

from the United States. These are principally tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce, and by referring to the reports of the Department of Customs it has been found that during the winter months of December, January, February, March, April and May the imports into Ontario alone the one vegetable, tomatoes, have amounted to in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 per month. The other above-named crops come in probably at the lesser rates. A certain percentage of these vegetables are grown under glass by men working large establishments, and who devote practically all their time and ability to the production and selling of indoor-grown crops. Ontario growers are not producing one-half of the indoor vegetables which are being consumed in the Province at the present time, and the demand is increasing daily. Growing these crops under glass is not the easiest occupation to be found. No amateur should be misled and think there is a fortune in greenhouse vegetables. Because the crop has to be grown under artificial conditions, and because these conditions are many and of a very intricate nature, the grower has to be on the alert the whole season through to prevent as far as possible the many causes which check the growth and development of the tender plants in the middle of winter. Heating, ventilation, methods of planting, etc., are conditions which he can control, providing a first-class greenhouse is erected at the start. The grower should build the very best construction his means will allow. A cheaply-built house is always a source of worry and expense, and the time has come when durability is looked into far more than initial cost. We hear complaints on all sides of the inability to secure competent labor at a reasonable or unreasonable cost. From the gardener's standpoint this is principally because he has work for men during only six or seven months of the year. Progressive growers in several parts of the have overcome the labor problem by building a greenhouse plant and thus employ a certain amount of help the year round. During the summer months, when the greenhouse does not need so much attention, these men are available for work on the outside. The grower is money in pocket by making at least a certain part of his land produce both winter and summer. In this way his help is steady, and the labor problem does not bother him.

CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING.

In the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, there are several ranges which have been built on a co-operative scheme. Several growers having money to invest in greenhouse lines formed a co-operative society, and with the bulk of their capital built a large range and are producing vegetables only. They have a range of modern construction, and it is being managed by a competent grower who receives a stated salary for his services. He is directly responsible to the Board of Directors, and has practically free charge. This co-operative idea spread, and now three large ranges are being conducted along these lines in a very satisfactory manner from a financial standpoint to all concerned. Two of the three have enlarged their plants already, and the other one will be added to in the coming season. Dividends are large, and there is a feeling that the investment has been wise. Why not this same idea in some parts of Ontario?

LOCATION.

To the persons who are starting a new house or range, certain points must be looked into carefully. Nowadays any point which means a saving of labor is con-

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