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OF THE

GRAND ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

OF

Patrons of Industry

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Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry of the Province of Ontario.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry was held in Richmond Hall, Toronto, February 27th, 1894.

The meeting was called to order and duly opened by the Grand President, Bro. C. A. Mallory, Esq.; at 2.30 p. m.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—With unmixed pleasure I welcome you to the third annual convention of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry for the Province of Ontario. The presence of many with whom we have been associated in past conventions is proof that you still hold the confidence of our people, while the many representatives from newly organized counties show that the work is extending, and that Patron principles are continuing to appeal to the better judgment of the Canadian electorate. I also extend a hearty welcome to the representatives from the province of Quebec, and I am looking forward to the time when we shall not only have Grand Associations for the Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario, but when the toilers of the whole Dominion will be united in one common brotherhood, sinking party differences, and working together for the common good.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I am happy to inform you that great success has attended our efforts for the spread of Patron principles. At our last annual convention we were pleased to report an increase of 600 sub-associations to our list. It is now my pleasure to announce that 300 additional organizations have been formed during the past year, and, further, that a greater enthusiasm is manifest among our members than at any time during our past history. Not only has our order extended, but our influence has increased, until, at the present time, Patronism is recognized as an important factor in Canadian politics.

The Grand Association, finding that our petitions in the interest of the masses received but scant courtesy at the hands of our legislators, outlined a system by which candidates should be placed in the field on the Patron platform in the several rural constituencies. Our people have responded nobly, and the greatest enthusiasm is manifest at the prospect of being able to enforce our demands on the floor of Parliament by a sufficient number of Patron representatives to hold the balance of power between the existing parties. We now find the press and representatives of both political parties claiming to stand upon our platform, and vying with each other to be recognized as the Patrons' friends.

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

In view of the approaching elections, and also of the fact that different interpretations have been given by the party press of the seventh clause of our platform, it may not be amiss that I should take this opportunity of giving what is generally accepted by Patrons of Industry as the proper system for the election of county officers, except judges. Patrons hold that all county officers paid by the people should be elected by them. We consider that electors who have sufficient intelligence to choose from themselves law-makers of our land may safely be trusted to elect those whose duty it is to enforce those laws. It is said that by this we are introducing the American system, and, further, that thorough inspection must cease when officers become elective. In reply, we may say that the election of county officers does not necessarily imply a

change of officers every four years, as prevails in some of the American States, nor does it necessarily follow that a general inspection shall cease. County officers may be elected for a period of time consistent with proficiency and good behaviour, subject to clearly defined Governmental inspection. This system, we believe, will result in a more thorough inspection than where officers and inspectors are appointed by the same authority, and will remove the stigma which is too often repeated that officers receive appointments as a reward for party service.

Upon the fee system the Patrons have made no pronouncement, but in the interest of economy we contend that no greater sum should be retained by county officers than reasonable remuneration for services rendered.

It will be observed that your Grand Board has not caused petitions to be circulated during the past year to either of the Parliaments asking consideration at their hands in the interest of the masses. The 'serious consideration' with which our former petitions were greeted by both Governments has resulted in nothing practical in our interest, and the action of the Grand Association of last year led us to conclude that the time for petitions was past, and that it was necessary for the industrial classes to show by a united effort that in a democratic country the people must rule, and that the greatest number must be recognized by our legislators dispensing the greatest good.

MONOPOLISTS TREMBLING.

It is gratifying to observe that monopolists and combinsters are beginning to tremble at the strength of an organization formed to do them battle. We are not a little amused at their frantic efforts to resist the wave of independent thought which is spreading over the land. We are branded as Socialists, Anarchists, and dangerous men, and the more outspoken have said that the population would have to rise against such and hang the whole lot. Such appeals to the baser passions are only resorted to when arguments fail, and may be taken as sufficient proof that monopolists fear the influence of the united toilers, who desire, by constitutional means, to better the condition of the industrial classes. Capital has always claimed the right to combine. Manufacturers meet and determine prices in spite of the law of supply and demand. Capitalists, by united effort, strive to control the Legislature, the judiciary, and the executive. The departments of the Government are too apt to bow to their commands. Have the masses no right to consult or to combine? When toilers combine it is a conspiracy. If they defend themselves it is treason. If they attempt to persuade others that their views are correct, they are dangerous men. In Canada men are equally entitled to a voice in public affairs. Why should the monopolist and combinsters assume to control the destinies of the land? The industrial classes are largely in the majority. The monopolist forgets his partizanship for the selfish purpose of advancing his personal interest. Why should not the toilers combine to advance the interest of the suffering masses.

Will the time ever come when the masses will appreciate their strength, when, for the common good, petty differences will be buried, and the long-suffering majority will stand together to obtain the greatest good for the greatest number? The time has come when men must stand up for the right, and the groaning protests and threatening taunts of pampered monopolists will avail little in stemming the tide of united effort for legislative reform, which the masses believe to be in the interest of our land.

I shall not attempt to outline the work of the session. The presence of many skilled in debate and zealous for the right is sufficient guarantee that no decisions will be arrived at without ample consideration. A great responsibility rests upon this convention. At no time in our history has there been so great need of careful and serious attention to the best interests of our order. The eyes of the Dominion are upon us. Upon the conclusions arrived at by this convention will largely depend the position we shall occupy in the land—whether a blessing to humanity or an object for ridicule to thinking men. The test is upon us. Are we equal to the task? Let gentlemanly courtesy and careful thought characterize our deliberations, and I have no fear for the result.

I desire to bear testimony to the ability and integrity of my colleagues upon the Grand Board. The utmost harmony has prevailed in all our deliberations. To their untiring efforts and careful counsel is due, to a great extent, the progress of the Patron

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order. I desire also to express my grateful appreciation of the confidence reposed in me as your executive head during the past two years.

If success has crowned our efforts in the cultivation of independent thought, it has been largely achieved through the kindly courtesy and able assistance of our brethren throughout our jurisdiction.

Let unity of action and harmony of purpose prevail as in the past, and with the blessing of Providence our principles will yet be recognized in the councils of the land.

Moved by Bro. Currie, and seconded by Bro. Gifford, that the Grand President's address be received and referred to Committee on Officers Reports. Carried.

Bro. Valens was appointed Assistant Secretary unanimously on motion of Bros. Currie and Alexander.

On motion of Bros. Darby and Jamieson the President was appointed to name the Credential Committee, and the following were appointed: Bros. Darby, Jamieson, McCredie, Corrigan and McPherson.

On motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Kennedy, the following were appointed a Committee to strike the Striking Committees: J. H. Alexander, E. J. Pearson, J. D. McGregor, P. Inman, Jas. Moody, A. Forster, Peter Corrigan, D. M. McPherson, J. C. Woods, W. V. Pettit and J. G. Adams, with power to add if necessary.

Moved by Bro. Wilson, and seconded by Bro. Aylesworth, that Bros. Wrigley, Stewart and Pearson be a Press Committee.

The Committee on Credentials reported present the following Grand Officers and delegates:

Grand President—C. A. Mallory.
 Grand Vice President—T. O. Currie.
 Grand Secretary-Treasurer—L. A. Welch.
 Grand Sentinel—D. Dwyer.
 Grand Trustees—A. Gifford, J. Lockie Wilson, Fergus Kennedy.
 Grand Auditors—Wm. Valens, J. G. Adams.
 Argenteuil—Walter Smith.
 Bruce—P. Corrigan, John S. McDonald.
 Durham, E.—John Sowden.
 Durham, W.—T. H. Powers.
 Dufferin—D. Stewart, W. Dynes.
 Dundas—Jas. Moody.
 Elgin, E.—Wm. McCradie.
 Elgin, W.—D. C. McColl.
 Essex—P. Inman.
 Grey—Wm. Allen, J. M. Davis, Robt. Jamieson.
 Grenville—J. F. Hicks.
 Glengarry—D. M. McPherson, Peter Chisholm.
 Hastings—J. M. Farley.
 Huron—S. M. Saunders.
 Huntingdon—Thos. Cairns.
 Halton—John D. McGregor.
 Haldimand—Hugh Cranford.
 Kent—Hugh Buller, Jas. W. Fleming, H. L. Johnston.
 Lambton—Jas. C. Wood.
 Lincoln—Robt. Thompson.
 Lanark—Fred Hyslop.
 Lennox-Addington—Geo. A. Aylesworth.
 Middlesex—B. J. Donaldson, J. H. Alexander.
 Northumberland—J. B. Ewing.
 Norfolk—D. Dalton.
 Oxford—E. J. Pearson.

