[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 18 .- The following imortant propaganda was laid down at

Grange: "Immediate readjustment of the tariff to remove the burdens under which

trade with the mother country. "Appointment of committee, power to deal with proposal of co- condemnation. products and elimination of middle- mossbacks are expected to pay the

men's profits. Good roads program based on mu nicipal control, supported by increased railway taxation and increased assessment on automobiles, any federal aid to public highways to be allotted to the municipalities on basis of assessed

Tax Reform Asked "Tax reform by exempting improveents from taxation. "Development of parcels post sys-

country and town.

corded to be followed by the Govern-

today's meeting of the Dominion ters and its attempt to force a money "Gradual increase of the British Essex, during the tariff discussion, preference to lead ultimately to free when the proposal to place a tariff on wire fencing or grant a bounty with to the industry came in for special "any aid given to public highways by co-condemnation. "The Government is the Federal Government should be operation of farmers' organizations in looking solely after its friends, the allotted to the municipalities on the all parts of Canada for interchange of protected manufacturers, and we poor

tribution legislation of last session. What right or mandate had the Government to attempt to force such a Guelph and lay the measure upon the people?" he asked. farmers before that bod This matter must be settled by the

people themselves. Tax Reforma That the farmers are much interesteasy interchange of products between ed in the relation of taxation to the Mammoth Granges, respectively. cost of living was made manifest "Settlement of the naval question by in the hearty applause which greeted direct referendum submitting the prop- the remarks of Mr. A. B. Farmer, of the Tax Reform Society, who had been tee on co-operation, Canadian navy, and remaining as at invited to address the meeting. City that steps be taken to form provingresent, the will of the people so repeople are sometimes went to imagine cial organizations on the same lines erendum in the matter of important that the fact that some 50,000 farm- tions, including all clubs and subor-

Cause of Migration.

Investigations in the State of Kansas had shown, Mr. Farmer pointed out, that the great cause of the migration from the farms was due to the rising price of farm lead and people with money to spare

Scored the Government.

The Dominion Government came in for some very plain-spoken condemnation in connection with tariff matters and its attempt to force a money naval contribution on the country.

"We are being robbed by a gang of protected robbers backed by the Government," quoth Mr. T. H. Adams, of Essex, during the tariff discussion.

farms was due to the rising price of farm land, and people with money to spare have come to look upon farm land as a good investment. Meantime the young man with his way to make, and limited capital, could not afford to tie it up in an investment which would yield him only three per cent or less. The cure was a higher tax on the land and the exemption of improvements. Much of the responsibility for the high cost of living Mr. Farmer held directly to vacant land held for speculation which was not paying its proper proportion of taxation. proper proportion of taxation Oppose Trunk Roads.

The report specifically provided that by expressing strong opposition to the proposed scheme of a large expenditure of public money for the con-Equally vigorous was the condemna-tion of Mr. J. G. Lethbridge, of trunk roads. The report was adopt-Giencoe in reference to the naval con. ed and the master of the Grange, and Mr. James McEwing were appointed to meet the provincial commission at views of the farmers before that body.
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memorial prizes for increase in membership and attendance during the year were awarded to the Middlemarch and New Organizations.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, for the committhat the increased cost of food meant as the organizations in Western Canthat the farmer was receiving the ada, by which to bring into unity and benefit, but Mr. Farmer pointed out co-operation all farmers' organizalegislation for the present system of ers had given up the attempt to make dinate associations; that such provina living on Ontario farms in the last cial organizations be formed into a

ten years, and either moved to the cities or had gone west, was sufficient proof that the conditions which had been making life difficult for the city dweller had also made it hard for the necessary power to act in the matter dweller had also made it hard for the necessary power to act in the matter of the form committee be appointed with the necessary power to act in the matter Messrs. J. J. Morrison, Henry Glendenning, B. Leck, H. B. Cowan and E. C. Drury were named as the com-

mittee. "Does this mean that the Grange then to exist?" asked a will cease

"In my judgment," replied the master, "some of the functions of the Dominion Grange will be taken over by the organization, but the subordinate Granges will remain as they are except that they will be affili-

