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## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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| <i>Master</i> .....      | BRO. H'Y GLENDINNING..... | Manilla, Ont.  |
| <i>Overseer</i> .....    | " J. K. LITTLE.....       | Lambette, "    |
| <i>Secretary</i> .....   | " GEO. COPELAND.....      | Hespeler, "    |
| <i>Treasurer</i> .....   | " GEO. HOOD.....          | Sunshine, "    |
| <i>Lecturer</i> .....    | " GEO. BINNIE.....        | Bunessan, "    |
| <i>Chaplain</i> .....    | " J. W. MENCKE.....       | Nanticoke, "   |
| <i>Steward</i> .....     | " A. M. HUNT.....         | Lambeth, "     |
| <i>Ass't Steward</i> ... | " JAMES SNELL.....        | Clinton, "     |
| <i>Gate Keeper</i> ...   | " J. P. PALMER.....       | Fenzelon Falls |
| <i>Ceres</i> .....       | SIS. D. BROWN.....        | Whitby, "      |
| <i>Pomona</i> .....      | " J. ROBINSON.....        | Middlemarch,   |
| <i>Flora</i> .....       | " J. M. KAISER.....       | Raper, "       |
| <i>L. A. Steward</i> ..  | " G. LETHBRIDGE.....      | Glencoe, "     |

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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| BRO. ROBERT WILKIE.....  | Blenheim, Ont. |
| " PETER HEPINSTALL ..... | Fordwich, "    |

### AUDITORS.

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| BRO. J. M. KAISER..... | Raper, Ontario |
| " JAMES MURISON.....   | Dutton, "      |

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# DOMINION GRANGE.

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

### First Day.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LONDON.

TUESDAY, February, 18th, 1890.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Dominion Grange met in the Middlesex County Council Chambers, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Worthy Master Bro. George Copeland in the chair.

Upon the roll of Officers being called by the Secretary, the following responded:

|                  |                             |                   |     |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Master.....      | BRO. GEO. COPELAND.....     | Hespeler, Ontario | 511 |
| Overseer .....   | " J. K. LITTLE.....         | Lambeth, "        | 393 |
| Secretary .....  | " H'y GLENDINNING.....      | Manilla, "        | 393 |
| Treasurer .....  | " J. P. BULL.....           | Davenport, "      | 32  |
| Lecturer.....    | " GEO. HOOD, pro tem....    | Sunshine, "       | 358 |
| Chaplain.....    | " J. W. MENCKE.....         | Nanticoke, "      | 21  |
| Steward .....    | " GEO. BINNIE.....          | Bunessan, "       | 869 |
| Ass't Steward... | " A. JOHNSON.....           | Moore, "          | 224 |
| Gate Keeper....  | " J. P. PALMER.....         | Fenelon Falls "   | 658 |
| Ceres .....      | SIS. D. BROWN, pro tem..... | Whitby, "         | 108 |
| Pomona .....     | " G. LETHBRIDGE.....        | Glencoe, "        | 108 |
| Flora .....      | " J. SNELL, pro tem.....    | Clinton, "        | 248 |
| L. A. Steward.   | " P. HEPINSTALL, pr. t.     | Fordwich, "       | 985 |
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“ PETER HEPINSTALL.....Fordwich, “

**AUDITORS.**

BRO. JAS. MURISON.....Dutton, Ontario

“ W. S. HOWELL, pro tem.....Sombra, “

The Grange was opened in ample form in the Fourth Degree.

Minutes of last meeting were declared approved.

The worthy Master appointed Bros. G. Hood, D. Brown and W. Quinnell a Committee on Credentials; also Bros. R. Currie, G. Lethbridge, J. Snell, and J. Robinson, a Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

While the Committee were busy examining credentials, the Grange engaged in an informal discussion on the state of the Order, which, while it brought out much information, and many valuable suggestions, served as a general introduction, getting the delegates acquainted with each other.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read by Bro. Hood.