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. Moses.
 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-

man of the executive of that body, but now occupying the position of president :

A. GIFFORD, ESQ.:

TORONTO, April 15, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I read with pleasure in to-day's papers your remarks upon the following clause : 1. "That mortgages, railway, bank and all company stocks and debentures be withdrawn from the list of properties exempted from taxation, and that taxes be required to be paid upon the values of such mortgages in lieu of the properties so encumbered, and on such stocks and debentures instead of upon the incomes derived therefrom as at present." And may just state that the Ratepayers' Association of Toronto are agitating on the same line, and shall be pleased to co-operate with your organization in any way to bring about the change you advocate. I shall inclose you a copy of our constitution and by-laws, and also a copy of a letter sent to the secretary of the committee on taxation and exemptions and a copy of a petition we have before our council. The very simple way that you proposed of getting at the mortgages by deducting the amount of his share of the taxes from the yearly interest must commend itself to every thinking person. I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you, but our association has been giving so much attention to the same subject, and believe that united action will be required to affect a change. We believe that "wealth should be assessed no matter in what shape or form it may be found, whether in land, houses, stocks, mortgages, bonds or anything else."

Yours very truly,

E. J. BARRICK,

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ratepayers' Association

Since then we are assured that our action has the approval of the Ratepayers' Association of the cities of London, Hamilton and Kingston. Respecting decentralization the high courts and increasing the jurisdiction of division courts, the Attorney-General said he would consult the judges.

The petition asking that the Employers' Liability Act be so amended as to relieve farmers, &c., from liability under its provisions has been granted and the requisite amendments made. Referring to the petitions forwarded to the Dominion Government, no attention has so far been paid to them. Your Executive Board had under consideration the advisability of repeating the petitions of last year, but, in view of the treatment received in the past and the near approach of the Provincial and Dominion elections, thought a better way would be to petition through the ballot box, by the proper use of which you can enforce your rights as free men and not have them doled out to you as suppliant slaves.

4. The Grand President and Trustee Gifford were authorized to meet a committee of the Grange with a view of adopting some common line of political action, but the Grange having no political platform, its representatives were unable to say how far their members would go in adopting ours. Consequently nothing definite was accomplished, but we hope the time is not far distant when not the Grange alone but every patriotic organization and every man irrespective of his calling will adopt our platform, and standing thereon demand greater regard for the interests of the masses in this country.

Requests were constantly being received by members of the board to speak at meetings in various sections of the Province, and frequently owing to the distance between meetings great expense in travelling had to be incurred. To obviate this and at the same time place all upon an equality we divided up this province and the organized portions of Quebec into three districts—eastern, central and western. The eastern was supplied by Trustee Wilson and Lecturer Miller, the central by Vice-President Currie and Trustee Kennedy, and the western by President Mallory and Trustee Gifford. By this arrangement two meetings were allotted to each county, to be taken in rotation, which was done at comparatively small cost for travelling expenses. Those meetings were largely attended, in some places by many thousands, and have served to popularize the order wherever held. Besides this series of meetings a large number have been held in constituencies from which requests have come for members of the board to assist at conventions called for the purpose of selecting candidates. At the last meeting

of this association a resolution was passed providing for the placing of Patron candidates in the field pledged to the advocacy of the principles of our order. Recognizing the importance of that resolution, the Board have felt it an imperative duty to give every assistance in their power to further its objects. The result is that we now have 36 candidates selected to contest constituencies for seats in the Legislature and 20 to contest constituencies for seats in the House of Commons. Of these we feel assured we shall elect much the larger part, if not all, as we find the more our platform and principles are ventilated the more they commend themselves to all classes in the community.

6. We have already had experience in two bye-elections contending with the old parties and find we have no quarter to expect from either. In that in North Bruce we won in the face of the most strenuous opposition, thanks to the number and sterling quality of our members added to the general appreciation of our principles by the rural electors. In South Lanark we failed solely through lack of knowledge of our objects, as is proven by the large majorities our candidates received in those municipalities where Patronism had been introduced and was understood. Unfortunately only a small part of the riding was organized, and that recently, but before the general elections come on this will be remedied, and in the next Legislature South Lanark will stand freed from party machines that have so long controlled her.

7. Owing to the expansion of the order during the past year, and more particularly owing to our political action, there has been a large amount of routine work necessitating much thought and increased correspondence by members of the board. The business features of the order have likewise expanded, many business men having applied for lists of secretaries with a view of offering special terms to members on their various lines of goods. These applications have received careful consideration, and when deemed satisfactory the parties have been advised to advertise in the CANADA FARMERS' SUN. This course has been pursued, believing it would be more satisfactory than furnishing lists of secretaries which might fall into the hands of unscrupulous parties who would use them to the injury of the order. Your board, though, while offering no objection to any mode of dealing that tends to cheapen the commodities our members require, would still, as we did last year, impress upon you the advantages of the co-operative system of trading, believing that by its adoption greater and more permanent benefits will be secured than can be attained in any other way.

8. During the two recent elections in which we have been involved it became necessary for your board to define our position on plank No. 7 of our platform, respecting the election of county officials, which we did, unanimously agreeing that such elections should be by vote of the people, a decision that appeared to be entirely satisfactory to the membership in those constituencies where the elections took place, and one we think that will commend itself to the community at large.

9. One matter that we think should receive the careful consideration of this meeting is the present passenger and freight rates charged by our railways. When discussing that plank in our platform referring to combinations and monopolies, we are frequently met by the assertion that goods are now cheaper than ever before, and therefore that the price has not been increased by the combines, etc. On the surface this looks plausible, but when dissected is found most fallacious, as it ignores the present largely decreased cost of production and the increased facilities for transportation furnished by the railways, which have been largely constructed at our expense, no less than \$182,000,000 having been granted to those corporations by the various governments, Municipal, Provincial and Dominion. Respecting the reduced cost of production we would say, do away with the combines, and the law of supply and demand will soon give us the full benefit of that, but to secure the full advantages we should receive from the money we have invested in railways requires legislative action which you should here set in motion.

We have now to hand over to you the trust you reposed in us twelve months ago and to thank you for the courtesy extended to us during our term of office. The election campaign upon which we are about to enter will severely tax the allegiance of our members everywhere. We may rest assured that no efforts will be spared by the old parties to introduce suspicion and distrust into our ranks, but we have faith to believe

that every member will do his duty, and that when the Legislature of Ontario and Parliament of the Dominion again meet there will stand on the floor of those houses a body of Patrons sufficient to check any future approach to class legislation that has too often marred our statute books in the past.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. GIFFORD, Chairman.

Bro. Grand Lecturer John Millar read the report of his department, and on motion of Bro. A. Forster, received by Bro. J. S. McDonald, was received and referred to Committee on Officers' reports.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand President, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry of North America, in the Province of Ontario:

BROTHERS,—I have the honor of submitting for your consideration the following report on the Lecture work commissioned to me to perform in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

On April 20th, 1898, I received a communication from the Grand President wherein he was pleased to state:

That at a meeting of the Grand Board held in the city of Toronto April 12th and 13th, 1898, a programme of Lecture work had been arranged, to begin in the last week of May and extend to about the middle of July, every organized county in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec was to be visited by two of the Grand Officers, and one or two meetings to be held in each county. This field was divided into three parts: The Grand President and Grand Trustee Gifford were appointed to take charge of the Western part, Grand Vice-President Currie and Grand Trustee Kennedy the Central part, and Grand Trustee Wilson and Grand Lecturer Millar the Eastern part of Ontario and the organized counties in Quebec.

In accordance with the Grand President's instructions, on June 2nd, 1898, I proceeded to Alexandria, in the County of Glengarry, and there met Bro. Grand Trustee Wilson.

We commenced our labors on June 6th, and addressed meetings in the following counties in the Province of Quebec: Two meetings in Argenteuil, one in Vaudreuil, one in Chateauguay, and one in Huntingdon. No meetings were held in Soulanges and Beauharnois. The County Officers having failed to advertise and arrange for said meetings, we were greatly disappointed in being unable to meet the Brethren in these counties, but we believe that the principles of our order has taken deep and firm root, and the members are rapidly increasing in this Province of Quebec. If the organizers and county officers work faithfully there is no doubt but that in the near future almost every habitant and farmer will enroll under our fair banner.

We now proceeded to the Eastern Counties in Ontario, and addressed two meetings in Glengarry County, one in Russell, one in Prescott, two in Carlton, one in Lanark, one in Leeds, one in Grenville, two in Stormont, two in Dundas, Lennox and Addington joined together and held one meeting. The county officers of Renfrew and Frontenac seem to have failed in making arrangements for meetings, so we were unable to meet with our brethren in these counties, and the officers in Hastings county decided that on account of the farmers being busy it would be better to defer the meetings till later in the summer. Nearly all of the above meetings were very largely attended, from six hundred up to three or four thousand being gathered around the platform and the people listened with great interest and close attention to the various addresses. There is no doubt but that the principles of Patronism has taken a deep and lasting hold on the inhabitants of the counties of eastern Ontario and we believe that these meetings will be the means of greatly increasing the ardor and enthusiasm of the brethren and adding largely to the membership of our order. We have also great pleasure to be able to inform the Grand Association, that wherever Bro. Wilson and I went we were received and treated by our brethren with the greatest kindness and respect. We cannot conclude this portion of our report without bearing the strongest testimony to the great ability and usefulness of Grand Trustee Wilson. He is a graceful and eloquent speaker, genial and kindly in manner, always ready and willing for his work

night or day. We will never forget the happy and pleasant time spent in company with Bro. Wilson while laboring together for the advancement of our good order.

