

1889, at which the minutes of the previous annual meeting were gone through and arranged, as per instruction of that meeting. A memorial was prepared and forwarded to the Federal Parliament, which was duly acknowledged, but we are unable to say, what influence it may have had. Others were prepared for the Ontario Parliament, and we obtained an interview with the Attorney General and presented them to him. We are pleased to say, some of our requests were promptly attended to and now stand upon the Ontario Statutes of 1889, as the law of the land. We here refer to Chapter 30, which extends the time for which Mutual Fire Insurance policies may be made to the term of four years; and to Chapter 40, being an Act to compel manufacturers of steam threshing engines to provide them with efficient spark arresters, and to compel those using and running them to keep the spark arrestor in good working order during the time they are work.

The penalty for infraction of this law, upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace, is a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty for each day it is so used, together with costs of prosecution, and imprisonment in default of payment. One half of the fine belongs to the informer, the balance to the municipality where the offence is tried.

The second meeting of your Committee was held on the 7th instant, to attend to some correspondence, examine and pass a number of accounts before going into the hands of the Auditors and to attend to general business previous to this meeting.

Besides holding these two meetings, a good deal of correspondence took place between the members of your Committee to avoid the expense of meeting, and two circulars have been prepared and sent out amongst the Granges with a view to reminding them of their duty, and awakening an interest amongst those in the order.

Your Committee have to report the state of the Grange as exceedingly quiet, no disputes or grievances having been brought to our notice during the year. The action taken and changes made at the last annual meeting, seem to have been satisfactory to our brethren of the Maritime Provincial Grange.

While your Committee are not aware that there has been any decline in the order here, there seems but little reason to suppose there has been any increase.

It is true, there has been a falling off in receipts, but this may have been the result of fewer initiations, and the falling off in the organization of new Granges during the year, both of which would have a marked effect upon the receipts.

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