**Report No. 1 on Credentials.**

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we find the following Brothers and Sisters duly certified by their respective Granges as delegates to this meeting :

| NO. | GRANGE.        | DELEGATE.            | POST OFFICE. |
|-----|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 511 | Morris Centre, | Bro. Geo. Hood,      | Sunshine.    |
| 393 | Hullett,       | “ James Snell,       | Clinton.     |
| 393 | “              | Sister Snell,        | Clinton.     |
| 32  | Mutual,        | Bro. A. M. Hunt,     | Lambeth.     |
| 358 | Harvest Home,  | “ John Kemp,         | Staffa.      |
| 21  | Belmore,       | “ Quinnell,          | New Bridge.  |
| 869 | Camden,        | “ Thos. Lashcrooke,  | Croton.      |
| 224 | Centre,        | “ D. A. McRae,       | Appin.       |
| 658 | Albion,        | “ John Mitchell,     | Glencoe.     |
| 108 | Union,         | “ David Brown,       | Whitby.      |
| 108 | Union,         | Sister Brown,        | Whitby.      |
| 248 | Nanticoke,     | Bro. John W. Mencke, | Nanticoke.   |
| 935 | Stanley,       | “ Wm. H. Scott       | Clinton.     |
| 200 | Burlington,    | “ L. E. Wrinch,      | Merton.      |
| 68  | Howick,        | “ James Mitchell,    | Gorrie.      |
| 543 | Spring,        | “ Peter Hepinstall,  | Fordwich.    |

| NO. | GRANGE.          | DELEGATE.            | POST OFFICE.  |
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| 543 | Spring,          | Sister Hepinstall,   | Fordwich.     |
| 390 | Kinsale,         | Bro. Royal Rogers,   | Kinsale.      |
| 581 | Rosedale,        | " James P. Palmer,   | Fenelon Falls |
| 132 | Arkona,          | " J. O. Smith,       | Arkona.       |
| 361 | Sydenham,        | " M. Fisher,         | Brooke.       |
| 16  | Delaware,        | " J. M. Kaiser,      | Raper.        |
| 16  | Delaware,        | Sister Kaiser,       | Raper.        |
| 600 | Ulster,          | Bro. Robert Currie,  | Wingham       |
| 899 | Selman,          | " W. S. Howell,      | Sombra.       |
| 405 | Manilla,         | " Hy. Glendinning,   | Manilla.      |
| 77  | Forest Rose,     | " Chas. Saywell,     | St. Thomas.   |
| 255 | Rose of the West | " Mungo McNabb,      | Cowall.       |
| 260 | Gordon,          | " Daniel McMillen,   | Dutton        |
| 156 | Alliance,        | " Richard Coad,      | Strathburn.   |
| 36  | North Oxford,    | " G. B. Patterson,   | Ingersoll,    |
| 392 | Lily of Mersea,  | " John Hooker,       | Goldsmith,    |
| 23  | Protective       | " Thos. Brown,       | Corona.       |
| 573 | Royal,           | " David Fretz,       | Mulgrave.     |
| 66  | Apple Grove,     | " Jabel Robinson,    | Middlemarch   |
| 66  | Apple Grove,     | Sister Robinson,     | Middlemarch   |
| 253 | Victoria,        | Bro. E. B. Tole,     | Blenheim,     |
| 385 | Banda,           | " Thos. Porter,      | Banda.        |
| 35  | Halton,          | " John McDougall,    | Milton.       |
| 188 | Battle Grange,   | " Thomas Simpson,    | Strathburn.   |
| 11  | Kent,            | " Robert Wilkie,     | Blenheim.     |
| 17  | West Middlesex,  | " George Lethbridge, | Glencoe.      |
| 17  | West Middlesex,  | Sister Lethbridge,   | Glencoe.      |
| 43  | South Grey,      | Bro. George Binnie,  | Bunessan.     |
| 1   | London,          | " J. K. Little,      | Lambeth.      |
| 5   | Lambton,         | " Alex. Johnston,    | Moore,        |
| 18  | Elgin,           | " James A. Glenn,    | Glenworth,    |
| 4   | South Simcoe,    | " William Black,     | Stroud.       |
| 6   | Halton,          | " Henry Robertson,   | Omagh.        |
| 7   | Lucknow,         | " George Robertson,  | Lucknow.      |

On motion of Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Hood, the report was adopted.