We also had the privilege of addressing some twelve meetings in various parts of Ontario. All these were largely attended and great interest taken in the discussion of the different planks of our platform and general work of the order.

We would also add that wherever we have visited our brethren, east or west, north or south, if our organ, THE FARMERS' SUN is circulated and read, there will be found greater zeal and enthusiasm for the spread of the principles of our order and greater activity and work among our members, and we would strongly urge every Patron to do all he can to extend the circulation of our most useful paper.

In conclusion we hope and pray that the great principles of our order will spread wider and wider over our great and noble country, and that "trusts, combines, and all unrighteous legislation" will be driven out of our fair Dominion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN MILLER, Grand Lecturer.

Moved by J. G. Adams, seconded by Bro. Moodie, that the Grand Association adjourn to meet at 7 p. m. Carried.

SECOND SESSION.

Association resumed business at 7 p. m., Grand President in the chair.

Mr. Chas. Braithwaite, President of Manitoba Patrons of Industry was introduced and was heartily received by the Grand Association and addressed the meeting briefly upon the objects and aims of the order, being frequently applauded, and then was invited to take his seat with the Association as an honorary member.

Bro. D. McNaughton, Esq., M. P. P. for North Bruce was also introduced and was given an ovation and responded in a speech at once patriotic and encouraging.

The report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees was read as follows by Bro. J. H. Alexander, Chairman of Committee:

Resolutions and Officers' Reports—P. Corrigan, J. M. Farley, A. Forster, J. J. McCuaig, R. Tudhope, Jas. Moodie, P. Inman, Jas. McCabe and J. M. Davis.

Finance—G. A. Darby, H. A. Beam, Wm. Valens, W. V. Pettit, J. B. Ewing, W. Allan, D. Dalton, W. Smith.

Constitution and By-Laws—G. A. Aylesworth, T. O. Currie, H. Buller, H. L. Johnstone, J. L. Wilson, D. C. McColl, L. A. Welch, F. Hyslop, J. C. Woods, W. Dynes.

Legislation and Platform—D. M. McPherson, A. Gifford, J. G. Adams, J. D. McGregor, J. S. McDonald, S. M. Saunders, B. J. Donaldson, J. H. Alexander, R. Lighthouse, W. McCreddie, C. Robinson.

Good of the Order—F. Kennedy, J. N. Sipes, J. A. Cameron, E. J. Pearson, J. Benson, H. Crawford, P. Chisholm, J. F. Hicks, Thos. Cairns, Robt. Thompson, J. W. Fleming, H. W. Russell.

Mileage, Compensation and Salaries—Robt. Jamieson, Alex. Fraser, A. Ironside, D. Dwyer, D. Stewart, T. H. Powers, R. Campbell, W. F. Weir, D. Anderson, J. Sowden.

A resolution by Bros. White and Lighthouse, of Peel county, disapproving of grant-in-aid subsidy for fast mail service. Referred to Com. on Legislation.

A resolution on the same line by Bro. Aylesworth, seconded by A. Forster, was referred to Com. on Legislation.

Resolutions by Bros. McColl and Sowden re abolition of system of superannuation. Referred to Com. on Legislation.

Resolution by Bros. Beam and McCreddie re assessment laws. Referred to Com. on Legislation.

Motion by Bros. Gifford and Darby that all resolutions, memorials, suggestions shall be read by the mover without comment and referred to the proper committee. Lgt.

Resolution by Bros. Wilson and D. M. McPherson disapproving of granting gratuities. Referred to Com. on Legislation and Platform.

Petition of Paisly Block Assn. presented by Bro. Darby was referred to Com. on Legislation and Platform.

Resolution from Huron Co. Association, presented by Bros. Saunders and Robinson; re amendments to Art. 3, Sec. 5. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

Resolution by Bros. McCabe and Russell re printing Grand Office Supplies in both French and English. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution by Bros. J. H. Alexander and J. C. Wood asking that all petitions, resolutions, memorials, &c., referred to committees, be reported upon favorably or unfavorably. Carried.

Moved by Walter Smith, and seconded by J. McCabe, that an organizer be appointed for Quebec who can speak the French language, and that Patron literature be printed in French. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution by Bros. McCabe and Smith re petitioning the Local Legislature to rescind the act prohibiting M. D.'s holding diplomas from Quebec and other colleges from practicing in Ontario. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Association went into Committee of the Whole on the President's address, and after discussion and amendment the chairman reported and moved the adoption of the address as amended. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. G. Adams, and seconded by Bro. Valens, that the order of business for Thursday morning be the discussion of Platform, and all matters pertaining to our position in the political arena. Carried.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by Bro. Buller, that we now adjourn to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m., Feb. 28, in Richmond hall, Toronto. Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

After calling the roll the minutes of the previous session were read and amended, and on motion by Bro. Moody, seconded by Bro. Fleming, were adopted as correct.

The Grand Secretary-Treasurer then read his report and on motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Davis it was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

GRAND SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry:

BRETHREN,—I beg to say it is with pleasure that I submit the third annual report of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer, for we are enabled to state that this year the order is in a still better standing financially and numerically than at any previous date, and I believe (notwithstanding the prediction—desire shall I say—of certain airy-headed men that Patronism would last but a few months and die an ignominy to its advocates) possesses more energy and determination to pursue the righteous course of its honest purpose—to secure to the industrious and ardent toiler the just fruits of his labors and raise him to that elevated position of influence and respect that is due him as the wealth producer of the land—than at any other period in the history of the organization in this country.

Upwards of 300 associations have been chartered during the past year which together with those previously reported make a total of about 2300 associations organized in Ontario and Quebec, and representing a membership not exactly ascertainable as it is believed that very many of the associations do not report nearly their actual strength (perhaps this is not ascertainable with themselves) but which has been estimated at 175,000. The increase in membership of last quarter over that of the previous one was 7,899 members. There are associations now in every county in this province, even in

the remote district of Algoma. And the organization is pushing forth well at present in the Prov. of Quebec, there being in that province 73 chartered associations besides a number not yet reported by the organizers who are now busy at work. Ten' counties have organizations and there are 4 county associations.

Many of the associations that became defunct at an early stage through disappointment in not reaping the immediate financial rewards in commercial trade that were made to glitter before their eyes by some of the early organizers, since becoming more acquainted with the real aims and objects of the order have reorganized, and it would seem that most of the others, if not all, could be induced to do so if some means were provided for good skillful organizers or lecturers to visit such associations as many among themselves are putting forth an earnest effort to revive again and by a little aid might be successful in their endeavor.

As to the finances, as a detailed statement will, I presume, be submitted with the Auditors' report of all receipts and expenditures a summary will suffice here:

Total receipts.—Cash last audit, dues and sale of supplies.....	\$16949 54
Disbursements.—Expenses Officers, Lecturers, official organ, printing, etc..	10420 59
Balance cash on hand to date	\$ 6528 95

A comparison with last report will show an increase in receipts of nearly \$2000 while the average expenditure for the same length of time—10 months—not including expenses of delegates and official organ (which were incurred by Grand Association) is less than the previous year by nearly \$1800.

In nearly every department, consistent with the advocacy of the order, the expenditure has been curtailed, showing that as experience is gained and the work of the order systematized the expenditure is reduced. The printing and officers expenses were somewhat increased by the action taken in the late election campaigns. But as the spider seemed to hang over King Bruce's head and the eyes of all the country upon it with the dubious watchword "Will he win or lose it?" the significant victory with its inspiring effect has doubtless more than repaid any expenditure incurred therein, while South Lanark triumphs in very much increased vigor for her expenditure. It must also be remembered in comparing the expenditure of the present with that of the past year that those for last year were for ten months whereas those for this year are for 14 months—nearly one and a half times as long. Also that the receipts of dues are upon a basis of 5 cents per member this year instead of 6 cents as it was last year.

But although by careful watching and rigid economy with all (for I can assure you brethren your Board has seen many a combat between *need* and *economy*) and with the reduction of the rate of per capita tax to about 1-6 of the amount of dues and some special expenses we are still able to show an increase in balance on hand; and notwithstanding being in full sympathy, as shown in the Secretary's report a year ago, with the expression of the very respectable financial report of last year that "no more should be collected from the members than is necessary for the successful carrying on of the work of the order" and the non-desire for accumulations in the hands of the Grand Officers, yet seeing that a very important conflict is just upon us and upon the achievements in which no doubt to a very great extent depends the successful accomplishment or ignominious defeat in a still greater, at a later date and as the expenditure will necessarily be much increased in the preparation and distribution of literature and in lecturing throughout the Province it would seem that it might be well not to make any material alterations in the financial resources of the order at present to cripple the hands of those at the helm. For there can be no economy in the sparing of effort with its accompanying expense—only prudence and judgment in distribution—in such an hour, would we gain the near approaching highest ambition of our order—the election of representatives from among the ardent toilers of the land, whose hearts burn with an honest conviction of the needs of our homes and country, to seats within our legislative halls.

