



FIG. 2520. THE FRUIT TABLES AT WALKERTON.

Apple, possibly the largest ever grown in Ontario. It's weight was twenty-four ounces and it measured  $14\frac{3}{4}$  inches in circumference. Mr. E. Morris, our director at Fonthill, showed a fine assortment of varieties of apples, among which we noticed the Huntsman's Favorite, an apple grown largely in Illinois, and much in demand in the Illinois markets where it brings double the price per barrel got for Ben Davis. It is large, dark red in color, and of excellent quality. We propose to have it under test at our fruit stations.

The exhibit of British Columbia apples made by Mr. R. M. Palmer, of British Columbia, was also most remarkable, setting before us an example of the perfect samples which we must grow if we would receive the highest prices.

#### FLORICULTURE.

**A**N interesting innovation in connection with our annual meeting this year was the division of the programme into two separate sections, both going on at the same

time. The large Council Chamber was set apart for the consideration and discussion of topics belonging to floriculture, and every session was crowded to the full capacity of the hall. These sessions were presided over by Mr. T. H. Race, of Mitchell, and papers or addresses were given by a number of noted florists as well as a talk on roses and rose culture by Mr. Race himself. Among those who contributed to the interest of these floral meetings were Mr. J. S. Scarf, of Woodstock, Mr. R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa, Major Suelgrove, of Cobourg, Mr. C. L. Stephens, of Orillia, Prof. Hutt, of Guelph, and Dr. Fletcher, of Ottawa. These meetings seemed especially interesting to the townspeople, who thronged the hall at every session, and took an active part in all the discussions. A considerable demand was made upon the chairman for information on roses, and we may look for a large expansion in the cultivation of that queen of flowers in the pretty town of Walkerton in the near future. A hearty appreciation and