

farm for our best talent. One thousand dollars in a city is soon used up in house rent, vegetable and fruit bills, and many other things which the farmer has without buying and which he often forgets to count. Besides, in a public position a man is only engaged while young and strong, but as soon as he reaches the declining days of life and loses his position, he cannot easily secure another."

**Civic Improvement.**—Owing to the enterprise of our esteemed experimenter at Walkerton, Mr. A. E. Sherrington, a fine Horticultural Society has been organized at this town.

The first public meeting was held in the Opera House on March 13th, when the Mayor occupied the chair and the Walkerton orchestra provided delightful music. The speakers of the evening were Mr. T. H. Race, of Mitchell, and Mr. L. Woolverton, of Grimsby. The former gave a most delightful and inspiring address upon the influence of flowers upon the life and charac-

ter, and the latter spoke on landscape art as applied to home and school grounds. The interest was most intense from first to last, and the Society hopes to stir up the town to special work in civic improvement.

At the close of the meeting a practical turn was given to the work of this Society by a proposal that lady directors should be added, to whom especially should be committed the planning of work for the improvement of the town. A beautiful bend in the Saugeen river, near the town, was mentioned as already provided by nature with most attractive features, only needing a certain amount of care in the laying out and planting to make it a most attractive feature.

The school grounds had already been decorated, but much work remains to be done for improvement of the streets and other portions of the town. Walkerton is already a beautiful place, nestling as it does among the hills, with its parts diversified by the Saugeen river, and the ladies, every-



FIG. 2268. A MEETING OF GARDENERS AND FRUIT GROWERS AT OUR WALKERTON FRUIT STATION.