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## The Grange

## Circular to Granges.

The busy season for the farmers will soon be over. A liberal harvest has rewarded the toil of the husbandman. The time is approaching when we may look for a little relaxation from manual labor; when we may expect to have a little leisure time; and would it not be well for every Patron to ask himself how he can best employ his spare moments so that it may be of the greatest advantage to himself and to his country at large. Ever keep in mind that knowledge is power. Can we better employ ourselves during the winter months, than endeavoring to promote the growth of our Order and extending the principles which it advocates.

There have been 893 Subordinate Granges organized in the Dominion, and it is true that a few of them have surrendered their charters and a few of them have failed to send in reports, yet withal the Grange in Canada has a bright outlook before it. We have had an increase of fifteen since the last annual meeting of Dominion Grange, held in March. With a special effort on the part of the many Deputies who have been appointed in the various parts of the Dominion, we should confidently look for a greater increase in the number of new Granges than has been known for a number of years, and a little effort on the part of each individual member of the Order we could easily have our membership doubled. Patrons put your shoulder to the wheel. Fortune helps those who help themselves. The Executive Committee advise the various Division Granges at their next meeting to take into consideration the expediency of having

Subordinate Granges in their Division, whether active or dormant to have a mutual exchange of visits with each other and that they (the Division Granges) appoint a Committee to regulate those visits between the various Granges for the purpose of social intercourse and improvements, thereby infusing new life and enthusiasm throughout the Order.

Those Division Granges which have not a sufficient number of Deputies in the different parts of their Division are requested to recommend suitable persons for the position, to the Master of the Dominion Grange, who will appoint them for the purpose of organizing new Granges and having a general supervision of the Order in their locality. Attention is called to a circular issued in June in which were a number of subjects selected for discussion. Those Granges who have not taken up this matter yet, are respectfully asked to give those various questions their attention, as you will have more leisure time at your meetings for that purpose now.

The Executive Committee have called the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity of having our natural and agricultural products brought more prominently before the people of Great Britain.

They have also been considering the best means of bringing the Grange and the Co-operative societies of Great Britain into closer contact with each other, thus bringing the producer and consumer closer together, which would result in a mutual advantage to both.

We have had samples of the badge made which was adopted at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, but so far they have not been satisfactory. Granges are respectfully requested not to send any more orders for badges until further notice is given.

By order of Executive Committee.

Fraternally yours,

H. W. GLENDENNING,

Secretary.

Manilla, Sept. 29th, 1884.

## Patrons Picnic at Kentville, Kings Co., N. S.

The Patrons of Husbandry of Kings and Annapolis Divisions held a union picnic at the Kentville exhibition building Tuesday 23rd inst. The weather, which in the early part of the day was threatening, was bright and pleasant though unseasonably cold in the afternoon. A special from Annapolis brought in two car loads of picnickers and many more came by train from the East. These together with the living freight brought by hundreds of vehicles from the surrounding country, formed a throng of good humored, happy-faced pleasure seekers, in and

around the commodious buildings. The tables, ten on each side of the central aisle, when set for dinner presented a very handsome and elegant appearance, glistening with silver and glass ware, loaded with meat, poultry, vegetables, cakes frosted and otherwise and pies and puddings of every variety. When all was prepared the Master of Kings Division Grange, who presided called upon Bro. Oxford, the worthy Chaplain of the "Maitland" Provincial Grange to say grace.

Successive hungry detachments attacked the tables, but if, as appeared to be the case, an effort was being made to carry off all the provisions, the victory remained with the tables.

Later in the afternoon an attempt was made to get the people together to listen to speeches, but whether it was too cold to get them to keep still, perhaps because there were no prominent or popular speakers to attend and address them, the crowd kept in continual motion, and but few could hear all that the most penetrating voice could have uttered.

C. R. H. Starr, Esq., Master of "King" Division Grange, acted as chairman. After a few introductory remarks he called upon the choir, who gave in excellent style, "Merry Greetings." W. M. Forsyth, Master of Annapolis Division Grange was then introduced and read an able address. He proffered the thanks of Annapolis Division for the handsome manner in which they had been treated by the Patrons of Kings Division, and hoped that the present would be the precursor of many equally enjoyable occasions of the kind. There is, said he, no profession more honorable, none more noble than that of agriculture, and we should strive to elevate the standard of our profession, socially, intellectually and morally. There could be no reason why the farmer should be the slave or the drudge of any. The Grange is the only existing organization for the emancipation of our profession. In the Grange we can consult together concerning the experience of our elder brothers and sisters and convey that experience to our younger brothers and sisters, thereby giving them the advantage of years of toil and thought. In our work, let us according to the old proverb "Make our heads save our heels," working with the intellect and with the understanding.

The worthy Brother then remarked upon the small share farmers had in making the laws and in governing the country, compared with what they should have in view of their numbers. He said we should throw away the old party feeling and support the men who would exert themselves to the utmost to place the agriculturist on equal footing at least, with others. There are farm-

ers who are as trusty, as honorable and as well fitted in every way for legislative and executive positions as any.

The social feature of the Grange was then considered and its value and importance enforced, and its culture encouraged. In the Dominion Grange the social sphere is more extended, our opportunity for forming valued and valuable friendships enlarged, and in the Provincial and Dominion Granges, these opportunities and advantages are still further enlarged, and through them we can form acquaintances with and receive the benefit to be derived from the experience of representative farmers, not only from our own province, but also eventually from representative farmers from all parts of this vast Dominion. Thanks to the art of printing, what is enjoyed, learned and done in these representative assemblies may be conveyed to every Patron in the land.

Reference was then made to the unfortunate impression prevailing as to the inception of the Grange movement, that connection with the Order would insure prosperity without personal exertion, but it required something more than "catching at straws" to accumulate wealth. The prosperous are those who work with head, hand and all diligence. The Grange is undoubtedly a means towards the accomplishment of wealth and prosperity if rightly used; if we add to our own experience, that of our brothers and work with diligence and perseverance.

N. Coleman of Lateville, Kings Co., was then called upon. It will be impossible in necessarily short notice to give more than the cream of the practically useful portions of Mr. Coleman's address, abounding as it did in excellent points and sententious wisdom. He wished that the countenance which is said to be an index to the mind, would in his case, and on the present occasion, so indicate his thoughts that his mind might be read by his audience, without the intervention of slow words and speaking, at which he did not claim to be an adept.

Mr. Coleman's experience in small fruit culture was certainly such as to encourage them to try it. This summer he had cultivated two acres of strawberries, without assistance, except in picking. From this plantation he had marketed 10,000 quarts of berries, netting 8 cents per quart. It would be well if all farmers felt with this speaker, an earnest love for and pride in their profession, and the same desire for perfection in the theory and practice of agriculture expressed by him. He had he said visited Niagara, had seen it in all its aspects of beauty, grandeur and sublimity. He had crossed the ocean and had seen and enjoyed it in all its