



FIG. 2175. A GLIMPSE OF THE COURT HOUSE, CAYUGA.

THE EVOLUTION OF A LOCAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

CAYUGA, although a very small town, has many natural attractions, a fertile soil, a picturesque landscape and is the county town of the County of Haldimand. For a long time the only public floral embellishments consisted in the wild flowers of the river islands, and the rank street growth of the sweet clover; people kept pigs and cattle pastured on the streets. Upon the engaging, however, of J. E. Skeele, as principal of the High School, it dated a new era. The school premises for the first time were really cleaned and tulip beds were set out. Numbers of the citizens began the systematic culture of flowers and a desire for improvement manifested itself. At this juncture Mr. Thos. Beall, your organizing director, called upon me. He arrived one day in December, 1900, about 6

p.m., and only stayed that evening, but his coming seemed providential. We were ready to do something, but did not



FIG. 2176. RT. REV. DEAN LAUSSIE, D. D., HIS HOME AND GARDEN.