

the election of officers be the first order of business at the afternoon session. Carried.

Bro. Howell read report of Committee on Education which was referred back for amendment and then adopted as follows:

EDUCATION.

Worthy Master and Fellow Patrons:

Your committee, realizing the great benefit of education, especially when directed into the most appropriate channels look forward with pleasure to the promised text book on Agriculture and hope that its use may become general.

As the twig is bent the tree's inclined, and a purely literary education leads our best young men from the farm, who if instilled with a love of agricultural science while young would soon fill our ranks with the best representative men of the country, therefore the study of agriculture should be made compulsory in all rural schools.

The study of agriculture in Public Schools, besides other good effects, would inspire many young men with a desire to take a higher course of study in the Ontario Agricultural College, a course which we most heartily recommend.

While we highly appreciate the importance of the study of history in our own Public Schools we realize very keenly that the authorized Public School History is very unsuitable to the purpose for which it was designed. Much of it being so worded as to be far beyond the comprehension of ordinary pupils, giving them a distaste for the study which will remain with them to exert a malign influence throughout all their public acts and private life.

While we deem that all public education should be non-sectarian, and that it would be in the interests of education, and for the public good to have all the youth of the land educated in the same schools, from the same text books, irrespective of creed; yet as the Separate Schools are not all likely to be abolished we consider that no books should be used in them but such as shall be authorized for them by the Department of Education.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. S. HOWELL, Chairman.

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Worthy Master and Patrons:

We your committee on officers' salaries beg leave to report as follows:

That after due consideration of the financial standing of this