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Patrons answering or in any way corresponding with those advertising in these columns will oblige us by saying they saw the advertisement in these columns.

MUTUAL protection has grown to be a necessity and arguments are no longer needed to convince thinking persons of its wisdom and beneficence. The man who provides against uncertainties ceases to that extent to be at their mercy. It should be the pride and pleasure of every husband and father to go as far as his means will permit in providing for his family in the event of his untimely death. While your health and prosperity prepare for adversities. The Canadian Mutual Aid Association offers a means, with very little expense, of making provisions for loved ones, in case you can no longer extend to them your protecting care. Representatives wanted in every Grange, and all sections of the country. For further particulars apply to the Secretary, W. PEMBERTON PAGE, 63 King St. East, Toronto.

ONE of the great needs of our Order is more thorough work in the Subordinate Granges. They are the foundation of our Grange organization, and should be carefully guarded, as neglect here will result in the overthrow of the whole structure. Great care

should be exercised in selecting the officers, as upon them devolves the responsibility of maintaining the interest throughout their term of service. Each officer should perfectly understand the duties of his office, and then be punctual in attendance and faithful in the discharge of said duties. No Grange having faithful, efficient officers ever dies or surrenders. I think especial attention should be given this year to the work of thoroughly instructing the membership in the ritual work and in the best methods of making our Grange meetings interesting and profitable. The great object we seek to accomplish will never be reached without careful attention to all the minor details of our work. I therefore recommend that our lecturers be directed to devote especial attention to this part of the work. If we can thus increase the efficiency of our Subordinate Granges they will be able to largely increase our membership.—J. H. Brigham, W. M. of Ohio State Grange.

PRESENTATION.

At the last annual meeting of Dominion Grange, a resolution was unanimously adopted conveying expressions of respect to the retiring Secretary, Bro. W. P. Page, and thanks for the active interest taken by him during his connection with Dominion Grange as Secretary, for the past seven years, also authorizing the presentation of some suitable token of the feelings of the Grange.

In accordance with this resolution, the Executive Committee waited upon Bro. Page, at his office, in Toronto, on Wednesday last, 12th inst., presenting him with a handsome silver tea set, with the inscription: "Presented to W. P. Page, by Dominion Grange, Feb. 1882."

In acknowledging the receipt of the above-mentioned present, I improve this opportunity through the columns of the CANADIAN FARMER to thank the members of Dominion Grange for this practical expression of their appreciation of my labors. And I may extend this farther, and thank the members of the Order all over the Dominion for this act of their representatives at Dominion Grange.

During my long and close connection with the Order as Secretary I have always received, with few exceptions, the kindest and most respectful treatment from members, both in the correspondence I have had with them, and personal intercourse. I shall therefore hold this present in happy remembrance of the past, and as a link binding me closely to the Order and its principles. In connection with this matter it will perhaps not be out of place to refer to the unpleasant disposition exhibited by a few members at the last annual meeting, the result of misrepresentation on the part of certain individuals whose selfish motives prompted them to this, but they were so apparent to unprejudiced minds, as to cause the effort to recoil upon their own heads. This, however, we will bury with the past, only remembering with pleasure the courtesy extended, and the general good-feeling existing.

Although not now officially connected with the Dominion Grange, yet I am receiving a good deal of correspondence from members, which it is always my pleasure to answer, and I hope to, in a measure, keep up this correspondence by letter, and through the columns of the FARMER.

I feel as much interest in the Grange as ever I did, and the more I study its principles, and see its possibilities, the more strongly am I impressed

with the feeling that it is the grandest institution belonging to any country, and one that should be proudly sustained by the agriculturists of Canada.

There are times in the history of all associations when interest seems to lag, when circumstances combine to weigh heavily upon them. That the Grange at the present time is not as active as we could wish, can not be denied, but I do not look upon it as telling against its future prospects, for it is not dead if in a measure dormant; but will soon revive, regaining more than its former activity, purified of some of the influences now tending to weaken it, and with renewed vigor, strengthened by the experience of the past, take a loftier position, and wield a greater and more potent influence, through a better system of concerted action, upon the social and political condition of the country.

