

Mr. THOMAS BENGOUGH (Toronto), having been a near neighbor to Dr. Adams, told about his garden a few feet square, wherein the doctor grew squashes, pumpkins, grapes, tomatoes, lettuce, and other supplies. His vines were trained "up a tree" that grew in the yard, and the novel sight was shown of big yellow pumpkins among the branches of a poplar. The squashes were trained along the fence, and supports were nailed on when the vegetables grew large enough to require them. Dr. Adams had carried out suitable plans in his new premises, and two years ago grew sufficient in one season not only to furnish his family but to net about \$30 in addition.

Mr. DEMPSEY had seen a little spot where pumpkins were planted, which ran on a wood pile, and some of them weighed a hundred pounds. He himself had taken seventeen bushels of onions off seventeen feet square—a bushel from each foot. A man could take off twenty feet square a crop of lettuce, of radishes, of cucumbers, and a great many other things before the snow was off the ground, just by having some convenient glass and a stove. It is surprising how much could be grown off twenty feet square by the time you occupied the ground all the year.

Mr. MORDEN—You could get on a hundred acres about 10,000 pieces of such land. That will keep about 10,000 families and make \$3,000 besides. All that can be done in one year.

The PRESIDENT—There are many spots in cities—especially in front of the house—that might be beautified, and give the children an interest in growing plants. It would be very interesting for people engaged in commercial pursuits to indulge an hour now and then in a little spot of ground. They would be benefited in every way. There is something particularly refining in the cultivation of the soil for any purpose.

Mr. DEMPSEY—What I am worth to-day I made off three acres of my farm—and I have supported my family and lived pretty well, and paid some other folks' debts. I have seen on a small spot—I won't say it was 20 feet square—a crop of grapes carefully cultivated, something immense, on the east wall, and on the west wall the most magnificent apricots and peaches that I ever saw. You could nearly fill a peach basket at one scraping down—they were so thickly set on a tree that was trained against the wall. You can grow very nice pears against a southern wall with a northern exposure; and there are some fruits that will grow on a northern exposure. Then that leaves the whole of the ground free for the plants. I have sold four dozen peaches at ten cents each that were grown in a ten-inch pot. Now, figure out the inches if you like. (Laughter.)

Prof. SAUNDERS—I had a garden plot 66 by 110 feet, on which I put 120 fruit trees, and grape vines along the borders and around the fences, and strawberry vines about three feet from the grapes, bordering two paths, and I carried on that garden for 17 or 18 years, and in that time got an immense quantity of fruit off it. I might have realised a good deal more than \$30 a year from the pears I got from those trees. I began by planting them out about eight feet apart each way, and as the trees grew large if they did not die I had to cut them out here and there so as to make room. I have had as much as 1½ to 2 bushels of plums off these trees—had to prop them up in all directions. I can corroborate all that has been said about getting a great deal off a small piece of land. No matter how small the piece is, by a little ingenuity and management you can make it useful, and make it contribute to your comfort and happiness.

Mr. DENTON—It is true that many people make more money out of their gardens than other people do out of their farms.

Mr. RICE—In Rochester I noticed a Dutchman growing grapes up his house. The firm of Curtis Brothers, of Rochester, paid to a man \$81 for the fruit of two cherry trees in front of his house. The man paid \$1,000 for the lot with the trees on, and this \$81 constituted the last dollars of \$1,000 that the firm had paid to that man for the fruit off those two trees. (Applause.)

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