

joint meeting of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club and the Ottawa Horticultural Society in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School. His subject was "Landscape Gardening," and by means of a fine set of lantern slides he showed the large audience which had gathered to hear him the proper relationship between architecture and landscape gardening, and in a very lucid explanation of the principles of landscape art, as expressed by the pictures which illustrated his lecture, he was able to impress his hearers with the importance of his subject.

Civic art, was first taken up as a branch of landscape architecture. It was shown that the same principles apply in civic art as apply in good landscape gardening. The main requirement is that the work should be done in a systematic and orderly way, instead of an unsystematic and disorderly way, and that the aim is to achieve the maximum of beauty combined with a maximum of utility. Neither can civic art ignore beauty. These two elements are not antagonistic in any case, but co-operate with one another.

Ottawa, as the capital city of a great nation, deserves special development along the lines now laid out by civic art. It has an unusually fine location, on the banks of rivers and on ground of varied topography. It would naturally profit by the experience of the other great capital cities of the world, such as Berlin, Washington, Vienna, Paris, London. A number of lantern slides were shown to illustrate the possibilities of beautiful civic development, as shown in the cities mentioned. Adequate space should be reserved for public buildings and streets and open places so arranged as to give ample effect to the large public buildings which will be required in Ottawa. Another point in the development of this city must be the preservation and beautification of the river fronts. Of these, Ottawa has several miles and has already begun, in a commendable manner, to preserve and improve them. Such preservation should be extended and the methods of improvement should be brought up to date. Aside from this, the city should reserve ample park areas, which should be selected with respect to the preservation of types of native scenery in the immediate neighborhood. At the present time, the park areas in Ottawa are distinctly inadequate. Any forecast of the future makes it certain that much larger areas should be secured at no distant date. These should be secured at once, both because the selection is easier now and because the cost of land is much less.

Landscape gardening as applied to domestic life was then discussed and illustrated by various lantern slides showing types of gardening in continental Europe, England, Japan, the United States and Canada.