"That whereas it is undoubtedly (Continued on Page Nine.)

true that our protective tariff, as it now exists and has existed for many years, places an unfair burden on the farming industry, for the benefit of the manufacturing industries, and whereas these facts are largely responsible for the conditions which are forcing population from the rural districts into urban centres, and whereas this movement from country to town has now reached a point where rural depopulation threatens whole national fabric, industrial, social and political, therefore, be it resolved that in justice to agriculture and in the interests of our national life it is imperative that the tariff be so adjusted as to remove in toto the burdens under which agriculture has labored, to the end that agriculture may be made more profitable and attractive, and the balance between city and country restored."

British Preference. "That we recommend a gradual increase in the British preference, such as will lead in a few years to complete free trade with the mother country. Besides serving the economic needs of this country, this would prove of in-estimable value to Greater Britain, and would best express our loyalty and devotion to the motherland."

"That Messrs. William Magee,
Adolphustown; Benjamin Hopps,
Campbellford; E. C. Drury, Crown
Hill; A. E. Vance, Barrie, and Colonel John Z Fraser, Burford, be appointed to determine if some means of affilition can be evolved whereby our force will not be expended merely in individual effort.

Is No More Use.
"That we believe that the present system of party government has outgrown its usefulness so that it no onger serves to express the will the people. To correct this condition would recommend that the principle of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum be applied to all legislation processes as it is now in municipal matters." "That we reaffirm our belief in the

justice of exempting improvements from taxation." "That we commend the action of the Postmaster-General in taking up the question of parcels post, and would recommend that it be of such character as will facilitate the easy interchange of produce between coun-

Position on Navy.

"That we reaffirm our position on the navy question, that before any action whatever is taken in the matter it should be placed before the people in a referendum presenting at least three choices: (a) money contributions; (b) Canadian navy, and (c) to remain as we are, and that the will of the people as recorded by such referendum be followed."

ed, as follows: Master, W. C. Brantford; overseer, Col. J. Z. Frazer, Burford; secretary, J. J. Morrison, Arthur; lecturer, Walter Anderson, Essex; chaplain, F. D. Bainard, Glanworth; steward, Gordon Deneau, Essex; assistant steward, Fred Pettypiece, Lambton; gatekeeper, A. E. Vance, Forest; Ceres, Miss Phelps,

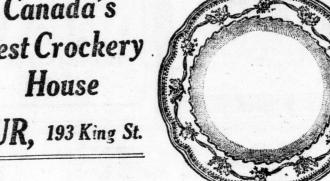
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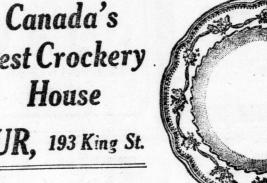
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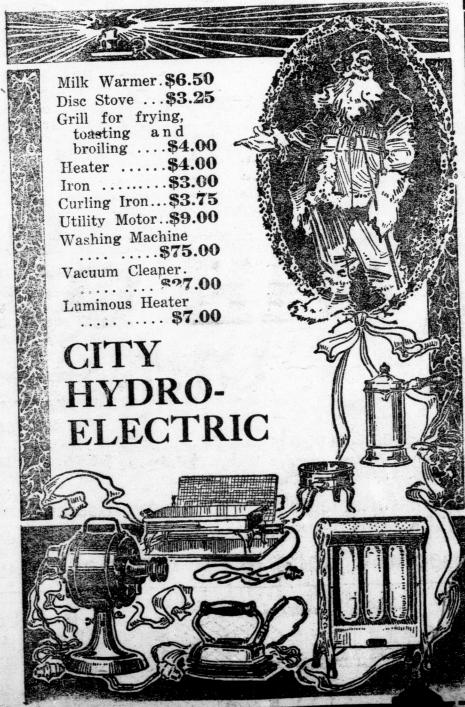
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