

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,

the English speaking portion of the Province being almost completely organized. In Manitoba, although under another jurisdiction, we have reason to believe our brethren are strongly united, and earnestly desire the formation of a closer Dominion bond. All are anxiously looking forward to the time when the toilers of the Dominion will be able to declare, through a united brotherhood, that "industrial moral worth, not wealth, shall be the standard of individual and national greatness."

In our efforts to extend the organization the objects for which we unite have not been forgotten. The agitation begun by you for the removal of the duty upon binder twine and other articles of prime necessity, has at least resulted in the cheapening of these products to the consumers of the land, and we hope that further action will be taken, as the result of our petitions, during the present session of the Commons at Ottawa.

Your united efforts have crushed the monopoly in the production and sale of salt, and I feel assured that loyalty to our obligations will prevent this combination for evil ever again attaining its former

POWER TO OPPRESS.

The formation by the Patrons of Industry of a great anti-monopoly company for the manufacture of binder twine and agricultural implements is a warning to combiners, and has led them to dread the power of an organization formed to do them battle.

Other matters of financial importance have engaged our attention, notices of which have from time to time been received by our people.

I have spoken of a disposition among our members to give prominence to the higher aims of our organization. I note with pleasure a determination to develop a nobler manhood, to encourage a greater harmony of feeling and sentiment, "to dignify that most honorable condition of man, free labor upon a free soil," and forgetting the differences of party and creed, to stand united in defence of our homes and our class.

In the furtherance of these laudable objects, and in the education of our people, much has been accomplished by the *Canada Farmers' Sun*, the official organ of our order, a paper which is fast taking a first place among the periodicals in the land for its fearless denunciation of wrong and its timely advocacy of the principles of true Patriotism. It will be a happy day for our class when its columns are read in every home.

I shall not attempt to outline the work of the session, feeling as I do that there is sufficient talent, wisdom and skill among the delegates here assembled, with the favoring blessing of heaven, to devise such measures as will result in the elevation of labor to its true position as a controlling factor in the land. In conclusion, brethren, permit me to express my heartfelt gratitude for the confidence reposed in me as your executive head. It was with much hesitation that I undertook the responsibilities of the position to which you called me. I can only say that I have conscientiously performed to the best of my ability the duties of my position, my greatest regret being that I have not been able to accomplish greater things in the interest of the industrial classes of our land.

I desire to bear testimony to the hearty good feeling which has always been manifested by the Grand Officers with whom I have been associated, as also the kindly courtesy which has been extended to me by my brethren throughout our jurisdiction.

On motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Miller, the following brethren were appointed a committee to strike the Standing Committee.

- F. Kennedy—Lambton.
- Jos. Stratford—Brant.
- H. M. Williams—Prince Edward.
- E. J. Pearson—Oxford.
- J. W. Patton—Grey.
- E. E. Parrott—Kent.
- W. H. Gainer—Welland.
- T. J. Leahy—Huntingdon, Que.
- B. Mallory—Hastings.