As to the forms of supplies and other equipments, these are being modified as improvements suggest themselves and necessity demands to keep pace with the advancement of the order until now scarcely any of the original forms are in use, while as exper-

ience is gained on the part of the many secretaries (for there is quite an army of them) the whole machinery is being operated with marked improvement tending doubtless to knit the entire fabric of the institution more firmly together. A matter of consideration remains in a prologue of interest for subordinate meetings and the preparation of established literature beyond the invaluable expositions of the official organ.

I might say respecting the correspondence received at the Grand Office that it is becoming much more characteristic, manifesting a very rapid dissemination and inception of thought and the susceptibility of the Canadian people to concentration of purpose, while the expression indicates a broadened comprehension of the realities of social life.

Then in conclusion, brethren, we can but trust that Patronism may continue to go forth in its purity and excellence of purpose to the extrication of our homes and people from the stern grasp of the thralldom of oppression to the kindly embrace of freedom and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WELCH, Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary-Treasurer then read a report on the Accumulative Voting, Initiative and Referendum, and on motion of Bros. Jamieson and McCrady was laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary read a memorial from Association No. 1584, County of Glegg, re dissent from action taken at Patrons convention held at Alexandria on October 5, 1893, and also a memorial from the above named Association dissenting from action taken by Grand President Mallory in presenting an alternative to them in the matter.

Moved by B. J. Donaldson, and seconded by J. D. McGregor, that Bros. J. P. Ewing, J. H. Alexander, G. A. Aylesworth, H. H. Beam and R. Jamieson be appointed a committee to investigate the charges made in the said memorials and report. Carried.

A communication from the Women's Suffrage Association, asking to be heard at the hour named in their letter, Thursday evening, at 5 p. m.

Moved by John Millar, seconded by Bro. Jamieson, that we hear the above delegation. Carried.

A memorial from Ever True Association, referring to a case under Sec. 5, Chap. 4, of Constitution.

Was in amendment by Bros. Currie and Jamieson referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A resolution from Bros. Stewart and Jamieson re the Fee System was on motion of Bros. Gifford and McDonald referred to the Committee on Legislation and Platform.

A resolution from Bros. Davis and Allen, re repeal of Sec. 553 of Municipal Act was referred to Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Bros. Fleming and Buller, re Amendments to Assessment Law was referred on motion of the Bros. presenting it to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Bros. Benson and Anderson, re representation at County Councils being reduced, was on motion of Bro. Adams, seconded by Bro. Alexander, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution re Grain Testing from Bros. Lighthouse and Campbell was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A communication from J. H. Brynston, wishing to be heard was read, and he was allowed 15 minutes at 7.30 p. m. on Thursday.

A communication from G. J. Bryan, secretary Single Tax Association, asking that a deputation be heard was read, and on motion of Bros. Fleming and Moodie 15 minutes was allotted for hearing the above named deputation on Thursday.

A resolution from Waterloo County Association, re Parliamentary Reports, was referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

A motion by Bro. Adams, seconded by Bro. Valens, that we now adjourn to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Meeting adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 1.30 p. m. Grand President in the chair.

Meeting opened in due form,

Mr. John Hilborne, president, and Mr. John Tolmie, manager of the Ontario People's Salt Manufacturing Co., were introduced and addressed the meeting.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by G. J. Adams, that we, the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry having learned that the Dominion Government are placing binder twine machinery in the Kingston Penitentiary for the manufacture of twine, and as the Farmers' Binder Twine Company has paid in duties over \$6000 we humbly pray the government to refund said duties to the Farmers' Binder Twine Company, and Bros. Stratford, Wilson and the mover be a committee to wait upon the Government with a view to that end. Carried.

A communication from the Trades and Labor Council was read and laid over until next session.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, February 28th.

FOURTH SESSION.

Meeting opened in due form at 7 p. m. Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

An invitation from Hon. Mr. Harcourt, inviting the members of the Grand Association to visit the Legislature on the afternoon of March 1st, to hear the Budget Speech was read. Moved by Bro. Aylesworth, and seconded by Bro. Buller, that the Grand President of this Association be requested to reply to the kind invitation of the Hon. Mr. Harcourt that this Association is forced by the pressure of its own urgent affairs respectfully to decline visiting the Legislature again during this session.

The communication from the Trades and Labor Congress was taken up, and it was moved by Bro. Moodie, seconded by Bro. Davis, that we receive a deputation from the Trades and Labor Congress on Thursday, at 8 p. m. Carried.

The communication from Bros. Flynn and McIntyre, presented by Bro. Benson, was referred back to complainants with request to correspond with the editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun.

A communication from the Mercer Co. was presented by the Grand Secretary. Moved by Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Kennedy, that the communication be referred to the Grand Board. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dynes seconded by Bro. D. Stewart that the Grand Board do take such action as necessary to enable members of subordinate associations to pay their dues to the county where they reside. Referred to Constitutions and By-Laws.

Moved by Bro. Darby, seconded by J. M. Sipes, that the Grand Board be authorized to employ such outside help as they may deem advisable during the coming campaign. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Moved by Bro. Saunders, seconded by Bro. Dynes, that in the opinion of this Grand Association it is deemed advisable to appoint a certain number of lecturers to assist the Grand Officers in lecturing in weak constituencies. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution moved by Bros. Corrigan and Valens re unorganized counties. Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Moved by Bro. Johnston, seconded by J. N. Sipes that this Association take up the election of officers as first order of business on Friday morning. Carried.

Resolution from Bros. Johnston and Buller re changes in distribution of capitax was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A resolution from Bros. Alexander and McCradie re appointment of County organizers was referred to Com. on Constitution and By-Laws.

A resolution from Bros. Moses and Hicks re amendment to Constitution regarding free admission of lady members. Referred to Com. on Constitution and By-Laws.

Moved by J. H. Alexander, seconded by J. J. McCuaig, that Bro. John Miller be accorded the privilege of a delegate during this session. Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Gifford, seconded by Bro. J. H. Alexander, that when this Association adjourns it stands adjourned until one o'clock to-morrow. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. S. M. Saunders, that we now adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, March 1, 1894.

FIFTH SESSION.

Association opened in due form. Grand President, C. A. Mallory, Esq., in the chair.

After calling the roll, the minutes of the last day's sessions were read, and on motion of Bros. Stratford and Saunders were adopted as correct.

Moved by Bro. J. G. Adams, and seconded by Bro. McCredie, that this Association now hear Dr. Barrick, the representative of the Ratepayers Association. Carried.

Dr. Barrick was introduced and addressed the meeting briefly on the question of assessing all property at its value.

Moved by Bro. Gifford, seconded by Bro. T. O. Currie, that the thanks of this Association be tendered Dr. Barrick for his full and satisfactory explanation of the views of the Ratepayers Association, of which he is president, on the question of Taxation and Exemption.

Moved by Bro. Adams, and seconded by Bro. Aylesworth, that this Association resolve into Committee of the Whole for the discussion of the Platform and political action, and that each Brother be limited to five minutes to present his views on each subject. Carried.

Convention resolved into Committee of the Whole on the Platform and political action, T. O. Currie in the chair.

Committee of the Whole on Platform and political action rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The delegation from the Woman's Enfranchisement Association was introduced and the President, Mr. J. L. Hughes, addressed the meeting on the aims of that organization.

Mr. J. S. Spenser addressed the Association in the interest of the Temperance Association and after votes of thanks the deputation withdrew.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

SIXTH SESSION.

Association opened in due form at 7 p. m. Grand President in the chair.

Moved by D. Stewart, seconded by R. Jamieson, that the following be a committee to bring in a report embodying the views of the Grand Association (P. of I. re Woman's Enfranchisement Association and that Bros. Miller and Wilson be a deputation to wait upon the Government along with the delegation from said Association in support of the Enfranchisement of women, the committee to consist of the following:— Bros. Gifford, Kennedy, Allan, Jamieson and Stewart. Carried.

A resolution by Bros. Aylesworth and Forster re receiving deputations at future meetings of the Grand Association was laid on the table.

A resolution by Bros. Davis and Campbell, re qualifications required for Parliamentary candidature, and also the matter of deposit was lost.

Resolution by Bro. Jamieson and Stewart, re formation of Patron Fire and Life Insurance Companies was referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read, and on motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Forster, the Association went into Committee of the Whole on the report Bro. Currie in the chair.

After amendment, in Committee of the Whole, the Committee rose and reported the recommendation of the adoption of the report as amended, substituting the word "County" for "Riding."

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on Friday.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, Friday, March 2nd, 1894.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Association assembled at 9 a. m. and was opened in due form. Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

After calling the roll the minutes of last day's sessions were read and adopted.

