

Dominion Grange and Farmers' Interests

A Successful Annual Meeting Held in Toronto Last Week—Officers Elected.

FOR 40 years the Dominion Grange has advocated measures which it believed to be in the best interests of the farmers of Ontario and of Canada. During that period it has seen many other farmers' organizations pass out of existence. It has continued, however, to outlive all vicissitudes. On Wednesday of last week the 40th annual meeting of the Grange was held in the Carle-Rite Hotel, Toronto. It was well attended by members of its own organization at the morning session. At the afternoon session there was a still larger attendance, a considerable number of members of the United Farmers of Ontario being on hand.

Owing to the fact that the Grange has in a large measure identified itself with the United Farmers of Ontario, the proceedings at its annual meeting this year were not as important as otherwise would have been the case. Most of the important discussions and reports were held over to be settled at the convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, which was to be held on the two following days.

Officers Elected
The following officers were elected: Master, W. E. Wardell, R. R. No. 1, Middlemarch; Overseer, R. H. Halbert, Melancthon; Sec.-Treas., J. J. Morrison, Arthur, Leckner, Wm. Ole, Whitty; Chaplain, Chas. Saywell, St. Thomas; Steward, C. R. Reid, Varney; Assistant Steward, Neil Calder, Holstein; Gatekeeper, J. A. Carswell, Palmerston; Clerk, Mrs. Pound, Aylmer; Pomona, Miss Fletcher, Middlemarch; Flora, Miss Thompson, Palmerston; Stewards, Miss H. Robinson, St. Thomas. Executive Committee: Messrs. W. C. Good; J. C. Dickson, Moorefield; E. C. Drury, Barrie; Robt. Ruthven, Clarksonburg; John Pritchard, Gorrie, with the Master and Secretary. Auditors: T. H. Adams, Essex; Wm. McCrae, Guelph.

Financial Statement

The treasurer's statement showed total receipts for the year of \$910.86 and expenditures of \$708.04, leaving a balance of \$202.82. Out of this some of the convention expenses had to be defrayed.

Master's Address

The address of the Master, W. C. Good, B.A., of Paris, Ontario, was published almost in full in last week's issue of Farm and Dairy. It dealt with economic and social conditions at work among farmers as a class and showed why farmers will be unable to respond to the call for increased production to the extent that they otherwise might. It was a splendid address, and greatly appreciated.

Secretary's Report

Secretary J. J. Morrison reported that no exception had been taken by any member of the Order to the union of forces which had taken place during the year between the Dominion Grange and the United Farmers of Ontario. He also reported the continuance of the Grange as a separate organization, but affiliated with the United Farmers of Ontario. In due time the organizations may completely unite.

In the Grange the fees of men are \$1. of women 50c and of juniors 20c. Half of all members' fees are sent by the subordinate granges to the Dominion Grange. The same procedure is followed in the United Farmers of Ontario, except that the United Farmers have not as yet included women in their membership. In order that the identity of the Grange may be fully maintained, it was decided that subordinate granges should forward all their fees direct to the

secretary of the Dominion Grange, who would turn over whatever proportion was necessary for affiliation purposes to the United Farmers of Ontario. The Grange will retain for its own use all fees received from the women and children members. The conventions of the Grange and the United Farmers of Ontario will be held the same week and the United Farmers of Ontario will pay the all way expenses of the delegates from the subordinate granges who are affiliated with it.

An Old Member

A letter from John Ramsay, of Campbellville, enclosing his membership fee of \$1 was read. Mr. Ramsay is 90 years of age, and although he has not been able to attend the meetings for years he has regularly contributed his membership fee. Shortly before writing the letter he had returned home from the hospital, where he had had his leg amputated at the knee. A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of Mr. Ramsay's faithfulness to the order and sympathy with him in the loss of his leg. Another incident of the loyalty of members of this order was given when Secretary Morrison reported that Horvick Grange 68 has paid its dues regularly every year since 1875, although for some years there have been only four members in this grange.

Ontario People's Salt Company
In 1888 the Dominion Grange was instrumental in starting the Ontario People's Salt Company at Godfrain. Two of the original members of this board, Mr. Dawson Kennedy, of Peterboro, and Mr. John Tolmie, of Kincardine, addressed the meeting. They are the president and manager respectively of the company. They are the only surviving members of the original board. This company has had to face very strenuous opposition during its existence, but has survived it and most years has been able to show a profit. It was stated that the price of salt to-day would be \$3 to \$2.35 a barrel, were it not for this company. Farmers were urged to give it every possible support. An idea of what it has accomplished may be gained from the fact that in 1884 there were 34 salt wells in Ontario, whereas to-day there are only three or four.

Mr. J. B. Muselman, secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, spoke at the afternoon session, bringing a message of commendation from the farmers of western Canada. He denounced the "Made in Canada" campaign on the ground that any campaign of that character should be made broad enough to include the Empire. Only a selfish purpose would strive to lead us not to buy goods from the Mother Land at this time. This practically concluded the convention.

Summing up the place of the farmer in the Canadian dairy industry, we may say that in the past he has been a hewer of wood and a drawer of milk to the factory for mighty little returns, but times are changing, and the dairy farmer is changing with them. At present, and in the future, he will demand a greater share of the price paid for dairy goods by the consumer. If he does not get it, there will be something doing all the time until he does get it. Wise farmers have more money as a result of their labors, they will spend more, which will increase trade and manufacture, and result in such a forward stride in the welfare of Canada as she has never known. To keep farmers in the position of menials is a suicidal policy.—Prof. H. H. Dean, O. A. C., Guelph.



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