

18. From McPherson and Donaldson, that as plank No. 10 of our platform protests against combines and as we believe the money combine to be the worst combine in existence in this country we request that this Grand Association do appoint a committee to draft a scheme by which farmers can get money cheap, such scheme to be placed before the Grand Association at its next annual meeting. We recommend favorable action and that the Grand Executive Board be a committee to prepare such scheme.

Your committee as will be seen recommend no immediate action on many resolutions and memorials that have been submitted to us, not because that we have not deemed them of importance to the Order and Country, but that at this critical period in many constituencies present action might cause agitation and unnecessary disturbance in the Patron ranks. It is confidently hoped and believed that ere another year rolls around many constituencies will have followed the noble and patriotic example of North Bruce and that when next we assemble in Grand Association we will have our own Legislators in at least our Local Legislature to represent our views and interests in those and other matters of vital importance to this Canada of ours.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

Toronto, March 5th, 1894.

Moved by Bro. Robert Campbell, seconded by Bro. Jamieson, that we reconsider the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, in so far as it refers to Organizers throughout the Provinces, and after discussion the clause was amended and on motion the report was finally adopted.

#### FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

*Mr. Grand President :-*

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report :-

1. In the matter of the proposal to set aside for the use of Township Associations a part of the fees paid by Sub-Associations to County Associations. To do this is now within the power of County Associations, and that it so continue is the recommendation of your Committee.

2. As to the memorial from "Ever True" Association, relative to Dr. J. G. Giles, of Elb Association, of Leeds County. This memorial appears to have been sent from a Sub-Association directly to this Grand Association, without having been submitted first to the County Association of Leeds. Sec. 5, Art. iv. Your Committee recommend that this Grand Association refer the matter to the said County Association of Leeds, at the same time calling attention to Sec. 5, Art. iv. of the Constitution, which declares lawyers and physicians ineligible for membership in our order.

3. Bro. Wm. Dynes' motion, relative to Sub. Associations situated on or near the boundary of a riding:

Your Committee recommend that when not less than ten enfranchised members in good standing in a Subordinate Association reside in a county other than that in which is situated the County Association under which the said Subordinate Association holds its charter. That it be permitted to such Sub. Association to send to the Co. Secretary along with its quarterly return of dues a separate list of the said not less than ten members' names, together with a written notice requiring the said Co. Secretary to transmit to the County Association of the County in which the aforesaid not less than ten members reside, from out of the sum of the quarterly dues paid by the said not less than ten members, the balance remaining after deducting the per capita tax due to this Grand Association.

And that the transmission of the balance to the neighboring County Association shall convey also the Constitutional right of representation therein, on the part of the aforesaid, not less than ten members of such Sub-Association.