Moved by Bros. Corrigan and McDonald that the order of business be set aside to give Bro. Stratford an opportunity of addressing the meeting. Carried.

The orders of the day were waived for the introduction of a resolution by Bro. Wrigley.

Moved by Bro. T. O. Currie, seconded by Bro. Geo. Wrigley, that this Grand Association express the great loss its members and the Patrons of Industry throughout Ontario and Quebec have experienced in the recent death of Bro. John Hope, of Brantford, who during his life was a zealous Patron, an exemplary citizen, a constant friend and a model husband and father who had been for many years recognized by the leading farmers and stock breeders of Canada and the United States as one of the most prominent of their members whose honorable dealings always commanded their esteem and who was largely instrumental in securing the establishment and providing for the maintenance of the Farmers' Binding Twine and Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Co. in Brantford as one of the Directors thereof, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the widow of our deceased Brother.

Bro. Corrigan, the Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports presented the report of the Committee, and on motion it was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

Your Committee having examined the reports of the several officers beg leave to submit as follows:—

In reference to the Grand President's report, it having been submitted to the meeting, was passed with the modifications suggested by Committee of the Whole, and your Committee have pleasure in drawing attention to the able manner in which the current issues were presented and defined.

The Trustees' report presents a careful resume of the year's labors, and testifies to a vast amount of work ably carried out, and your Committee recommends the adoption of the report with the following amendment to the last clause, "And when the next election shall take place for the Legislature of Ontario, or the Dominion Parliament, we shall place upon the floor of the house a body of Patrons sufficient to check any future approach to the class legislation that has so often marred our statute books in the past."

The Grand Secretary's report commends itself as a concise and able statement of the business of his office, evincing the interest he takes in the welfare of the order, and we,

in recommending the adoption of the report, heartily congratulate the Association on the possession of so efficient an officer.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows an increasing enthusiasm on the part of the people, in the aims and objects of our order, and we concur in the recommendation urging that greater efforts be made through the members of our order to circulate our official organ. We commend the diligent and efficient manner in which the Grand Lecturer and his colleague have performed their duties. We recommend the adoption of the report.

PETER CORRIGAN, Chairman.

Bro. Ewing, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the report of his Committee, and it was adopted with resolution by A. Forster, seconded by P. Inman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:—

We have carefully examined the statement of receipts and expenditures for fourteen months ending February 20th, 1894, and find an increased balance in the treasury of the Grand Association, indicating that as the work enlarges, you have by careful administration kept the expenses comparatively less.

We also note the fullness and clearness of the Auditors' Report, evidencing a desire on the part of the Auditors to present in the clearest manner the purposes for which your funds have been expended.

We note the fact that at the last audit there was reported a balance on hand of \$5304.85, and that the recent audit shows a balance of \$6528.95, which would indicate that a very large amount must have been in the treasury during the whole year, yet we do not notice any account of interest credited to this Association, and your Committee respectfully calls the attention of the Association to this omission.

We also note the necessity of the Grand Board, and all working Brethren, continuing to impress upon the minds of the Brethren the importance of continuing to make full reports of their membership, accompanying the same with the quarterly dues in full, as expenses are necessarily incurred in the prosecution of the great work before us, that can only be provided for in this way. We do not believe that a large sum should accumulate in the treasury, but that the Grand Board should be authorized to use such portion of their funds as they deem sufficient to provide such assistance as may be needed aid in the coming contest, to be expended under such regulations as this Grand Association may impose.

We congratulate the Grand Association upon the wise and careful administration of its affairs during the past year, which should encourage the Brethren to continue to carry out the principles of a wise and prudent economy such as we require at the hands of our legislators.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. EWING, Chairman.

The Grand Secretary explained that the amount on hand varies considerably, also that the Treasurer being responsible for the funds received the interest, which was understood by the Board.

Moved by A. Forster, seconded by P. Inman, that the Treasurer be instructed to place to the credit of this Association all interest accruing from time to time, and that the report be amended accordingly. Carried.

Wm. Valens, Grand Auditor, then presented the Auditors' Report, and Association resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss it clause by clause. After explanations given the Committee rose and reported the adoption of the report as read, and it was finally passed.

GRAND AUDITORS' REPORT.

BRETHREN,—We, your Grand Auditors, elected at the Grand Association held in St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, on February 28th, 1893, have made an annual audit of the accounts and vouchers in the Grand Office at Strathroy, covering a period of nearly fourteen months, being from January 1st, 1893, to February 20th, 1894. In our semi-annual report of Sept. 23rd, 1893, we submitted a full statement of receipts and disbursements from January 1st, 1893, to Sept. 20th, 1893.

We have now prepared an inventory of supplies on hand, and office furniture in the Grand Office, which, with an account of receipts and expenditures for the first named period, we herewith submit.

Brethren, we congratulate you and the Order at large on the fact that the business of the Grand Office is conducted on the strictest business principles, reflecting great credit upon the Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. VALENS, }
J. G. ADAMS, } AUDITORS.

Strathroy, February 20th, 1894.

Inventory of Stock on hand February 20th, 1894.

760 Ode Cards, small, at \$3 per M.....	\$ 2 28
4,800 " large, at \$4 per M.....	19 10
132 Applicat ons for Membership, at 65c per M.....	9
624 Roll Books, at \$6.50 per 100.....	41 60
221 Charters, at \$24 per M.....	5 30
1,360 English Rituals, at \$4.70 per M.....	6 38
969 German Rituals, at \$12.50 per M.....	12 11
336 French Rituals, at \$2.50 per 100.....	8 40
75 English Constitutions, at \$6.35 per M.....	2 25
1,839 German Constitutions, at \$10 per M.....	18 39
2,513 French Constitutions, at 77c per 100.....	19 35
61 Cash Books, at 17c each.....	10 37
87 Co. Treas. Order Books, at 9½c each.....	8 23
92 Co. Treas. Receipt Books, at 9½c each.....	8 74
966 Pass Books, at 1c each.....	9 66
8 Account Books, at 12½c each.....	1 00
1,157 Withdrawal Cards, at 65c per M.....	74
737 Delegates' Certificates, at 65c per M.....	47
20 Organizers' Report Books, at 9½c each.....	1 90
50 Certificates of Membership, at 65c per M.....	3
323 Badges, Silver Pin and Fringe, at 11c each.....	35 53
187 Badges, Gold Pin and Fringe, at 18c each.....	33 66
9 Badges, Gold Pin and Fringe, at 20c each.....	1 80
66 Badges, plain, at 3½c each.....	21 31
6 " " at 6c each.....	36
2,000 Silver Envelopes.....	1 70
21,000 Keys to Password, at 65c per M.....	13 65
750 Envelopes, No. 7, at 20c per 100.....	15 00
50 Envelopes, No. 9, at 40c per 100.....	20
50 Official Envelopes, at 50c per 100.....	25
1,100 Parcel Envelopes, at 45c per 100.....	4 95
425 Co. Sec. Quar. Reports.....	3 40
1,200 Sub " " old style, at 14c per 100.....	1 68
600 " " new style, at 40c per 100.....	2 40

500	Blank Sub-Sec. Organization Report to Gd. Sec. at 40c a 100	2 00
9,500	English Platforms, at \$1.40 per M	13 30
700	Bill Heads, at 22½c per 100	1 57
70	Bill Heads, Officers, at 75c per 100	52
100	Co. Sec. Reports of Officers	1 00
1,000	Order Sheets, at \$1.40 per M	1 40
500	Letter Heads, at 36c per 100, Grand Office	1 80
150	Note Heads, Grand Office, at 30c per 100	2 55
600	Seals for Charters, at \$4.25 per M	2 45
16	gross Paper Fasteners, at 20c per gross	3 20
24	Co. Sec. Receipt Books, at 9½c each	2 38
825	Organizers' Reports to Grand Pres., at 14c per 100	1 15
125	Suggestions to Organizers, etc., at 14c per 100	17
25	Articles of Agreement, at 25c per 100	6
5	Association Seals, at 95c each	4 75
19	Pad Note Heads, Sub-As'n, at 10c per pad	1 90
36	Co. Sec. Roll Books, at 50c each	18 00
¾	gross Pens, at 75c per gross	37
100	Mailing Tubes	85
5	Balls Wrapping Cord, at 11c per ball	55
800	Co. Delegates' Certificates at 65c per M	52
1	Dozen Lead Pencils	25
5	Rubber Printing Stamps	85
¾	ream Wrapping Paper, at \$2.25 per Ream	1 69
3,500	Co-operative Pamphlets, at \$5.37 per M	18 79
10,000	French Platforms	15 00

Total amount of Stock

\$ 372 16

SUPPLIES SOLD.

