in the development of the various crops. To a man who takes an interest in such things, the business of intensive cultivation is a pleasant and profitable pastime.

Even the stones which are such a nuisance on many farms can be made to contribute to the prosperity of the small farm.

Drawn on a sleigh during the winter to the northern border of the property, a thick wall can be erected which will keep off the north winds and absorb the rays of the spring sunshine; vegetables sown on the southern side will mature a week or two earlier. If glass frames be leaned against the wall they will make convenient forcing beds.

A chicken house built against this wall will promote by its warmth the earlier laying of eggs.

The cultivator of the soil has at his disposal, without cost, the advice and assistance of trained specialists in every department maintained at the expense of the Government.

The Agricultural College at Guelph and experimental farms, both Federal and Provincial, issue frequent bulletins and pamphlets of great value.

The officials of these establishments are always ready to answer individual inquiries, and advise as to the cultivation best suited for special districts.

The office of the Minister of Agriculture, Toronto, is like a busy publishing house, supplying literature freely on all subjects useful to the agriculturist.

There is no other business enterprise which is so helped by Government as the farmer.

NOTE.—An Association is being formed to promote the intensive cultivation of small farms. Anyone interested may address J. Enoch Thompson, 154 Bay Street, Toronto, for further information.