

### Patrons of Husbandry.

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee, Dominion Grange.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, held in Toronto, commencing Nov. 15th, some important business was transacted which will be looked upon with interest by many, and, we trust, will meet with the approval and hearty support of all our members everywhere. The secretary was instructed to advertise the application for incorporation of the Dominion Grange, which application will be made at the next session of the Dominion Parliament. The advertisement was made a year ago, but the matter was not then proceeded with, in consequence of its not being considered at the time prudent to do so, for reasons that will be understood by our Patrons. It will, however, now be forwarded, and we have no hesitation in believing will meet with success; being a society of farmers associated together for the purpose of advancing the cause of agriculture, to dignify the calling, to elevate and improve the standing and condition of the farming community, and place their profession among the first, in a social and intellectual, as well as financial standing. There can certainly be no objection to granting the Act of Incorporation, which will place us in a better position before the world, besides giving us the legal right to transact the business affairs of the Order, which will be of much advantage to us.

The Committee on Insurance appointed at the last annual meeting having completed their scheme for conducting a fire insurance company under the auspices of the Dominion Grange, presented their report, which, after some slight revisions, was adopted, and the committee instructed to proceed with the organization of the company, in the manner, and according to the Act governing mutual insurance companies in Ontario. While this will at first only give us the privilege of doing business in Ontario, further steps will be taken upon the completion of the organization to extend it to the other Provinces; thus placing before our members a means of protection against loss by fire, which will be safe, reliable and cheap, securing protection at its true value.

The association will only insure property belonging to "Patrons of Husbandry," and confined to buildings and property situated on farming lands; which will secure a class of property the least liable to fires. The plan adopted, while being purely mutual, will require a small cash deposit with the application, in proportion to the amount insured, which deposit will be placed in some chartered bank on interest, to be used only (or such portions of it) as required for actual losses, the balance remaining on interest to the credit of the insurer, and be payable to him at the close of his term of insurance. This plan will give the association control of cash to meet losses as they occur, and save the vast expense of labor, postage, &c., connected with collecting so many small amounts by the usual mode of assessment.

By adapting our present organized condition to the situation, thus doing away with some of the heaviest expenses generally connected with insurance companies, and paying for the risk in cash, enabling sufferers to be paid promptly on adjustment of claims, we believe will be placing before our members a means for insurance that will meet with their hearty approval, as offering the best possible protection at its true value. It is therefore hoped that every member (in a position to do so) will take hold of the matter and help to make the association a strong one, and to reach a grand result in this direction. W. PEMBERTON PAGE, Dom. Secretary.

#### New Granges.

531, Avonmore—John McLaughlin, M., Avonmore; D. McDermaid, S., Avonmore. 532, Cameron—Thos. Blezzard, M., Villiers; J. H. Cameron, S., Peterborough. 533, Rochester—John Smith, M., Comber; George Smith, S., Comber. 534, Selwyn—E. J. Bell, M., Selwyn; W. C. Manning, S., Selwyn.

#### Corrected List of Deputies.

Division Grange No. 2—A. Clifford should be A. Gifford. Division Grange No. 4—T. Connel should be T. Conely. Division Grange No. 7—J. S. Varcow should be J. S. Varcow. Division Grange No. 9—S. Duncan should be J. Duncan. Division Grange No. 12—John Levi should be John Livie. Division Grange No. 14—J. D. Gould should be J. I. Gould. Division Grange No. 20—R. Dixon, Ninesing, P. O. Division Grange No. 22—E. J. Palmer, New Durham. Waterloo Grange No. 29—Robert Williamson, Preston; James Willson, Galt. Prince Edward Co.—J. A. Spencer, Rednersville.

#### Prizes Awarded to Canadians.

The following prizes were awarded by the Centennial Commission for agricultural machines, implements of agriculture, &c.—

David Maxwell, Paris, Ont., Power Chaff Cutter. Massey Manufacturing Co., Sharpe's Patent Dumping Horse Rake. L. D. Sawyer & Co., Hamilton, Ont., Mowers and Reapers. Peter Grant, Clinton, Ont., Hay Fork and Conveyer. Thomas Yeandle, Stratford, Ont., Single Plow. Munroe & Agar, Seaford, Ont., Common Plow. C. Duperrow, Stratford, Ont., Iron Diagonal Harrow. Acton Ploughing Co., Acton, Ont., General Purpose Plow. Thomas Wilson, —, Ont., Fanning Mill. Clegg, Wood & Co., Horse Rake.