150,650	Certificates of Membership	\$ 301 30
5,768	Applications for Membership	17 30
5,976	Ode Cards, small	74 59
111	Ode Cards, large	1 39
374	Roll Books, Sub-Sec.	37 40
14	Roll books, Co. Sec.	7 00
337	Charters	1011 00
9,488	Constitutions, English	284 64
4,990	Rituals, English	149 70
1,814	Constitutions, French	17 52
261	Rituals, French	7 83
161	Constitutions, German	4 83
31	Rituals, German	93
121	Receipts and Order Books, Co. Sec. and Treas	18 15
4,148	Badges	777 50
8	Pass Books	8
1	Pad Note Heads	20
31	Cash Books	10 50
27	Organizers' Receipt Books	6 75
5,163	Withdrawal cards	12 90
433	Rubber Seals	343 00
3,063	Sub-Delegates' Certificates	32 25

\$3206 76

154 80

Less saleable goods sent free and waste

\$3051 96

Receipts.

COUNTY.	DUES.
Elgin	\$ 116 40
York	143 10
Haldimand	500 91
Wellington	244 64
Huntington	140 20
Durham	147 32
Dufferin	452 39
Brant	106 66
Halton	69 44
Lincoln	221 07
Perth	232 05
Simcoe	329 37
Kent	315 29
Peterborough	94 27
Norfolk	333 88
Ontario	195 73
Northumberland	112 66
Peel	43 00
Chateauguay	30 19
Lambton	133 79
Stormont	372 73
Welland	198 74
Victoria	137 85
Grenville	93 65
Waterloo	33 54
Bruce	528 86
Wentworth	147 20
Prince Edward	96 80
Hastings	122 16
Dundas	130 09
Grey	653 08
Middlesex	270 62
Oxford	245 37
Lennox and Addington	54 24
Leeds	29 85
Carleton	216 08
Huron	175 04
Glengarry	334 05
Essex	293 65
Prescott	76 25
Russell	184 20
Vaudreuil	2 60
Lanark	84 28
West Durham	63 45
Frontenac	6 20
Argenteuil	5 60
Pontiac	4 55
Soulanges	59 50
Algoma Dist	3 00— \$3588 73

Expenditure from Jan. 1st, '93, to Feb. 20th, '94.

By paid Delegates to Grand Association		\$1582 85
C. A. Mallory, Grand President.		
Travelling Expenses	\$ 376 68	
Hotel	180 55	
Time	404 00	
Sundries	13 69	974 92
" T. O. Currie, Grand Vice-President.		
Travelling expenses	343 80	
Hotel	142 25	
Time	257 65	
Sundries	7 72	751 42
" L. A. Welch, Grand Sec-Treasurer and Assistant.		
Travelling expenses	60 05	
Hotel	22 35	
Two Months' Salary (last year)	150 00	
Twelve Months' Salary	900 00	1132 40
" Fergus Kennedy, Grand Trustee.		
Travelling expenses	97 85	
Hotel	32 00	
Time	64 00	
Sundries	1 60	195 45
" A. Gifford, Grand Trustee.		
Travelling expenses	178 28	
Hotel	96 85	
Time	171 50	
Sundries	11 18	457 81
" J. Lockie Wilson, Grand Trustee.		
Travelling	250 03	
Hotel	112 25	
Time	204 00	
Sundries	18 34	584 62
" John Miller, Grand Lecturer.		
Travelling	75 60	
Hotel	60 75	
Time	84 00	
Sundries	38	220 73
" A. Forster, Grand Trustee 1892.		
Travelling	25 72	
Hotel	17 00	
Time	38 00	
Sundries	2 08	82 80
" John Miller, Grand Vice-President, 1892.		
Travelling	35 90	
Hotel	22 00	
Time	27 00	
Sundries	70	85 60
" Wm. Valens, Auditor, 1892-93.		
Travelling	8 25	
Hotel	12 00	
Time	22 00	42 25
" Wm. Windever, Auditor, 1892.		
Travelling	5 00	
Hotel	8 00	
Time	14 00	27 00

"	J. G. Adams, Auditor, 1893.		
	Travelling	19 60	
	Hotel	6 00	
	Time	12 00	37 60
"	Lecturers.		
	J. H. Alexander	8 80	8 80
	Wm. Nesbitt,		
	Travelling	15 25	
	Hotel	5 15	20 40
"	Geo. Wrigley,		
	Travelling	25 45	
	Hotel	17 00	
	Time	30 00	
	Sundries	4 15	76 60
"	E. Jamieson,		
	Travelling	11 90	
	Hotel	19 00	
	Time	32 00	
	Sundries	1 50	64 40
"	W. Valens,		
	Travelling	4 70	
	Hotel	3 00	
	Time	6 00	13 70
"	Bruce Co., Valens and Quick.		
	Travelling	10 20	
	Hotel	5 00	
	Time	10 00	25 20
	Printing, liabilities as per last audit.		
	G. M. Haldane	558 16	
	Richardson Bros	29 18	
	T. J. Leahy	51 30	638 64
	Printing, 1893.		
	G. M. Haldane	975 98	
	Advertiser Co.	48 00	
	Daniel Ritz	32 50	
	Newa Ptg Co	23 00	
	Richardson Bros	120 87	1200 35
	Official organ.		
	Subscriptions	1000 00	
	Sun Publishing Co., composition	765 03	1765 03
	Legal	11 50	11 50
	Rents.		
	Gd. Office, 12 months	50 00	
	P. O. Box, 18 months	3 00	
	General Expenses.		
	Office Furniture	1 50	
	Express, Cartage and Commission	26 29	
	Telegrams	9 27	
	Postage	270 81	
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By Cash, Delegates	\$1582 85
Grand Officers' time	2235 15
Travelling, Hotel, etc	2082 20
John Miller, 1892	85 60
A. Forster, 1892	82 80
Auditors, 1892 and 1893	106 85
Lecturers	209 10
Official Organ	1765 03
Printing, including liabilities last audit	1838 99
Rents	53 00
Legal	11 50
General Expense	367 53—\$ 16420 66

Assets.

To Cash on hand	\$6528 95
Supplies on hand	372 16
Furniture	96 55
Postage stamps on hand	5 93—\$ 7003 59

Liabilities.

By G. M. Haldane	\$ 223 63
Richardson Bros	27 70
News Printing Co.	15 00—\$ 266 33

The Special Committee re Women's Enfranchisement reported, and on motion the report was laid on the table.

Moved by Bro. Wrigley, seconded by Bro. Saunders, that this meeting adjourn to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, March 2nd, 1894.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Association met and was opened in due form, the Grand President in the chair.

Moved by Bro. Forster, seconded by Bro. Valens, that the first order of business, viz., the election of officers, be set aside for the consideration of officers' salaries. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Stratford, seconded by Bro. McCabe, that the salaries of the Grand Officers remain as formerly, and that the Grand Secretary-Treasurer's be raised to \$1,000.00. Carried.

The first order of business was resumed. Grand President Mallory in the chair and Bros. Braithwaite, Miller and Wrigley were appointed scrutineers.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

	Votes obtained.	Votes cast.
Grand President—C. A. Mallory,	54	64
Grand Vice-President—T. O. Currie,	40	64
Grand Secretary-Treasurer, L. A. Welch,	62	63
Grand Trustees—		
A. Gifford,	36	2nd Ballot.
J. L. Wilson,	40	3rd Ballot.
Fergus Kennedy,	40	4th Ballot.
Sentinel—D. Dwyer,	55	1st Ballot.
Auditors—		
Wm. Valens,	36	2nd Ballot.
Jas. Moodie,	31	5th Ballot.

Moved by Bro. Stratford, seconded by Bro. McCredie, that the election of Grand Lecturers be left entirely in the hands of the Grand Board. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Wrigley, seconded by Bro. Stratford, that Subordinate Associations be required to elect their Secretaries annually instead of semi-annually. Carried.

Report of Committee on Compensation and Mileage was read.

Moved by Bro. McDonald, seconded by Bro. Corrigan that the report be amended by substituting remuneration at \$2.50 a day and railway fare.

Report was adopted as submitted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, COMPENSATION AND SALARIES.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry for the Province of Ontario :

BRETHREN.—We, your Committee on Mileage, Compensation and Salaries, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. That the delegates in attendance at this meeting receive the sum of \$2 per day for time, \$1 for board, and actual stage and railway fare.

W. F. WEIR, Chairman.

Resolution by Bros. McCredie and Lightfoot re educational system was on motion laid on the table.

Moved by D. Anderson, seconded by J. Benson, that the Grand Board at the earliest opportunity prepare an address signed by the President and issue the same to the electors of Ontario, briefly stating some of the more important reforms we, as Patrons of Industry, require in the governing of the Province and that said address be used by Patrons as a campaign document. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Richmond Hall, Toronto.

NINTH SESSION.

Meeting assembled as per motion of adjournment at 7.30 p. m., Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

A resolution from Bros. Davis and Sliter re accepting of free passes by Members of Parliament. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

A delegation from the Trade and Labor Congress was introduced and several members addressed the meeting on the common objects of the two organizations.

