

tending to move for a change in the Constitution shall give one month's notice of the proposed change in the official organ. Carried.

Bro. R. Henry presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was received and adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have taken into careful consideration the financial condition, plans and operations of the organization as shown by the statements and reports which have from time to time come up for our consideration.

We beg to congratulate the Association on the wonderful prosperity and increase of power and influence of the order. This gratifying state of affairs, no doubt in a great measure is owing to the honest, skillful and economical management of our finances. We express our hope and confidence that the finances of the order may be managed in the future as they have been in the past, with that integrity and ability which has contributed in so great a degree to the attainment of the proud position in which we stand today. It is one of the grand principles upon which our order is founded that rigid economy shall prevail in the management of the financial affairs of the country, and the same principle should be exemplified in the management of our own financial affairs.

We respectfully express our opinion that not one cent should be collected from the members which is not necessary for the successful carrying on of the work of the order; and we further think that from the way in which the returns are made to the County Associations, there seems to be a determination on the part of the members to resist the tendency so prevalent in many organizations, of accumulating vast sums in the hands of Grand Officers, and the consequent increase and liberality in the expenditure of those sums.

We would also recommend that a clause be inserted in Sec. 10 Article 2 of the Constitution, making it imperative that the Grand Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bonds to the Grand Executive for the faithful accounting for all funds coming into his hands and for the delivering up of the same to his successor in office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. HENRY, Chairman.

Bro. Alexander, seconded by Bro. Donald, moved the meeting into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Good of the Order.

Committee rose at 2 o'clock, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock next morning.

SATURDAY, March 4th.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m. Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

Moved by A. Gifford, seconded by H. M. Williams, that hereafter notices of annual meetings shall be inserted in the official organ at least three weeks previous to the time of such meeting, and shall contain a copy of the regulations relating to Delegates' Standard Certificates. Carried.

Moved by D. N. McIntyre, seconded by W. Valens, that whereas Dr. McEachren has made a statement before the sub-committee on agriculture to the effect that his investigations have dispelled the idea that there is any pleuro-pneumonia among Canadian cattle, Resolved, that this Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry endorse the action of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and should such investigation not prove sufficient to cause the British Minister to withdraw the embargo, we recommend our Minister to take such action as will if possible dispel all doubts on the part of the British Government that there is disease among our cattle. Carried.

Bro. Gifford gave a verbal report of the committee appointed to meet the Grange and Trades and Labor Union, which was adopted.