Haggart Bros., Brampton, Ont., Threshing Machines and Horse Gear. Jacob Bricker, Waterloo, Ont., Little Champion Thresher. John Abel, Woodbridge, Ont., Portable Engine and Threshing Machine. Rowland Dennis, London, Ont., Combined Potato Digger and Ridging Plow. John Watson, Ayr, Ont., Collection of Agricultural Implements.

G. Wilkinson, Aurora, Ont., Double Plow. John Abel, Woodbridge, Ont., Portable Engine and Threshing Machine. A. Anderson, London, Ont., Hand Chaff Cutters. Geo. Sylvester Tiffany, London, Ont., Brick and Tile-Making Machine.

As we go to press, we have been favored by Mr. John Watson, of Ayr, with a pamphlet containing the most complete list we have yet seen of the Centennial awards. Our representatives should have forwarded the list to this office ere this. Mr. Watson will accept thanks for his advance information. We have not space left to list in this issue.

The "Offer" is worth the price of the ADVOCATE; by all means get it. The portrait is only given to old subscribers that send in one new one. See first page.

#### Anderson's Straw Cutter.

We saw this implement at the Centennial Exhibition. It was cutting straw and hay in the presence of a lot of admiring spectators. It did its work efficiently and well. It is made on a new principle, cutting the straw diagonally instead of straight across. The machine is easily worked, and will cut a lot of feed in quick time. It is for hand use. The knife blade is waved, and appears to cut better than the straight edge. The implement is very cheap, costing only \$7. The sales made at the Centennial Exhibition may show in what estimation it is held. The total number sold there were 3204, of which 410 went to Australia, and 217 to Stockholm; Mr. W. Wilkes, of Wellington, New Zealand, purchased 162; 88 went to Brazil, 42 to Newfoundland; 26 to Donald Smith, Hudson's Bay. Some were sent to Buenos Ayres, Valparaiso, Rio Janeiro and other places. Messrs. Manville and Brown are the agents for it in this city. Their advertisement appears in this issue.

To persons wishing to purchase or dispose of land, we would direct their attention to the advertisement of Mr. G. B. Harris & Co. and Mr. Thomas Churcher, of this city. They are reliable gentlemen with whom we are personally acquainted; they will act honorably with you, and furnish you with the most reliable information in regard to lands and property.

We must request some of our exchanges, when they do us the favor of transferring to their columns articles from the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, to give us due credit. The omission, we are aware, is often from inattention more than design, and needs only to be referred to to prevent its recurrence.

Col. J. B. Taylor, of London, Ont., purchased from H. P. Thompson, Ky., Princess of the Valley for \$2,450. The Hon. H. M. Cochrane, of Compton, P. Q., purchased 2nd Princess of the Valley for \$2,500. There were only two animals that brought higher prices at the recent Kentucky sales.

If you wish a prize, say if it is to be the very fine picture "The Offer," or if you prefer new seed or new plants.

If you are wanting to procure first-class Shorthorns, see Col. Taylor's advertisement in this paper.

The annual meeting of the American Breeders of Shorthorns will be held this year at St. Louis, Mo., on the 6th December, when the election of new officers will take place, and some changes in the constitution will be introduced. Headquarters at the Southern Hotel.

Mr. Levi Jones, of Markham, is prepared to locate lands for settlers in Thunder Bay, and Mr. A. Young, of Toronto, will furnish information in regard to land in Manitoba.

A prize will be given for the best article on Artificial Manure, written from practical experience by a Canadian farmer, the article to be in by the 20th of the month.

#### Rennie's Root Show.

Mr. W. Rennie, of Toronto, has established an annual Root Show; the plan is a good one, and might be extended to other localities. The awards for 1876 were as follows for six roots of each variety.

Rennie's Prize Swede Turnip.—1st prize, cash \$5, Wm. Burgess, Etibicoke township (weight of root, 126 lbs.); 2nd, cash \$3, Francis Peck, Amliaburg township, Prince Edward county.

Long Red Mangel Wurzel.—1st prize, cash \$5, Simpson Rennie, Scarborough township (weight of root, 169½ lbs.); 2nd, cash \$3, William Burgess, (weight of root, 168 lbs.).

Yellow Globe Mangel Wurzel.—1st prize, cash \$5, Wm. Burgess (weight of root, 211 lbs.); 2nd, cash \$3, S. Rennie.

White Belgian Carrot.—1st prize, cash \$5, Wm. Burgess (weight of root, 37½ lbs.); 2nd, cash \$3, John Mills.

