

In clay land manure is tolerably safe in either state; in sandy land unfermented manure would not lose much during the winter, but well rotted would be apt to be washed too low down, except during the season of growth; and in the latter case would be better applied as a top-dressing to be worked in with the succeeding crop. Indeed, it may be laid down as almost a general rule that, except for carrots and mangels, spread broadcast and thoroughly worked into the surface is the best plan and place to put manure for all soils, seasons and crops. This is nature's plan and she seldom errs. She always puts it on in its unfermented state as a top-dressing, and allows heating to go on gradually, thereby mulching and manuring at the same time; and the crops she has raised by her system furnish the principal revenue of our Province as timber supply for the lumbermen and fuel for the farmers; as well as the thousand and one necessities of our Canadian home.

OBITUARY.

HENRY REED.

Few deaths we have to record outside of those occupying more prominent public positions will awaken more general or keener regret than that of Henry Reed, Esq., who died at his late residence in the township of Glanford on the 1st March last. His death is an irreparable loss to a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, and in the circles in which he moved creates a void not easily filled. The deceased seemed to enjoy robust health until about two years ago, and at that time an observer would have predicted for him many years of active life. In the spring of 1882, he—in company with his brother and a neighbour, Mr. Shaw—visited some of the unsettled regions of the North-West, encountering some very severe weather on the prairies, during which they were compelled to camp out; and it is believed that the exposure and hardships then endured had the effect of undermining his constitution, though naturally vigorous; and while he was thus rendered more liable to the attacks of disease, his active and industrious habits and previous good health induced a disregard of those precautions and that thorough care which his changed condition required, and tended to hasten the end now so greatly deplored. At the regular meeting of Glanford Grange, No. 360, of which the deceased was a member, the following resolution was passed on March 26:

Resolved, that the members of this Grange, deeply lamenting the death of Brother Henry Reed, a much esteemed member of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained not only by the Grange but by the entire community in his removal by death, and hereby tender their respectful and sincere sympathy and condolence to the widow and family of the deceased in their bereavement; and that the sense of this resolution be conveyed to Mrs. Reed, and copies of the same be transmitted to THE RURAL CANADIAN and Grange Bulletin papers for publication.

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GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO PEOPLE'S SALT MANUFACTURING COMPANY (LIMITED).

The first general meeting of the above Company was held at the Company's office in Kincardine, on Wednesday, February 11th, at 2 p.m.

On account of the snow blockade, no rail communication with Kincardine was possible, and large numbers were snowbound at different points, waiting for the trains to run to enable them to reach the meeting. Only a few who had driven had as yet been able to get there.

Mr. R. J. Doyle, Provisional Chairman, took the chair, and announced that he was in receipt of numerous telegrams from parties snow-bound, asking for an adjournment that they might reach the meeting. When on motion of A. Gifford,

seconded by H. Reid, the meeting adjourned till 10 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 12th.

KINCARDINE, Feb. 12th, 10 a.m.

General meeting assembled as per adjournment, Mr. R. J. Doyle in the chair. He reported that no trains had yet arrived, and that the blockade still continued when on motion of Mr. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Kippen, a further adjournment was agreed to till 3 p.m. to-day.

3 p.m., Feb. 12th, 1885.

Meeting again assembled and adjourned till 7 p.m., as blockade still continued, and recommended an adjournment till the 18th of March, in order to give an opportunity for all who desire to be present.

7 p.m., Feb. 12th, 1885.

Meeting again assembled at the Royal Hotel. Quite a number had arrived, but not nearly all who were on the way, and a further adjournment was granted till the 18th at 10 a.m.

ROYAL HOTEL, Feb. 18th, 10 a.m.

General meeting assembled as per adjournment Mr. R. J. Doyle, Provisional Chairman, in the chair. Quite a number of stockholders having arrived, the question of adjournment to Toronto was considered, when D. Kennedy, on behalf of a committee appointed by the Board to obtain a legal opinion as to the validity of an adjournment to a future time at Toronto, to give an opportunity to all that wished to attend, reported that the committee had waited on W. C. Loscombe, barrister, and produced a letter from him saying that any adjournment to a different place would be illegal, as the place had been fixed by by-law under the statute, and advertised, and must be held there to be legal, upon which it was decided to proceed with the meeting.

The Secretary then proceeded to read the report of the Directors and Auditors, which was discussed clause by clause and adopted, and one thousand copies ordered to be printed for distribution. Messrs. Cheyne, Reid, and Currie were appointed to examine proxies and voting list and report.