The Worthy Master then delivered the following address :

**MASTERS' ADDRESS.**

After fifteen years' of wandering we are assembled once more in our native place. Let us open wide the floodgates of brotherly love, and, as children returning to the old roof-tree with

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fond recollections of earlier days, and joyous hearts over the re-union of old ties, let us grasp hand with a firmer grip and a deeper fervor, and as we look into each others faces may it be with eyes that speak again. How often at our family gatherings do we miss old and familiar faces? It cannot fail to be so here. Let us remember only their wise words and kindly acts. Our surroundings lead us to look back over the past and inquire into our growth and progress, and the work in which we have been engaged. We then turn our eyes to the future to get a view of that which lies before us, and as we get a faint idea of the vastness of the field, and realize how few are the laborers, we are led to ask, What can we do? But knowing the Great Master asks no more than we can accomplish by His help, we look about us for the duty of the present, and humbly and trustfully say, Lead on, Master. We have taught the farmers of this country that they can organize among themselves, and can wield an influence in their own behalf when united—something they were loath to believe. While the farmers have been gaining this knowledge, the politicians have learned the power of the united husbandman, and the dishonest ones among them are by no means comforted by the uneasiness among their old supporters. The sharper and swindler have also learned that the farmer is on the alert, and is not unwary game, though he is unwilling to give up the chase. There has also been kindled in the hearts of not a few a thirst for knowledge and an inspiration to work which augurs well for the future.

The work of the future: to place the farmer in his proper place in the social and political world by a very decided advance in his moral power and mental attainments. The first question here will be:—Does he not occupy his true place in the social circle or in commercial or political life? To this I would answer:—He does not. Why not? The usual answer that he is oppressed and ground down and denied his rights is simply twaddle, and I have no patience with it. It is true he is cheated in the commercial world, and gulled and despised by politicians. So is every other man who will put up with it. Mental and moral worth are self-buoyant, and rise like cream to the surface, and when coupled with strength of purpose mount up in spite of opposition and are veritably irrepressible in a free country like Canada. The fact that we find others ahead of us in the race of life is no reason why we should conclude that they have climbed into our place, and that the only way for us to rise is to oust them. The highway of advancement is broad enough for all to run, and our hope of ultimate success depends more on our own progress than

the retarding of others. Right here you will ask, why has the farmer fallen behind in the race? To this I would answer that naturally in a new country like ours the farmer has been so busy reclaiming the land from the grasp of the wilderness, and thus laying the foundations of her material prosperity, that he has neglected his duties political, slighted his educational advantages, and allowed his social privileges to slip past unheeded. In fact, so far as these things were concerned he has slept while others have improved their opportunities, and stepped into the political vacancies. But the awakening has come to many of us, and what ought we to do about it? Rail at those who have pushed on while we slept? Certainly not. Thunder at the door of every sleeper.

"Awake! oh thou that sleepest, awake and bestir thyself!" Let us, through our granges, institutes and clubs, arouse every farmer and urge upon him:—1st. Mental activity and moral purpose. Let every farmer wake up and think on the questions of the day, reading as much as possible thereon, remembering that he is called upon to have an opinion of his own on each one. So likewise let him have a purpose in life and follow it; aim to be a good and noble character, and strive to attain it. 2nd. The laying hold upon every educational advantage and social privilege for himself and family, giving the young people the benefit of our excellent schools, not forgetting the Agricultural College at Guelph; supply the home with good books and the best periodicals of the time. Bright boys and girls become intelligent men and women if their Public school course is supplemented in this way. Go to good lectures, taking the family with you. They afford much information, and give inspiration and tone to home life. 3rd. The filling of political vacancies with farmers until we have the representation to which we are entitled by our numbers and wealth. Do not be persuaded that farmers are not able to fill the positions. If we select our best men they will compare favorably with any others, and will do honor to us and our country. Had we done this in the past our commercial and financial burdens would not have been what they are to-day, and this alone will remove the evils that are sapping the strength and marring the prosperity of our country. It is useless for us to cry out against rings and combines so long as our tariff invites them and encourages their continuance in our midst, and it is in vain that we complain that the tariff discriminates against us while we send men of other callings to Parliament to arrange it.

