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### DOMINION GRANGE.

#### Important Reports and Addresses

#### FLATTERING FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

#### A Grange Manufacturing Company is Mooted

#### AND AN IMPORTING COMPANY ALSO CONSIDERED

THE STATE OF OUR RURAL SCHOOLS COMMENTED UPON, AND A SEMINARY FOR THE EDUCATION OF FARMERS DAUGHTERS PROPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDER.

The different delegates from the various Divisions in the Dominion met in Toronto, on the 3rd of October, in the Marlborough Hall. The session was of unusual interest, inasmuch as questions of vital importance, affecting the welfare of the farming community and the country at large, were to be brought before the Grange. The delegates arrived by railway and boat by Tuesday evening. The general railways, with one exception, made favorable reductions for return tickets. The delegates were composed of the prominent agriculturists in the several districts of the Dominion, and represented a body of men, which for physique and practical intelligence, could not be excelled. They were in every respect good specimens of the bone and sinew of Canada, from the hoary head of the oldest settler to the stalwart and manly form of the younger generation. Although mostly strangers to each other, from the social element that is so prominent amongst our members it was not long before they perfectly understood each other on the business to be brought before them. The first day's session was chiefly occupied in receiving credentials from the delegates and appointing committees for the work during the session. The delegates present were:

- Division No. 1.—James Evans, Joseph Ferguson.
- Division No. 2.—H. Palmer, H. F. Irwin, G. Harkness, R. J. Doyle.
- Division No. 3.—Robert Green, Jonas Steele, John D. Grow.
- Division No. 4.—Joseph Goodfellow, F. T. Strangeway, John McManus.
- Division No. 5.—Henry Ingram, Jas. Dunkin.
- Division No. 7.—J. McEwan, R. Murray, H. Snell, P. McKeagie.
- Division No. 8.—Henry Tutt, G. Tirhure.
- Division No. 9.—J. Campbell, A. J. Hues, W. M. Clarke.
- Division No. 10.—Luther Cheyne, Eli Crawford, Guy Bell.
- Division No. 11.—D. Pickett, R. Wilkie, J. McLean.
- Division No. 12.—W. M. Brock, W. J. Anderson.
- Division No. 13.—W. M. Fetheringham, John Cameron, Robert Beatty.
- Division No. 14.—T. J. Staples, Shem Parsons, J. Falroy, Jesse Trull, J. T. Gould.
- Division No. 15.—W. M. Ault, John McDonald.
- Division No. 16.—J. R. Decatur, Thos. Durkin, Henry Scott, W. M. Clarke.
- Division No. 17.—Hector McFarland.
- Division No. 18.—S. Wade, J. Robinson, W. Michall.
- Division No. 19.—W. N. Harris, Elias Clapp, J. B. Aylsworth.
- Division No. 20.—D. Anderson, John Drury, Charles Drury, T. S. McLeod.
- Division No. 22.—M. Jarvis, D. R. Calder.
- Division No. 23.—D. Wright, Neil McColman.
- Division No. 24.—James Fyfe, Alex. Duncan.

- Division No. 25.—W. M. Forester.
  - Division No. 26.—T. S. Vanwagner.
  - Division No. 27.—John W. Walker, John Whitfield.
  - Division No. 28.—Isaac Austin, E. C. Carpenter.
  - Division No. 29.—James Wallace.
  - Division No. 30.—John Patterson.
  - Division No. 31.—C. McGibbon, New Brunswick.
  - Division No. 32.—S. Ballahey, Jas. McKee.
  - Division No. 33.—Mr. Ivy.
- There were present also from places where there are yet no Granges:

- John Jackson, Nova Scotia; Levi R. Whitman, Iton, Quebec.
- Following officers:  
Master, S. W. Hill, Ridgeville, Ont.; Overseer, E. A. Lett, Danville, Que.; Lecturer, S. White, Caring Cross, Ont.; Steward, D. Nixon, Grimsby, Ont.; Asst. Steward, H. S. Lossee, Norwichville, Ont.; Chaplin, W. Cole, Sarnia, Ont.; Treasurer, J. P. Bull, Downsview, Ont.; Secretary, W. Pemberton Page, Fonthill, Ont.; Gate-keeper, J. Duncan, Richmond Hill, Ont.; Ceres, Mrs. Dyas, Toronto, Ont.; Pomona, Miss Whitelaw, Meaford, Ont.; Flora, Mrs. Phillips, Schomberg, Ont.; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Lossee, Norwichville, Ont.; Executive Committee, J. Manning, Schomberg, Ont.; B. Payne, Delaware, Ont.; W. S. Cambell, Brantford, Ont.; A. Gifford, Meaford, Ont.; Jas. Daly, Newburg, Ont.

W. L. Brown, of this paper; Wm. Weld, Farmers' Advocate, London; Thos. W. Dyas, late Secretary of Toronto, and a large number of lady visiting members from all parts of the Dominion.

