

Canadian Farmer, and convince him that we are national in our character, which seemed imperative, in order to insure success, and now ask him to come forward to uphold and sustain it as such; at the same time, it is believed that a united feeling exists in all our Granges, which will prompt our best directed efforts for a recognition of our existence by the National Grange, in their acknowledgment of us as parts to an International Grange. It is unnecessary to speak of our intentions or our creed, for they are embodied in our declarations of principles, and the constitution of our order, and can be read by those who would criticise. The question has often been asked, why it is necessary to institute Farmers' Granges in Canada. In answer, we would say, it is for the purpose of benefiting the farmer and his family in their vocation, and elevating the occupation to that standard of merit to which it is justly entitled, when compared with other interests of the country, that have long since had their associations for mutual benefit and protection.

Agriculture is the basis upon which all the other arts and occupations must depend for support; without it, mechanics, manufacturers, and all the useful and ornamental arts in which men are engaged, cannot prosper.

The earth must yield her supply for all these. The materials must be furnished by the cultivators of the ground. If this great motive power, which carries forward all the other enterprises of civilized life, ceases, the whole machinery must stop, and universal stagnation and ruin ensues. But let agriculture prosper, and all other business will flourish—commerce and manufactures, and the useful arts will be encouraged, and the whole community share in the benefit arising from the successful cultivation of that art which imparts life and vigor to all business. There is no occupation which holds out higher inducements for moral and intellectual distinction than the cultivation of the soil.

Therefore, it is claimed, that it is quite as essential that an association should be formed with farmers here, as elsewhere. As the wealth and population of the country increased, the various interests have received aid by entering into combinations. The farmer has toiled on single-handed, being reluctant to turn aside from the well-beaten path travelled by his predecessors, to adopt the principles of an association, until necessity seemed to demand it.

It is for this the Grange is established in Canada—that the farmer might act intelligently in his occupation by co-operating