The past year has been a quiet one in Grange circles, though at the present time there seems to be a revival of interest and a

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desire for a vigorous onward movement. I am of the opinion that the Grange has been shorn of her strength for lack of nourishment. In looking over the records of the past, where do we find the attempt to feed the intellectual life of its members, or to lead them out into pastures fresh and green, either in the literary, scientific or agricultural world? Where do we find the effort for the uplifting of the community at large, for giving them broader views of their privileges and responsibilities in life? She has thrown herself into the breach to protect the farmers from their enemies; she has stood there with a resolute purpose and undeviating devotion; she has been quick to see and bold to strike; she has opened many avenues of escape and pointed out many paths of progress that lead to higher grounds of attainment, but she has been so busy fighting the foe, so engrossed in securing the safety of her protegee that she has been unable to lead to the heights beyond. Nay, she has neglected to supply herself with nutritious food or to partake thereof. It was, of course, enjoined upon the Subordinate Grange that they should engage in educational work, but as the higher Grange did not set the example, and furnish material therefor, the work has been neglected almost everywhere.

The mainspring of education in this century is the principle that education is teaching to think, rather than piling up a store of knowledge in the human mind. The outcome of this is conventions and institutes without number, and there is neither failure in the scheme nor surfeit of its application. Those reforms and associations that push this plan the most vigorously, and with the greatest skill, have been uniformly the most successful, and we must profit by their experience. I would urge upon you the careful consideration of this matter, and the setting apart of a portion of the time of this meeting for educational work, and placing on some person or persons the responsibility of selecting suitable subjects for discussions, and securing parties of ability to open up the same, giving them ample time for preparation. I would also suggest the wisdom of this Grange making some provision to aid the sub-Granges in similar work. As I conceive this to be the most important work before us at the present time, we may rest assured that unless we furnish our members with intellectual food, and send them home strengthened and inspired afresh for the conflict, so that they go forth like giants refreshed with new wine, they will not continue to come to our grange halls, and we must not expect others to join our ranks unless they are convinced there is some new life to be obtained there. I trust that we shall have both a pleasant and a profitable meeting, and

that we shall return to our homes filled with new life and a strong purpose for the future of our Order.

Moved by Bro. J. P. Bull, seconded by Bro. P. Hepinstall, that the Master's address be referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports. Carried.

Bro. Robinson read the following report:

We, your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees, beg leave to report the following Committees:

*Press.*

Bros. J. K. Little, Geo. Hood, Mungo McNabb, Peter Hepinstall and A. M. Hunt.

*Officer's Reports.*

Bros. Robt. Currie, Jabel Robinson, James Glenn, W. Quinnel and R. Coad.

J. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Report was adopted.

The Worthy Master called for suggestions from delegates or resolutions forwarded by Subordinate or Division Granges.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Wilkie, that all resolutions be put in writing and handed to the Secretary. Carried.

A number of suggestions and resolutions were then read and referred to their appropriate committees.

On motion of Bro. Glendinning, seconded by W. S. Howell, the time for meetings was fixed at 9 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7.30 p. m.

Bro. J. Robinson read report No. 2, of the Committee to strike Standing Committees:—

*Social Life and Good of the Order.*

Bro. Hepinstall and Sisters Snell, Lethbridge, Robinson, Kaiser and Brown.

*Agriculture.*

Bros. R. Coad, D. McRae, Jas. Murison, G. Lethbridge, Jas. Snell and J. P. Palmer.

*Claims and Grievances.*

Bros. G. Lethbridge, W. Quinnel, T. Porter, E. B. Tole, W. Black.

*Mileage and Per Diem.*

Bros. Geo. Hood and W. S. Howell.

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*Education.*

Bros. W. S. Howell, J. Hooker, D. McMillan, W. H. Scott, J. Mitchell.

*Legislation.*

Bros. J. M. Kaiser, Robt. Currie, J. K. Little, R. Wilkie, Jas. A. Glenn, J. W. Mencke, J. Robinson.

*Constitution and By-Laws.*

Bros. J. Hooker, D. Brown, G. Binnie, R. Rogers and J. B. Patterson.

*Temperance.*

Bros. J. W. Mencke, A. M. Hunt, Mungo McNabb, Chas. Saywell, M. Fisher.

On motion Grange was adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

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**Second Day.**

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19th, 1890.

