

brightens our autumnal landscape by its delicate sprays of little starry flowers. In High Park, near Toronto, during the latter part of September, this flower mingles with many other varieties of asters, and the little bye-paths appear to be hemmed in by natural hedges of it, like spirea in the springtime.

A feature of the lecture was that portion of it which dealt with the physiology of the vine, the nitrates, and the effect of watering and liquid fertilizers upon the flavor of the fruit. Mr. Spurr's argument in short was, that melons planted in a sunny location transpired through the leaves to a greater extent than those shaded; that the function of the leaf was to extract carbon from the air and deposit it in the stem; that the greater transportation caused a greater deposit of carbon and the more carbon in the stem, the more material there would be for the fruits to draw upon when nearing maturity. To water the vines to excess when ripening was to dilute the carbon in the stem, encourage new growth of the vine and lessen the quality of the fruit in point of flavor.

Some of the musk melon varieties exhibited and sampled were: The Melrose, Exquisite, Read's Scarlet, Nectar of Angels, Golden Eagle, The Carmes, Hackensack, Banana melon, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length by 14 inches in circumference; Osage, Netted Nutmeg, a green flesh melon from Syria, very unique; Cantaloupe Von Trevana, Jenny Lind and Perfection.

DESERONTO.—The fifth annual flower show of the Deseronto Horticultural Society was held in Union Hall, on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, and it was a huge success. The judge, J. D. Collip, of Belleville, expressed unstinted admiration of the magnificent display and said it was doubtful if any of the towns

or cities for many miles around Deseronto could equal it. The hall, which has been repainted and decorated, made a good setting for the magnificent display of plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were arranged with exquisitely good taste and effectiveness. The illumination in the evening added greatly to the beauty of the exhibition. The music of the Deseronto Citizens Band and the good things provided at the ice cream stand, which was under the able management of the charming president, contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening. The fine bank of ferns which faced the main entrance was much admired and the collection of palms to the left contained some splendid specimens of rare and beautiful plants. The two collections of greenhouse plants were worthy of careful study and they received it. The arrangement of the plants in both collections showed that the gardeners were skillful and artistic florists.

SIMCOE.—The annual exhibit of flowers and vegetables took place in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 3rd. A beautiful display of potted plants and flowers were shown by the ladies of the society and others. The ladies seem to take more interest in the exhibit than the men. The vegetables and fruit were not so good. Mr. Groff, of Simcoe, came down in the evening. No one is better known than the genial President of the Simcoe Horticultural Society. That gentleman gave an excellent address on the Buffalo Exposition, chiefly in connection with horticultural and floricultural exhibits there. Le Lovering contributed largely to that exhibition, and won many prizes.

The hall was crowded, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent.

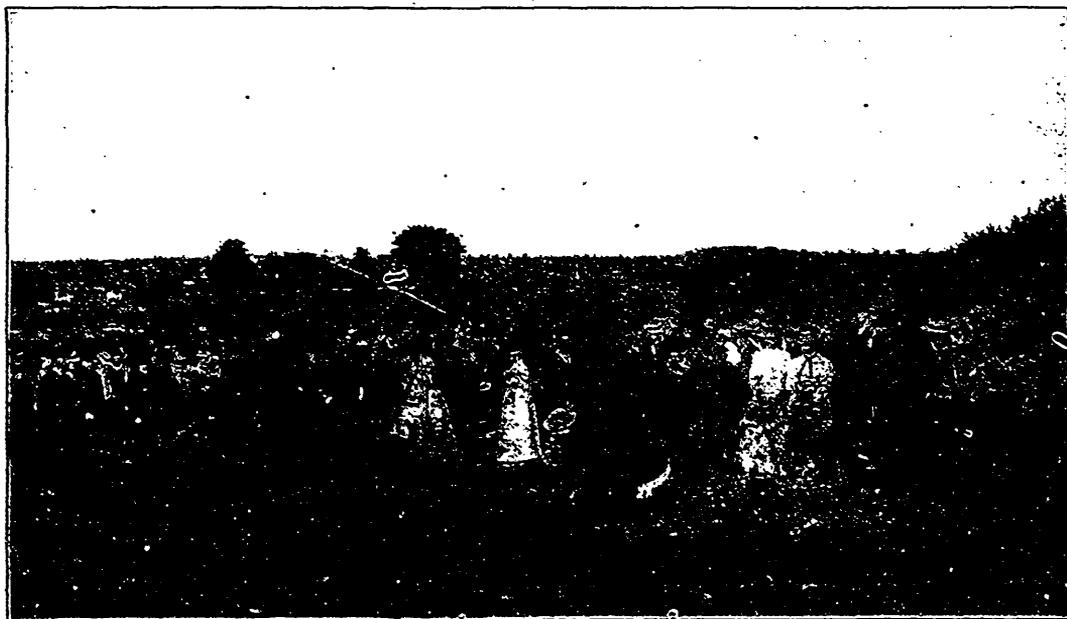


FIG. 2183. A HORTICULTURAL AND FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING AT SHERRINGTON'S FRUIT STATION, AT WALKERTON.