A vote of thanks was tendered the delegation and they extended a cordial invitation to brethren to visit them at any hour during the evening.

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented his second report which was adopted as read.

Moved by Bro. Valens, seconded by Bro. Moodie, that inasmuch as Bro. Chas. Braithwaite has paid us a fraternal visit which we have enjoyed very much we, as an evidence of fraternal good will, grant the sum of forty dollars from the funds of this Grand Association towards defraying the expenses of his trip.

Moved by Bro. McDonald, seconded by Bro. Wrigley that we now adjourn. Carried.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, March 3rd, 1894.

TENTH SESSION.

Grand Association at 10 a. m. as per motion of adjournment. Grand President C. A. Mallory in the chair.

After calling the roll and reading of minutes it was moved by Bro. Davis, seconded by Bro. Sanders, that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

A resolution from Bros. Davis and Allen re shortening the midsummer holidays in rural schools was laid on the table.

Special committee reported on the memorials from Glengarry and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED BOTH the Appeals from the Grand President in Matters arising from Subordinate Association Number 1584, in the County of Glengarry.

Your Committee met at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, all the members being present.

Evidence was given by Bro. Chisholm, delegate from Glengarry, Bro. Cameron, delegate from Stormont, and by Bro. Mallory, Grand President.

After hearing the evidence, and carefully considering the same, together with all the facts and circumstances of both the cases, your committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the Grand President had neither exceeded the bounds of our authority nor of strict justice in the rulings against which appeals were taken.

We therefore beg to recommend that this Grand Association do approve and confirm the rulings of the Grand President in both the matters complained of in the Glengarry memorials submitted to your Committee as touching the nominating convention held in Alexandria, Oct. 5th, 1893, and also the cancelling of the charter of a Subordinate Association.

J. B. EWING, Chairman of Committee.

Toronto, March 3rd, 1894.

A resolution by Bros. Lighthouse and McColl re action in election work during the campaign was introduced.

Moved by Bro. Corrigan, seconded by Bro. Davis, that whither a Patron candidate has been nominated or not, members of our order shall not be permitted during an election contest to support any party on the public platform, but that every member shall regard it to be his duty on any platform or elsewhere to defend our platform and advocate the principles of the Patron order. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30, p. m.

Richmond Hall, Toronto.

Meeting assembled as per adjournment at 1:30 p. m., and was opened in due form the Grand President, C. A. Mallory in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Good of the Order was presented by Bro. Kennedy and Association resolved into Committee of the Whole on the report. Bro. J. Miller in the chair.

Committee of the Whole rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion of J. L. Wilson, seconded by J. H. Alexander, Bro. John Miller was appointed Honorary Grand Lecturer.

Meeting resolved again into Committee of the Whole on report of Committee on Good of the Order.

Committee of the Whole rose and reported recommendation of report with certain amendments.

The report was read and the meeting resolved again into Committee of the Whole on clause II.

Committee rose and reported recommendation of clause II as amended and the report in full as amended was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

We, your Committee on Good of the Order beg to report as follows :

No. 1. That resolution marked No. 1 re organizers for Quebec who will speak the French and Patron Literature in French, also resolution by McCabe and Russel on supplies in French be referred to and dealt with by the Grand Board.

No. 2. Resolution moved by S. M. Sanders, seconded by W. D. Dynes, re help for weak constituencies, that the Grand Board employ such assistance as they may require and funds permit, and the resolution of Grand Board making it necessary for application for lecturers to Grand President be rescinded but that all Provincial lecturers be under the control of the Grand Board.

No. 4. Motion by A. Gifford, and W. V. Pettit, that the Ontario Government be asked to forward to the Secretary of each County Subordinate Association that may apply for it, a copy of the last audited report of the Provincial accounts. Also that the Dominion Auditor-General's report of Dominion accounts be in like manner furnished to such secretaries.

No. 5. Resolution from Middlesex county.

We find that grave irregularities have existed at the second convention held in the north riding of the County of Middlesex, and recommend that this Grand Association do advise that the County Board call another convention the nominee of which be the recognized candidate to represent the interests of the Patrons of Industry in that riding.

No. 6. Moved by S. M. Saunders, seconded by J. G. Adams, that a scheme of fire and life insurance be devised by the Grand Board and submitted to the Subordinate Associations to report their approval or disapproval to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible so that action can be taken at the next Grand Association.

No. 10. We further recommend that the earnest support of every member be given to the circulation of the Canada Farmers' Sun as we consider by this means we will secure the support of every independent elector in this our great and noble cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. KENNEDY, Chairman.

A resolution by Bros. Corrigan and Saunders, looking to a distribution of the funds in the Grand Treasurer's hands for campaign purposes, was laid on the table.

On motion of A. Forster, seconded by R. Jamison, Bro. Geo. Tucker was permitted to take the place of Bro. Darley, who could not remain longer as a delegate at this Association. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Saunders and Alexander that Bros. Gifford, Welch, McCredie, Valens and Donaldson be appointed a Committee on Education, with instructions to prepare and submit a report thereon at next meeting of Grand Association.

Moved in amendment by Bros. McCredie and Aylesworth, that all the words after "that" be struck out, and that these be substituted, "this whole education question be referred to the Grand Board."

The amendment carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet at 10 a. m. Monday, March 5th.

ELEVENTH SESSION OF GRAND ASSOCIATION.

Meeting opened in due form at 10 a. m. Monday, March 5th, the Grand President, Bro. C. A. Mallory, in the chair.

The roll call showed 41 members present.

Minutes of previous day's sessions were read and adopted.

To a question of privilege Bro. Wrigley moved, seconded by Bro McCabe, a special committee be appointed to bring in a resolution defining the relationship, if any, that exists between this order and the P. P. A. organization, the said committee to be composed of Bros. Wrigley, Corrigan, Davis, Chisholm and McColl. Carried.

The report of Committee on Legislation was submitted by Bro. Alexander, and the Association resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the same.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by R. Jamieson, that this Association having learned of affliction in the home of Bro. Jos. Stratford desire to extend to himself and Mrs. Stratford our sincere sympathy, trusting that health may be speedily restored, and that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed at once. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Association re-assembled as per adjournment at 1.30 p. m., Grand President C. A. Mallory, Esq., in the chair.

Bro. Wrigley presented the report of the Special Committee to define the relation, if any, between this order and what is known as the Protestant Protective Association.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by J. J. McCuaig, that the report of the Special Committee above named be received and adopted, and that it be sent to the press for publication this evening. Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed to define the relationship, if any, existing between the P. P. A. and P. of I. organizations, beg leave to report as follows:

That the members of this Grand Association very deeply regret that there exists to-day in our country two bodies of electors who are opposed to each other in sectarian interests.

That in every county in which Patronism has been introduced, many of our most zealous and esteemed members are believers in the Catholic faith; and that in many places also some of our active members are said to have become members of the P. P. A. organization.

That our constitution declares our order to be non-sectarian as well as non-partisan; and that, therefore, no man's religious views can prove a bar to his membership in the Patron order.

That the Grand Officers of our order have already wisely and correctly declared that no affiliation exists, or ever can exist, between the Patron order and the P. P. A. organization, their declarations having been published from time to time in the official organ of our order.

That Grand President Mallory's declaration is as follows:—'In view of the statements made through the public press and otherwise by parties whose interest it is to misrepresent the aims and purposes of the Patron order, I desire to say most emphatically that our organization has never had, has not now and never can have any affiliation, directly or indirectly, with any organization affecting the religious standing of the people. Our constitution distinctly provides that our order shall be non-partizan and non-sectarian. I trust that this official declaration will prevent any further insinuations that a coalition between the Patrons and any semi-religious organization has ever existed, or can exist at any time hereafter.'

That Grand Trustee J. Lockie Wilson, in an interview published in a Toronto paper, in answer to the question: 'Has you party anything in common with the P. P. A. movement he replied: "Nothing whatever; the P. P. A. movement has to do with questions of race and religion; the Patrons of Industry deal purely in economic questions. We have thousands of Roman Catholic members in our association.'

That Grand Trustee A. Gifford, has publicly declared: 'There is not the slightest possible connection between the Patrons of Industry and the Protestant Protective Association. We have a large number of Roman Catholics in our ranks, and they are quite as loyal members and good subjects as those of other creeds. We believe in equal rights for all.'

That notwithstanding the defined position of our order by the Grand officers the partizan press has sedulously endeavored to associate the P. P. A. and P. of I. organizations and to influence the people to believe that co-operative political effort is being made by these two organized bodies.

That the aim of the partizan press has evidently been to compel us to pronounce our antagonism to the P. P. A. organization and thereby ostracise a section of our order and create dissension among our members.

That we resent the interference of outside parties and papers and declare it to be no part or purpose of the Patron order to denounce either the Catholic faith or P. P. A. organization.

That inasmuch as it is declared in our constitution that we are banded together as Patrons to labor for the promotion of the interests of farmers and employees, and the good of the nation of which we form a part, it is our duty—unaffected by sectarian views of any kind whatever—to advocate the moral, intellectual, social, political and financial condition of the people.