Grange resumed work at 9 o'clock a. m. Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

Report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials was read by Bro. Hood, and on motion, was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Hepinstall, seconded by Bro. R. Wilkie, and resolved:—That this Dominion Grange do hereby express our sincere regret that Bro. S. W. Hill, the Senior Master of this Grange, is now deeply afflicted. We are glad to learn, however, that he has partially recovered, and hope that his life may be spared for further usefulness.

That we express by a rising vote, our sympathy with him in his affliction, and hope our dear brother will be sustained by the Master above.

That the Secretary forward to Bro. Hill a copy of these resolutions. Carried unanimously.

Bro. Wilkie read the Report of Executive Committee as follows:

*To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:*

PATRONS—Your Executive Committee beg to report, that since the Annual Meeting held in the City of Guelph, in December, 1888, they have held two meetings. The first in February,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From circumstances which have come within our knowledge we believe a good many new Granges might be organized in the Province by the use of a little effort in the right direction. Many farmers who have always stood aloof from all organizations, are rapidly coming to the conclusion that something of the kind is necessary to save the farmers of this country from being ground to death between the millstones of combination. Many are now anxious to act, if they only knew what to do. Their assistance should be secured to our order, if possible.

Your Committee were strongly pressed by our brethren in the Northwest to send them some one to assist in spreading and strengthening the Order there. Situated, as they are, beyond the reach of our annual meetings, and in most of cases having no Division Granges, they naturally feel their isolation, and that they should have some return or recognition from us, or the pleasure of meeting a brother sent amongst them to give them some words of cheer and encouragement, and to tell them what the Order is doing for the farmers elsewhere, if not amongst themselves. We felt for our friends in this position and have to acknowledge the justice and necessity of lending them a fraternal and helping hand.

But such a tour would have made a drain upon our funds we felt unable to bear, and after most of the arrangements had been made for the Secretary to undertake this trip, it had for the time to be abandoned. Your Committee strongly recommend this matter to the consideration of this meeting, in hope that some way may be found and provision made to send some one out during the coming summer.

Your Committee feel it their duty to direct the attention of this meeting to another matter, which cannot be much longer allowed to go on without some change. We here refer to the financial position of Dominion Grange.

The constitution provides that one half of the actual revenues of Dominion Grange be set apart as a "Sessional Indemnity Fund," the balance only to be available for the actual running expenses of Dominion Grange. When this clause was introduced it was based upon a hap-hazard assumption that as the Grange then stood, the sum would be found sufficient to meet the expenses. But experience has shown that it is totally inadequate to meet even the fixed expenses of the Grange, and that in spite of the most rigid economy there is and has been a deficit every year since it came into force. If the Grange was expanding there might be some grounds to hope for improvement, but such is not the case, but owing to fewer new Grange organizations and

fewer initiations, the funds show a decrease, which makes matters worse each year. Your Committee invite the attention of this annual meeting to this most important subject as a solution of this difficulty must be found at an early date. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT WILKIE,  
PETER HEPINSTALL,  
Executive Committee.

Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

Bro. Robinson read report No. 3 of Committee to strike Standing Committees.

*Combines and Monopolies.*

Bros. John McDougall, L. E. Wrinch, Robert Wilkie, Henry Robinson, David Fretz, A. Johnston, John Kemp, Jas. Mitchell, Thos. Lashbrock.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Manning, manager of the Grange Wholesale Supply Co., of Toronto, was introduced to the Grange, and addressed the meeting stating the position of the Company and its prospects for the future, and the inducements it offered to patrons.

Moved by Jabel Robinson, seconded by Henry Glendinning, that this Grange having heard Mr. Manning, manager of the Wholesale Supply Co., feel that he is doing his utmost to make the Company a success. We therefore believe that it is the duty of every member of the Grange to assist that Company with his patronage. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. Howell, that the thanks of this Grange be and are hereby presented to Mr. Manning, manager of the Grange Wholesale Supply Co., for the information he has given in reference to the affairs of said Company. Carried.

Bro. Hood read report No. 4 of Committee on Credentials. Adopted.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed work at 2 P.M.