The second day's *sedesunt* was principally occupied in receiving reports from the various committees and officers. Bro. J. P. Bull, Downsview, in behalf of the Manufacturing Committee, reported they had been offered the necessary buildings, machinery and stock on hand of a prominent manufacturer, Patterson & Co., at a fair valuation. He explained the company was intended to be a joint stock limited, the shares being \$10. He would now leave it with the Grange to deal with it as it deemed fit.

Bro. A. Gifford, Meaford, read the report of the Executive Committee, in which was recounted the various labors which had devolved upon the committee during the past year. The report gave an exhaustive and instructive resume of the business and working of the Order since the last Dominion Grange. The report was highly satisfactory and was received with approbation.

#### THE MASTER'S ADDRESS.

At the usual hour the Dominion Master, Bro. S. W. Hill, delivered his annual address, which is full of good advice to Patrons, clear, vigorous, terse, and nervous. He said:

Patrons.—The wheel of time, in its annual revolution, that carries with it all human acts to be recorded in the history of the past, brings the Dominion Grange to its annual session. The occasion is fraught with great interest, for in its deliberations it is to make for itself an important record of its proceedings to be placed in the archives of the Order, as historical facts for future inspection, and I trust the wisdom of our legislation will be such that the members of the Order will point with pride to the record thus made. And not the members only, but others will acknowledge that our efforts to benefit our fellow men are well directed. A spectacle like the one before me, of mind, order, and the peaceful virtues, can hardly be surpassed. And as "the gate" closes between ourselves and the outer world, the spirit of party is hushed, and its influences banished from this enclosure, which is consecrated to higher and holier things. We yield on this occasion to no narrower sentiments than the love of country, and of collective man, and we invoke the blessed influence of that universal Providence, which watches over the seed time, and matures the harvest.

Thrice am I before you with congratulations for our prosperity, and to mingle my joy with you for the rapid increase of our order. We no longer count our numbers by hundreds, but by thousands; which is convincing proof that the Grange in all Canada is no longer "a child in its swaddling clothes," but is assuming the strength of manhood, and with this rapid growth it requires wise legislation by ourselves and hearty co-operation by the subordinate Granges to mould and fashion, with just proportion, its symmetry. Who can tell the number of hearts that are gladdened, or the homes that have been cheered by the "tidal wave" of this great organization, and as it comes forth in its increased strength to take its place in the world of mankind, with the acknowledged fact that the farmer's occupation is the foundation upon which all other occupations rest, and the advantages offered us by the Grange, if sought for and obtained, there need be no hindrance to our placing the key-stone in the great archway of the sister interests of our country. Therefore, it is to be

hoped that members of subordinate Granges will not be lured by financial acquirements from the real objects of our Order, and allow themselves to drift away with sentiments that cannot uphold or sustain them. I would not undervalue the advantages to be derived by the co-operative system in our business relations. But to make the Order perpetual, we must first educate ourselves, by making our Grange meetings places of intellectual acquirements. Therefore, it requires the assistance of every member of the Grange to make our meetings a school for the education of both old and young.

I still hold that the Dominion Grange should extend a paternal care to its subordinates, and as the Division Grange is a medium between the Dominion and the subordinate Granges, a great responsibility rests upon them, to encourage and look after the interests of the Granges within their jurisdiction; by so doing much valuable information might be imparted. I would suggest the propriety of the Lecturer of each Division Grange taking upon himself the responsibility of visiting the subordinate Granges in his jurisdiction, and impart to them the progress and real object of the Order. I believe the benefit accruing from his labors would be invaluable.

Our relation with the National Grange of the United States is a subject of anxious consideration. Our desire for recognition has not diminished, but we hope, at no distant period, the wall that alienates us from the parent institution will be removed by a consummation of amicable relations. We heartily endorse the sentiments embodied in the preamble and resolutions on foreign relations, adopted at their ninth annual session, and would re-echo the motto:—"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

I am glad to know, and am pleased to state, some of our lady members are taking initiatory steps to assist in the efforts for the improvement of the condition of farmers' wives and daughters; and it is to be hoped that all lady members will consider the advantages to be derived from the Grange of so great importance that they will lend their assistance to any scheme that will best carry the object to its ultimate success, by placing them in a better position in life; remembering that every member of the Grange has his or her work to do, and much depends upon the ladies in our work of reformation; for while man is employed in the sterner duties of life, it remains for woman, with her appreciation of refinement, to build up the social element in our rural districts to a higher standard than it has yet attained, and in directing the plan of adornment of her own home.

Much important work will be brought before you at this session by the several committees, and it is to be hoped your deliberations thereon will be marked with prudence, wisdom and zeal.

In conclusion, let me then urge you to renewed zeal and emulation in the discharge of duties to yourselves, your neighbor, and your country, which bring with them the blessings of God and the gratitude of men—as the dew from heaven refresh and fertilize the earth, and gladden the heart of the husbandman, so will your labors, steadily pursued, wisely directed, and liberally disseminating the seeds of intelligent observation, bring forth an abundant harvest.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was tendered, and a copy ordered to be sent to different city papers for publication.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Another year of our existence has passed, and we have met here in the third annual meeting of the Dominion Grange.

