



FIG. 2631. A. FRUIT SALESROOM IN COVENT GARDEN, LONDON.

The illustration is furnished by Mr. W. A. McKinnon, chief of our fruit department at Ottawa, who calls attention to the "packages in which grapes are sold with bloom undisturbed," and also to the packages of peaches and melons.

#### WESTERN MARKET FOR SUMMER FRUITS.

**T**HAT a northwestern trade for Southern Ontario fruit will develop a hundred fold in the near future, owing to the rapid settlement of northern Ontario, Manitoba, and the Northwest, there is no manner of doubt. Southern Ontario will send to the latter points, not merely advance supplies of early fruits, but in a large measure will contribute the whole supply. The

northerly limit for many of the early and tenderer fruits, as well as for some later and hardier varieties, is found somewhere in old Ontario. The very low winter temperatures of the northern points enfeeble, if they do not kill, fruit trees, vines, and bushes, while the comparative shortness of the season that is free from frost adds to the difficulty of producing fruit on a large or profitable scale. Berries, grapes, peaches and apples are demanded in the west now in large quantities, and as settlement continues and wealth increases the market will widen more and more. The Ontario fruit grower will do well to look to the northwestern market.