"Your Committee, therefore, re-affirms the declarations already made by our Grand officers and published in our official organ that this Grand Association believes in equal rights for all; that while Patronism deals with economic questions only, the P. P. A. organization discusses the subject of race and religion; and that the Patron order never has had, has not now, and never can have, directly or indirectly, any affiliation with any organization affecting the religious standing of the people."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WRIGLEY, Chairman of Committee.

The Association resolved itself into committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Legislation and Committee rose and reported the recommendation of the report with certain amendments.

Moved by Bros. Currie and Saunders, and carried, that the report be adopted as finally read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND PLATFORM.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry:

BRETHREN,—We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows on the various Memorials, Resolutions and Suggestions submitted to your Committee:—

1. From Glengarry County Association re the granting of a bonus to a fast ocean freight service by the Dominion Government. That it is contrary to the principles of Patronism to grant bonuses to any enterprise that is controlled by and for private inter-

ests, therefore we cannot recommend favorable action on the part of this Association, but agree that if a bonus is granted it should be for a fast freight service rather than for a fast mail service, believing it to be of far greater importance to this Dominion at large.

2. From Peel County Association, requesting that this Grand Association enter their protest against the granting of a bonus to mail service, as proposed by Dominion Government, we recommend favorable action.

3. G. A. Aylesworth and A. Forster re Bonuses. That we urgently protest against the granting of bonus or subsidies to Railway or Steamship Companies from public monies, and that the Executive Board of this Grand Association be instructed, without delay, to communicate by telegram to the Governments at Ottawa and Toronto our adoption of this resolution.

4. MacLennan and McLeod, Glengarry Co., re Combines and Trusts. We recommend that as the great purpose of our order is to check and break down combines and trusts, by every legitimate means, that the Grand Board be instructed to bring before the Crown an information or charge under Section 520 of the Criminal Code, which will enable them to test the law, and if possible, punish the offenders.

5. From Benson and Anderson, re Reduction of County Councils. That while we are favorable to this, or any other scheme for the curtailment of expense or simplification of Governmental machinery, we could not recommend that any immediate action be taken, believing that it is unwise to attempt to carry too much at this important stage of our career.

6. Lighthouse and Campbell, re grain tests, no action, as the test employed by Millers Association is illegal.

7. Alexander and Donaldson, re Township Collectors, no action.

8. D. Stewart and R. Jamieson, re Fees, that we are favorable to resolution that all salaries of all officials be within the amount of fees collected, and that all fees from all officials, when in excess of salary, be paid into the public funds of the municipalities.

9. J. F. Davis and W. Allan, re County Bridges, we recommend no action at present, as we think it would only cause delay, and at next session of the Legislature we expect to have our own representatives there to attend to such matters.

10. From Paisley Block Association, re new matter to be submitted to Sub-Associations, we recommend no action at present.

11. From W. V. Pettit, of Prince Edward Co., and Maclellan and Munro, of Glengarry Co., re Courts of Conciliation, that we favor the preparation and passage of a bill at this session of the Legislature to establish such Courts in Ontario, believing that it would be in the interest of farmers and laborers generally, and we recommend that the Grand Executive prepare such Bill.

12. Maclellan and Munroe, re registering, no action.

13. McColl and Sowden, re abolition of superannuation of officers, no action, as we have always protested and still continue to protest against the present system.

14. From John McCabe and W. Smith, re amendment to Act respecting physicians Ontario and Quebec, no action at present.

15. J. Lockie Wilson and D. M. McPherson, re the granting of gratuities, we recommend favorable action and that this Association does hereby express its disapproval of the system now in vogue in this and other provinces of our Dominion.

16. H. H. Bean and W. McCredie, that we Patrons of Industry in Grand Association assembled condemn the present assessment laws, believing that every kind of wealth of whatever it may consist should be equally assessed. We strongly recommend this resolution believing it to be to best interest of farmers and country generally.

17. From J. W. Fleming and H. Buller, re amendment to Assessment act, although your Committee is favorable to proposed amendment we recommend no action at present.

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.

4. That Organizers be appointed for every Township in the jurisdiction of this Grand Association, and that County Executive Boards have power to appoint such Organizers within their jurisdictions, provided that such appointments be reported to the Grand Secretary as soon as made, and that in all cases such Organizers be fully under the control of the Grand Board, and that each and all such Organizers give bonds to the amount of Fifty Dollars, to be held by the County Executive Board.

5. Bro. Johnston's motion for the reduction of the per capita tax, payable to the Grand Association, your Committee recommend that this Grand Association make no change in the rate of such per capita tax at this time.

6. Bro. Moses' motion "that lady members of Sub-Associations be relieved from the payment of County dues," your Committee recommend that the Constitution touching this matter remain as it now stands:

7.—I. In article II, section 6, of the constitution be struck out. Section 7 after the words "appeal to the meeting" the words "and under the direction of the executive board" be inserted and the word "and" before "to exercise" and "to oversee" be struck out. Section 9—After the words "addresses of the presidents and secretaries" and the words "and a register of names and addresses of subordinate secretaries" be inserted. Section 11 (a) be struck out. To section 14 be added the last sentence in section 6, "in case a county" etc, "such county." Section 15—All after "therefore" be struck out. To section 17 be added "And the provincial executive board shall have power to order the cancelling of the charters of subordinate associations acting in violation of the constitution and to order the trial and expulsion of officers and members of county and subordinate associations who are guilty of the violation of the constitution or their obligations as Patrons of Industry."

II. In article III, section 10—President.—To strike out the clause between the words "executive officers of the county," and "to sign all orders." Auditors.—To insert the word "board" after "by the executive," and strike out all after "annual meeting."

III. In article IV, section 3—To add "who shall be elected annually." Section 14—To add the words "and provided always that nothing contained herein shall conflict with the provisions of section 17, article II. Section 19—To add the words "on payment of dues for the quarter in which so elected, unless the same shall have been paid to the association from which the applicant has withdrawn as certified by the withdrawal certificate."

IV. (a) Re-organization of Associations.—That any defunct Subordinate Association (deemed worthy) may re-organize and obtain the Pass Word by notifying the County Secretary of such intention, provided such Association collects the dues as the members are admitted during the quarter and forward with the report of membership at the close of the quarter, such re-organization of Associations to be under the control of the Grand Executive Board, to be limited as may be deemed expedient, from time to time.

(b) Admittance of Delinquent Members.—That delinquent members may be admitted to Associations (if deemed worthy) by payment of dues for the quarter in which admitted. But any member may be suspended for non-attendance to regular payment of quarterly dues, unless a withdrawal certificate is obtained by such member.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. ANSON AYLESWORTH,

Chairman of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Richmond Hall, Toronto, 1st March, 1894.

Moved by Bro. T. O. Currie, and seconded by P. Corrigan, that this Association appreciate the services of Bro. Valens, as Assistant Secretary, and that he receive the sum of ten dollars as a token of appreciation. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Davis, seconded by Peter Chisholm, that in consideration of services performed by Bro. Geo. Wrigley, in reporting the business transacted at this meeting of the Grand Association he be paid the same sum for attendance at this meeting as if he were a delegate. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Moodie, seconded by Bro. Davis, that the thanks of this Association are due to the Grand Executive Board for the efficient, courteous, and impartial manner in which they have presided over the affairs of this Association during the past year. Carried.

The minutes of the day's proceedings were read.

Moved by Bro. McCuaig, seconded by Bro. Currie, that the minutes of the day be adopted as read. Carried.

Meeting then adjourned *sine die*, the Brethren joining hands and singing the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

L. A. WELCH,
Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

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POLITICAL PLATFORM

(AS AMENDED),

— OF THE —

PATRONS OF INDUSTRY.

- 1st.—Maintenance of British connection.
- 2nd.—The reservation of the Public Lands for the actual settler.
- 3rd.—Purity of Administration and absolute Independence of Parliament.
- 4th.—Rigid economy in every department of the public service.
- 5th.—Simplification of the laws and a general reduction in the machinery of the Government.
- 6th.—The abolition of the Canadian Senate.
- 7th.—A system of Civil Service reform that will give each County power to appoint or elect all County officials paid by them except County judges.
- 8th.—Tariff for revenue only, and so adjusted as to fall as far as possible upon the luxuries and not upon the necessaries of life.
- 9th.—Reciprocal trade on fair and equitable terms between Canada and the World.
- 10th.—Effectual legislation that will protect labor, and the results of labor from those combinations and monopolies which unduly enhance the price of the articles produced by such combinations or monopolies.
- 11th.—Prohibition of the bonusing of Railways by Government grants as contrary to the public interest.
- 12th.—Preparation of the Dominion and Provincial voters' lists by the municipal officers.
- 13th.—Conformity of electoral districts to County boundaries, as constituted for Municipal purposes, as far as the principle of representation by population will allow.