The adoption of the Company's By-Laws was next taken up, when the Secretary, Mr. Hilborn, proceeded to read the code as adopted by the Board, which was considered clause by clause and adopted, with some few amendments and additions, and on motion was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Glazebrook moved, seconded by Mr. J. Ramsey, that the next annual meeting be held at Toronto the day previous to the meeting of the Provincial Grange.

James McBeath moved, seconded by J. Kippen, that it be held at Kincardine.

Mr. Hutton moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, in amendment to the amendment, that the next meeting be held at Guelph.

Original motion carried.

Mr. L. Cheyne, on behalf of the committee on proxies and voting list, submitted a report showing 456 shares represented, in person and by proxy, that were entitled to vote, which on motion was adopted.

Quite a lengthy discussion took place respecting the price of salt and the manner of sale. Quite a large number favoured selling to none but stockholders, and the Board was requested to consider seriously the propriety of confining the sale to them exclusively.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors, when the following nominations were made:—Jabel Robinson, E. H. Hilborn, L. Cheyne, D. Kennedy, R. Currie, J. Tolmie, A. Gifford, R. McMordie, R. J. Doyle, W. Clark and H. Glazebrook.

A ballot was then taken, which showed the

following to be elected, viz.: John Tolmie, E. H. Hilborn, D. Kennedy, H. Glazebrook, L. Cheyne, R. J. Doyle, R. McMordie, R. Currie and Jabel Robinson.

Mr. Glazebrook immediately tendered his resignation, and refused emphatically to serve as a director, whereupon the meeting accepted his resignation and seated Mr. W. Clark as being next on the list, which left the Board as follows:

Elected for two years, Messrs. Tolmie, Hilborn, Kennedy, Cheyne and Doyle; elected for one year, Messrs. McMordie, Currie, Robinson and Clark, who were so declared elected by the Chairman.

The Chairman then called on the meeting to elect an Auditor, when Mr. A. Gifford was declared elected, and after some further discussion upon the success of the Company and its future policy, in which the greatest unanimity prevailed, some resolutions of thanks and a host of congratulations brought the meeting to a close.

The new Board immediately met and appointed Mr. R. J. Doyle, President; Mr. L. Cheyne, Vice-President; Mr. E. H. Hilborn, Secretary; and Mr. John Tolmie, Manager of the works; and also by resolution carried out the recommendations given at the annual meeting not to sell salt to any one but stock-holders.

GRANGE MEETING.

Elgin Division Grange met in the Court-House, St. Thomas, on the 20th inst.

Granges represented were Apple Grove, Forest Rose, Lorne, Union, Mayflower, Gordon, Dufferin and Bayham. Bro. Cameron reported at length on the proceedings of the Provincial Grange, showing the many advantages of representatives of the farmers meeting together in Council.

Bro. Robinson reported the proceedings of the Dominion Grange.

The following resolution of condolence was adopted and ordered to be engrossed and framed: To Bro. JABEL ROBINSON:

We, your friends, brothers and sisters, offer you and your family our sincere sympathy for the great and irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of your beloved wife and our respected sister. We grieve for you in your great bereavement, for we have also lost in her a steadfast friend, and although our grief cannot be compared to yours, it is deep and sincere. We cannot forget that our late sister was a charter member of this Grange, that she was elected as Pomona at its first meeting. She was faithful and active in every good work; and, as all can testify who enjoyed the favour of her acquaintance, she was blessed with all those virtues which adorn and dignify a woman, a wife and mother.

(Signed) B. F. HATHAWAY, EWEN CAMERON.

A resolution was carried to hold a Farmers' Institute in St. Thomas next January, under the auspices of the Grange, and that the professors of the O. A. C. be invited to attend. Bros. Hathaway, Cameron and Robinson, Sisters Payne and H. Robinson were requested to read a paper on the occasion.

The Executive Committee was instructed to confer with neighbouring divisions for the purpose of holding a monster picnic somewhere in the West. It was also decided to run an excursion from Elgin to Kincardine to visit the Grangers' salt works during this season.

At this season of the year it is necessary that poultry should be fed vegetables at least thrice each week. Cabbage forms the best diet, but if too expensive or difficult to obtain, a good substitute will be found in mangels, turnips, or even sliced potatoes. Care should be taken to see that this description of food is not frozen, many careless keepers of poultry will look into the coop, and seeing the vegetables, lying around, will say, that they have plenty of green food; no use giving them any more. Whereas very little trouble would tell them that the roots are, perhaps, frozen as hard as stones. Give a little and often; removing the old before feeding fresh.