

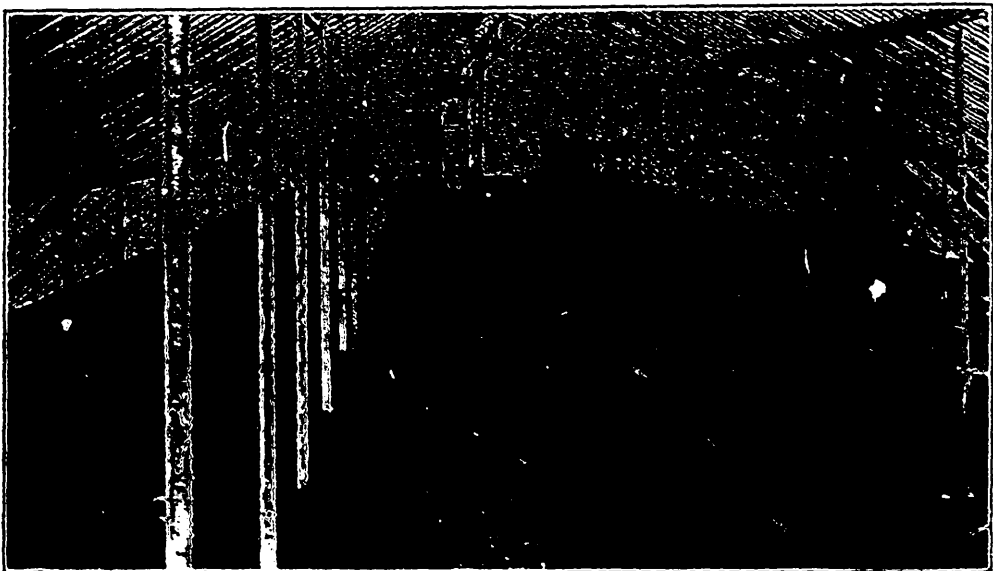
to form a sufficient protection to take the place of the snow.

"In the winter of 1903-1904 many of the orchards that had been replanted were again frozen. In sections of the United States where they have had the same difficulty to contend with, they are using a coarse mulch applied directly to each tree. We are now planting our new orchards 16 by 24 feet apart, and with this plan hope to work a strip in the centre of 10 or 12 feet in width, keeping a sufficiently heavy mulch on the balance to hold the moisture. This, in connection with the heavy cover crop on the cultivated strip, that nearly always grows rankly at a distance from the trees, ought to afford ample protection. I hope in the future to work vegetables in with my fruit growing rather more than I have hitherto done, and under the foregoing conditions expect to make fruit as profitable as vegetables.

"We grow tomatoes chiefly, also cucumbers and musk melons. This year, aside from growing the supply for our own

needs, our growers had over 250,000 tomato plants under contract for canning factory purposes. These were transplanted but once. My own planting included 3,000 cucumber plants, 14,000 Earliana and 20,000 Stone and B. B. tomato plants, and 10,000 melon plants. We ship to commission men in the cities, many of whom we find reliable, although on the start I had dealings with some who were quite the reverse. We also ship more or less to about 80 towns in Ontario, including a few in Quebec, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, where we deal direct with the retailers at a quoted price. The cities we ship to include Winnipeg and the cities of Ontario and Quebec.

"The greatest competition from southern growers is at the winding up of their season, when they send their fruit into the Dominion, under, as I am given to understand, some arrangement with the railway companies whereby no charge for freight is made if the price realized does not make it up. We fruit and vegetable growers of Canada should follow the example of the



An Interior View in One of Mr. J. D. Fraser's Greenhouses, at Leamington, Ont.

This greenhouse is 168 feet long by 32 feet wide. In it a large number of tomato plants and other vegetables were started this spring for the early markets.