

CAULIFLOWER-GROWING IN CANTERBURY.

THE accompanying photograph shows a fine 10-acre crop of cauliflowers at Willowbridge, South Canterbury, grown in the past season by Mr. W. R. Grant. The field was cropped with potatoes in the previous season, yielding 15 tons to the acre of Up-to-Date. It was then ploughed (with the subsoiler on) to a depth of 10 in.



SOME OF THE WILLOWBRIDGE CAULIFLOWERS.

and left rough for the frost to pulverize the soil. In October and November, 1915, the field was grubbed and tine-harrowed twice each month, then rolled twice and harrowed to keep in the moisture. The land, being of a heavy nature, was very moist with the working when the first lot of plants was ready for planting out from the beds. Transplanting commenced the first week in December and kept on until January. Then broccoli-planting started, and was completed early in February. Owing to the very dry weather the young plants did not start very well, and took a lot of looking after, going over the field and putting in fresh plants where others had died. When the rain came in March no more trouble was experienced, and the plants grew very fast, the soil being warm.