Bro. Glendinning then read Secretary's report as follows :

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

*To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange :*

As Secretary I present to you the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Dominion Grange. Since the last Annual Session there has been organized four Subordinate Granges. Enterprise No. 938, in Picton County, N. S.; Economy No. 939, in Colchester county, N. S.; Stanley No. 940, in York county, N. B., and Fair Play No. 941, in Lambton county, Ont.

During the same period the following Granges have surrendered their charters: Essex Division Grange No. 36; Duke of York, Subordinate No. 508; Silver Plains Sub. No. 867, and Rosetta Sub. No. 788. Twenty-seven Div. Granges and 151 Sub. Granges reported during this period. Of these 21 Sub. Granges reported direct to Dominion Grange, and 100 through the medium of Division Granges.

The following is an abstract statement of the receipts and expenditures of this office since last Annual Session.

**RECEIPTS.**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| By Organization fees.....   | \$ 20 00  |
| Quarterly dues.....         | 606 21    |
| Sale of printed matter..... | 35 34     |
|                             | <hr/>     |
|                             | \$ 661 55 |

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| To Deputies for organizing new Granges.....                   | \$ 6 00   |
| Printing .....  | 35 00     |
| Stationery .....  | 17 45     |
| Postage .....   | 36 50     |
| Expenses of Executive Committee.....                          | 93 50     |
| Express charges, freight and cartage.....                     | 3 00      |
| Telegraphing .....  | 53        |
| Money Order .....   | 20        |
| Grange Wholesale Supply Co., call on one share of stock ..... | 14 50     |
| Treasurer .....   | 454 87    |
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|   | \$ 661 55 |

In addition to the above receipts we received one share of paid up stock (\$25.00) in the Grange Wholesale Supply Co., from

Rosetta Grange, No. 788 at the time of the surrender of their charter. This makes two shares of the G. W. S. Co., stock held by Dom. Grange.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HY. GLENDINNING,  
Secretary.

*Worthy Master, Members of the Dominion Grange.*

We the undersigned beg leave to report, that we have examined the Secretary's books and vouchers and find them well kept and the several accounts correct, and that the Secretary report above is a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures since last audit to Feb. 17th, 1890.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES. MURISON }  
W. S. HOWELL } Auditors.

London, Feb. 18th, 1890.

Report was referred to Committee on Officers Report.

Bro. Bull read Treasurer's report.

**TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1889.**

J. P. BULL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH DOMINION GRANGE, P. H.  
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|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1888.   |                                   |           |           |
| Dec. 20 | To Balance as per audit .....     | \$ 322 59 |           |
| 1890.   |                                   |           |           |
| Feb. 7  | Cash from Dominion Secretary..... | 413 00    |           |
| Feb. 18 | “ “ “ .....                       | 41 87     |           |
|         |                                   |           | \$ 777 46 |

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| 1888.   |   |        |  |
| Dec. 21 | By Amount paid delegates at annual meeting...\$ | 125 41 |  |
| “       | “ H. Glendinning, Sec., on salary               | 112 00 |  |
| “       | “ James Edge, Auditor.....                      | 3 00   |  |
| “       | “ J. T. Richardson, Auditor.....                | 3 00   |  |
| “       | “ Executive Committee.....                      | 43 65  |  |
| “       | “ for use of Hazleton Hall.....                 | 16 00  |  |
| “       | “ Chas. Moffat, Master's salary                 | 30 00  |  |
| 1889.   |   |        |  |
| Mar. 25 | “ Treasurer's salary.....                       | 20 00  |  |

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|         | Brought forward.....                   | \$ 354 06 |
| Mar. 25 | Amount Postage and Exchange.....       | 1 12      |
| 1890.   |  |           |
| Feb. 7  | “ Dominion Grange Sec., on Salary..... | 63 00     |
|         |  | <hr/>     |
|         | Balance .....                          | \$ 417 18 |
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|         |  | \$ 360 28 |
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|         |  | \$ 777 46 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. BULL, Treasurer.

LONDON, Feb'y 19th 1890.

Certified correct.

JAMES MURISON }  
W. S. HOWELL } Auditors.

Report was adopted.

**AUDITORS' REPORT.**

Auditor's Report was now read by Bro. Murison.

