

THE WATERLOO FRUIT AND FLOWER GROWERS.



FIG. 1280.—WATERLOO TOWN, LOOKING NORTH-WEST.

and manager; and last September was appointed president. He was also presented with many valuable testimonials showing the esteem in which he was held by the company.

Always having a taste for gardening and flowers, he always made them a study in his travels, and now has a small greenhouse containing nearly one hundred different varieties of cacti, and a varied assortment of other plants. His garden is fairly well filled with perennial plants. He has twenty varieties of lilies, eight hundred bulbs of gladioli, as many tulips, a large number of hyacinths, *Iris Germanica*, *Kaempferi*, *Anglica* and *Hispanica*, twelve varieties of clematis, and many beautiful native wild flowers.

In order to give some idea of the excellent work of our affiliated Society at Waterloo, we take the following from the address of Mr. Jas. Lockie, the President, at our last meeting. After speaking of the failure of the ordinary method of conducting such a Society by spending money in prizes, and the wisdom of using the funds instead in

the purchasing of plants, seeds, literature, employing lecturers, etc., so that all the members get equal benefit, Mr. Lockie proceeded as follows:—

You are probably aware that the majority of this town are Germans or of German extraction, and, if there is any one thing more than another that the German cares for, it is his home and his garden, growing his vegetables and small fruits and having flowers in his home. So we had no difficulty in forming our Society, and soon had seventy-five members for the year. The success was almost unprecedented, and the next year with very little difficulty we had one hundred and twenty-five members, and in this, our third year, we have one hundred and fifty-five—not a bad showing for a town of 3,300 inhabitants.

During the year we have received from your Association and distributed to our members 25 new Japan lilacs, 75 Japan lilies, 28 *Conrath* raspberry and 37 *Dempsey* pear trees. Regarding the lilies, I may say that the bulbs were fine. I saw one growing in the garden of a