One year has nearly elapsed since by you I was placed in the position of Secretary of this, now truly, great organization. In obedience to established custom, and in justice to you, as well as myself, it becomes my duty, and also my pleasure, to present to you a detailed report of the transactions of my office, and the general working of the Order in the past year. Before doing this, permit me to make a few general remarks, and also some suggestions, which are prompted by my past experience and observations made during a year of close relationship with the work of the Grange.

Although my duties have at times been somewhat arduous, in consequence of the great responsibility and continued increase in the amount of work required at my hands, yet it has been a pleasant task, affording me an opportunity—in my humble way—of assisting in the noble work of the Grange. In the discharge of these duties, I have endeavored to be faithful, and to so conduct the business of my office as will reflect credit upon the Order, as well as myself. How far I have succeeded in this I leave you to judge; this much I can truthfully say, that what I have done has been done under a feeling of love for, and with an earnest desire to further the general interests of the society. As an assurance of the meritorious objects of this Order, and the success that will attend well directed efforts, we have but to compare the present status of the society with that of a year ago. The rapid

growth and general good results already shown, are bringing the Grange into notice, creating favorable impressions, and calling forth the praise and esteem of many who were once our bitterest enemies, and causing farmers who a year ago looked with contempt upon our efforts, to now be knocking at our doors for admission. To merit a continuance as well as a growth in the esteem of our fellow men, should be the desire of every Patron, and to this end is required a watchful care, a respect for the rights of others, as we claim respect from them, basing our business, as well as social relations, upon the principle of "equal rights to all." That the present is a session of great importance, I need hardly tell you, as I feel that all present acknowledge the importance of the occasion, and the responsibility resting upon them as delegates to this meeting. Matters of vital interest to our present and future welfare will be brought before you, in dealing with which I trust you will exercise that fraternal spirit inculcated by our Order, and in your deliberations be governed by a liberality and an enlightened wisdom, worthy of the Grange and worthy of our calling as farmers.

Our business interest has grown to some magnitude and importance, and is one that requires serious consideration from you. I believe the time has come when it is necessary to inaugurate some permanent uniform business system, that will give assurance to our members of unfailing benefits, and assurance to those with whom we deal that our contracts will be carried out in good faith, and with a view of creating benefits alike to them, as well as ourselves. Our past and present business transactions, although resulting in considerable advantage to us, have not been entirely satisfactory, from a lack of some uniform system of co-operation, and in consequence of members not carrying out the principles we have adopted, of buying only from the manufacturers directly, and that for cash.

Many firms throughout the country have made liberal offers to us, and some are now complaining, and justly complaining, that we do not live up to the principles we profess, but that members are buying in the usual way from agents, thereby doing injustice to these manufacturers who have given up the old way of selling through agents, and placed their business in other hands, adopting the Grange principle of selling direct to farmers, and for cash only. We cannot expect men to give up any particular system of business they have been accustomed to, unless we can show them some better and more remunerative way (which we believe can be obtained by strict adherence to Grange principles of trade); nor can we expect these principles to work advantageously to us, unless we as a body carry them out in every respect. I therefore suggest that this meeting devise some plan whereby our principles in this particular may be more fully carried into effect.

I have been frequently solicited by Subordinate Granges, and also by parties outside the Order, who had the establishment of a Grange in view, to send or refer them to some person who would attend and address public meetings on the subject, giving explanations regarding its aims and purposes. I suggest the Worthy Lecturer of Dominion Grange be authorized, upon call (or some other person appointed by the Executive Committee), to attend and address such meetings; a reasonable remuneration be allowed him for services, and a stated portion of his expenses to be paid by Dominion Grange, the balance by the parties soliciting his services. I mention this at the urgent request of several Granges, and also from a belief on my own part that a portion of our funds could not be put to better use than by appropriating them to this service. That there exists a prejudice against our Order among some is certain, and it is none the less certain that this prejudice exists in consequence of an ignorance of our true principles; to disseminate and explain these principles will not only be the means of bringing many farmers into the fold who are now idle spectators, but will also be the means of forming more friendly feelings in the minds of those who now feel at enmity towards us.

Since the first of January last, the work of organizing has been mostly done by Deputies, and under the direct supervision of Division Granges. The work has proceeded rapidly and quite satisfactorily. There is, however, one objection to our present system of organizing I wish to draw your attention to. The plan usually adopted by Deputies of meeting, organizing and imparting the secret work at one time, and that to parties before authority had been given them to become a Grange, seems rather anomalous; besides, the work of instruction can not be thoroughly done in so short a time as is then at command. I have had numerous communications from members of new Granges, complaining they had not received sufficient instructions to guide them in the proper working of the Grange, which has been the cause of much embarrassment, and in some cases has led to contentions among the members. Would it not be better to require Deputies to attend, organize, and forward applications, and when Dispensation was granted (which should be sent to Deputy) again attend and impart the secret work, together with other general instructions?