I feel proud of the great organization I assisted in bringing into existence, and which has reached an influential position in a few short years, and if sustained and carefully managed, will yet show greater results. But let me now say that a folding up of arms awaiting this promised future will never bring it; we will require active work and energetic pushing, unity of purpose, throwing away petty jealousies and narrow-minded selfishness, all taking hold together with a determination to win, and a willingness to work for the end in view, and success will certainly crown our efforts.

THE CANADIAN FARMER will stand by the Grange, its columns will always be ready to advocate the principles of the Order in an independent manner, and in doing that it will be advocating the best interests of agriculturists generally, and the country's best interest.

W. PEMBERTON PAGE.

NIAGARA FALLS.

How to See Them.

The Points of Interest.

The Prices Charged.

SUGGESTIONS TO VISITORS.

NEW SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

length 1,268 feet—connects the American and Canadian shores one-eighth of a mile below the American fall. The cables are 1800 feet in length. From the top of either tower one can get an excellent birds-eye view of the Falls and vicinity. Height above the water 190 feet. A grand view of both Falls and of the gorge can be obtained from here. Charges—One way 25 cents each person; carriage toll, 50 cents.

THE OLD SUSPENSION BRIDGE

two miles below the Falls. This was built in 1855 by John A. Roebling, and is both a railroad and carriage bridge; it is a marvel of engineering some 8,000 miles of wire being employed in the cables. Charges, 25 cents each person over and back. Carriage toll, 50 cents.

CANADA SIDE.

Reaching the Canada side one has a most splendid general view of Niagara, and walking or riding along the bank towards the Falls one reaches what is still called "Table Rock," though the table itself fell in 1850. The view from this rock is very fine and the visitor who fails to see the Falls from the Canada shore, certainly loses one

of the most impressive sights which the world can afford. Here one finds an attractive museum and garden, admission 50 cents; also guides and dresses for going behind the Horseshoe Fall for a fee of \$1.00.

CLARK HILL ISLANDS

Among the other attractions on the Canadian side are the Clark Hill Islands. Continuing the road past Table Rock, we cross to Cedar Island and regaining the main shore and following the Grand Rapids drive, we reach the Clark Hill Islands, some five in number, connected by suspension bridges and very pretty. Here is the so-called Burning Spring, where, through a fissure in the rock, an inflammable sulphurous gas comes up. The drive along the bank is one of the pleasantest around Niagara, while the near view of the rapids and of the falls as seen from up stream are grand. Admission to all, 50 cents.

WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS PARK

just below the old Suspension Bridge. Here a staircase and also an inclined railway conducts one easily and safely to the platform below, whence the view of the Old Bridge above, the roaring rapids, the distant Whirlpool, and the shady walk along the water's edge, give splendid views. Great improvements have lately been made here by the new lessee. During the past winter the entire railway has been rebuilt and roofed in and new cars added. On a warm afternoon this is one of the coolest and most delightful places about the Falls. The whole volume of water here rushes by with marvelous rapidity, boiling and seething in its narrow channels. Taylor Island, noted in 1881 as the home of the imprisoned dogs, is just opposite. No one should leave Niagara without obtaining this grand view of the rapids. Admission, 50 cents.

WHIRLPOOL.

Below here and overlooking the boiling Whirlpool, is what is known as the Whirlpool Canada side. From here one looks down into the Whirlpool itself, while directly away from him winds the Niagara till it is lost in Lake Ontario beyond. You can descend by car to the waters edge, obtaining grand views both of the rapids as they enter the Whirlpool and also of this wonderful basin itself. From here Brock's monument is visible on a clear day. Admission 50 cents. On the Canada side there is also the Lundy's Lane Tower, distant one and one-half miles from the New Suspension Bridge, erected on that famous battle-field.

Brock's Monument, six miles from the Falls themselves and on the Queenston Heights which overlooks the Niagara River and the fertile lands in the United States and Canada between which it is the boundary line. Erected to the memory of General Brock, killed on this spot in 1812.

SUGGESTIONS.

These constitute Niagara Falls and its surroundings, and in conclusion let us say: If you come to only stay a day, don't think you can see everything named above unless at a large expense. If you come to see Niagara Falls, insist on seeing them first, then select from the outside places any that you desire. If you are going and spend a week here, and certainly appreciate and understand Niagara, one should stay that long, buy a season ticket to the two or three principal points. Visit them daily and spend plenty of time at them. Take in one or the other attractions each day. By so doing you will appreciate them all, and will not go away