

Ontario—W. F. Weir.  
 Prince Edward—W. V. Pettitt.  
 Perth—C. W. Robinson.  
 Peel—Reuben Lighthouse.  
 Peterborough—R. Tudhope.  
 Prescott—John J. McCraig.  
 Russell—Howard W. Russell.  
 Soulanges and Vaudreuil—John McCabe.  
 Stormont—J. A. A. Cameron, Alex. Fraser.  
 Simcoe—John Benson, D. Anderson.  
 Victoria—Robt. Campbell.  
 Waterloo—John N. Sipes.  
 Wentworth—Alex. Ironside.  
 Wellington—Geo. A. Darby.  
 Welland—Horace H. Beam.  
 York—A. Forster.  
 Frontenac—David Redgers.  
 Carleton—W. J. Mosses.  
 Leeds—E. C. Sliter.  
 Brant—Joseph Stratford.

On motion of Bro. Darby, seconded by Bro. Jamieson, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The report of the Grand Trustees was read by Bro. Gifford, and on motion of Bro. Gifford, seconded by Bro. F. Kennedy, was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' reports.

#### GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association Patrons of Industry, in Ontario and Quebec, in session assembled :*

We, your Executive Board, beg to report as follows :

1. There being no provision in the constitution requiring bonds from the Grand Secretary-Treasurer, at the first meeting of the Board after the close of the last association a resolution was adopted, placing the security to be given by the Grand Secretary-Treasurer at \$8,000, and appointing Bros. Currie and Kennedy a committee to see that good and sufficient bonds were executed for that amount.

2. Considerable attention in the early part of the year was required in completing arrangements and settling difficulties arising in connection with our anti-combine enterprises. Some complaints were made respecting the mode of shipping salt, especially by Prince Edward county, and a good deal of fault was found at the delay by the twine company in fixing prices at which twine would be supplied, but all those difficulties were happily settled and both enterprises have proved eminently successful in relieving members, in fact the whole community, from two of the most iniquitous monopolies in existence, and we trust that soon the Farmers' Binder Twine Company will be in a position to relieve us still further by adding the manufacture of implements.

3. At our second meeting it was decided to interview the Governments respecting the matters contained in the several petitions which had been forwarded to them. In pursuance of this a meeting was arranged, at which all the members of the Government were present except Mr. Fraser, and a full discussion of all the matters embodied in our petitions was had. Respecting the taxing of mortgages, corporation stocks, &c., the Attorney-General admitted the principle was correct, but in the matter of mortgages contended that the mortgagee would increase the interest in proportion to the taxes he had to pay; however, when his attention was drawn to the fact that such legislation had been adopted by some of the States of the American Union, he said he would look into the subject and make inquiry as to the working in those States. Our action in this matter of taxation at once attracted the attention of the Ratepayers' Association of Toronto, and the following letter was received from Dr. E. J. Barrick, the then chair-