Long Red Carrot.—1st prize, cash \$5, John Mills (weight of root, 27 lbs.); 2nd, cash \$3, Wm. Burgess (weight of root, 25 lbs.).

Sweepstakes for the heaviest collection, a handsome gold medal valued at \$25, won by Wm. Burgess (total weight of collection, 567½ lbs.). All the roots on exhibition were cleaned and trimmed.

Mr. Burgess showed six roots of each, grown from seed supplied by Mr. Rennie, weighing as follows: White sugar beet, 149½ lbs.; parsnips, 28 lbs.; long mangel wurzels, 144 lbs.; red globe mangel wurzel, 157½ lbs.

The judges were Messrs. James Speight, President East Riding of York; Robert Marsh, President Markham; and Philip Armstrong, Toronto. Subsequently the judges and exhibitors were entertained by Mr. William Rennie at dinner.

FRANK MILLER'S HARNESS OIL received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition. DL-3

GREGORY'S SEED CATALOGUE.—Our readers will find the catalogue of J. J. H. Gregory's well known house advertised in our columns. For freshness and reliability of the seed sent out and enterprise in introducing choice new vegetables to the public, Mr. Gregory is endorsed by the prominent agriculturists of the United States; as recommendations from over forty states and territories, to be found on the cover of his catalogue, amply attest. DL-1

PERSONAL.—E. M. Freshman & Bros., the well known advertising agents, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have opened a branch establishment in Pittsburg, Pa. This indication of increased business will be very gratifying to their numerous patrons and friends. They are prompt, honorable and pushing business men, and well entitled to their great measure of success. We can cordially recommend them to advertisers, and trust their new venture will prove eminently successful.

EDUCATIONAL.—Mr. N. CURRY, late manager of the Komoka Seminary, is now manager of the London Commercial College in this city. He is an energetic instructor, and gives his personal attention to his pupils. Farmers sons desirous of obtaining a knowledge of actual business would find their time and money beneficially expended by taking a course under him.

FRANK MILLER'S LEATHER PRESERVATIVE and Water Proof Blacking received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition. DL-3

### Commercial.

#### ENGLISH MARKETS.

The grain trade has been very dull; prices having tended still lower as the hopes of continued peace have increased. There have also been larger arrivals, and the trade has continued very quiet. From the Economist of the 11th we learn that this dullness has prevailed throughout the markets of the Kingdom, and prices have further given way. From 47s. to 51s. were the ruling figures.

Liverpool, Nov. 25.—Flour, 23s. to 25s.; red wheat, 9s. 2d. to 10s.; red winter, 9s. 8d. to 10s.; white, 10s. to 10s. 6d.; club, 10s. 6d. to 10s. 9d.; corn, 25s. 9d. to 26s.; barley, 3s. 6d.; oats, 3s. to 3s. 6d.; peas, 30s. 6d.; cheese, 63s.

#### NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat, \$1.20 to \$1.40; corn, 58c. to 60c.; oats, 33c. to 51c.; pork, \$16.75; butter, 20c. to 25c.

#### DETROIT MARKETS.

Flour, \$6.25 to \$6.75; wheat, \$1.21 to \$1.33; corn, 55c.; oats, No. 2, at 31c.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Flour, \$5.55 to \$5.60; middlings, \$3.50.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Wheat, \$1.05 to \$1.20; barley, 60c. to 75c.; oats, 45c. to 47c.; peas, 72c. to 75c.; butter, 18c. to 25c.; potatoes, 75c. to 85c.; apples, \$1.25 to \$2.00; hay, \$9 to \$15; cheese, \$61 per 100 lbs.

#### LONDON MARKETS.

Deild, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Treadwell, \$1.75 to \$1.95; red winter, \$1.75 to \$1.85; spring, \$1.75 to \$1.95; barley 80c. to \$1.30; peas, \$1.15 to \$1.18; oats, \$1.15 to \$1.18; corn, \$1.00 to \$1.10; beans, \$1.00 to \$1.37; rye, \$1.00 to \$1.10; buckwheat, 80c. to \$1.00; roll better, 20c. to 24c.; keg do, 17c. to 22c.; cheese, 9c. to 10c.; fleece wool, 27c. to 28c.; hay, \$8 to \$10; straw, per load, \$2 to \$4; potatoes, per bag, 70c. to 90c.; turnips, 25c. per bush; cordwood, \$3.50 to \$5.00.