*To the Master and Members of the Dominion Grange :*

Your Auditors beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers and find them correct as follows :

J. P. Bull, in account with Dominion Granges, Patrons of Husbandry, for 1889.

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| To balance from last audit.....    | \$ 322 59 |
| cash from Dominion Secretary.....  | 454 87    |
|                                    | <hr/>     |
| Total receipts.....                | \$ 777 46 |
| By payments to delegates.....      | \$ 125 41 |
| “ on salaries .....                | 231 00    |
| “ to Executive Committee.....      | 43 65     |
| “ for use of hall at Guelph.....   | 16 00     |
| “ for postage and exchange.....    | 1 12      |
|                                    | <hr/>     |
| Total payments .....               | \$ 417 18 |
|                                    | <hr/>     |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands ..... | \$ 360 28 |

We take pleasure in adding that Henry Glendinning, your Secretary, in drawing his salary for last year, left twenty-five

dollars in the hands of your Treasurer, as a donation to the Dom. Grange, and that your Secretary's accounts were correct.

All of which is submitted fraternally.

LONDON, Feb., 19th, 1890.

JAMES MURISON }  
W. S. HOWELL } Auditors.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Robinson read report of Standing Committee.

*Committee on Officers' Salaries.*

Bro. Geo. Robinson, Thomas Simpson, J. O. Smith.

Report adopted.

The report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read by Bro. Binnie, and amended so as to read that there shall be no changes in the constitution this session, which, on motion, was adopted.

Bro. W. S. Howell read report of Committee on Education, which was referred back to the committee for amendment.

Bro. J. W. Mencke read the report on Temperance which, on motion, was adopted by the Grange.

**TEMPERANCE.**

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

That the subject we have under consideration is a very important one, as intemperance causes, either directly or indirectly, an enormous amount of misery and crime.

Since the last meeting of the Dominion Grange the Scott Act has been repealed in all counties where tried, and this fact we attribute not to the falling off in temperance sentiment, but to the defects of the Act, and to the imperfect manner in which it was enforced.

We are now under the Crooks Act, which is not by any means without its imperfections, both in the Act itself, and also the very imperfect way in which it has been enforced. We would suggest that the Act be so amended, that no saloon license whatever be granted, and that the number of hotel licenses be greatly reduced. We further submit that it is not in the interest of the people that licenses should be granted to a few, to sell that which has been proved to be a serious injury to the many.

We are glad to notice that temperance is now taught in the Public Schools, and hope it will have its effect on the rising

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generation. In conclusion, we feel that if temperance is taught by example and precept in the home, the great evil of intemperance will soon be swept from the land.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. MENCKE, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Social Life was read by Bro. Hepinstall, and, on motion, was adopted.

### **SOCIAL LIFE.**

Our first thought is home ties or no ties. It is impossible to ignore home influences. There is a nucleus formed in every family, to bless the world or curse it.

Confucius said, to rule the world, he would begin with the family; let each family be well trained and the world is trained well ruled and the world is ruled.

The word Social suggests friendliness shown by association of at least two; but may extend to many. One home may be social in its own limits and largely ignore others. That is a limited sociality not designed for the human family. Several families may unite and form a neighborhood, a Province or a Nation, and ignore the rest of the world; but if so, it is not as designed by Him who formed us, for we find a want in our nature, that another hand besides our own must supply, if it is supplied. And what is true of the individual, is equally true of neighborhoods and nations.

The word Social also suggests power of attraction to each other individually. We may be drawn together by a common interest and when the object in which we are mutually interested is accomplished, our interest in each other ceases, but sociality has a power of attraction, drawing us together personally making the grand pleasures of life not to exist simply in the business we are in; the wealth we accumulate; the honors conferred upon us whether by educational institutions or Governmental patronage, or otherwise; but in making others happy. In making whatever pleasure arises from happiness imparted to others our own; and making our business, wealth, honors or whatelse, subversive to social purity and comfort. Sociality is not selfishness, only so far as it is selfish to take pleasure in what pleases others for their good.

Sociality cannot exist long without purity. "Blessed are the pure in heart," is a principle written as legibly in nature as in the Bible. If we put the basis of Social Life as above indicated, then we run it into every honorable business of life. It touches every individual, and consequently every home. That which in-

fluences the home must influence the home surroundings. An individual must feel that he is inconsistent if kind to his dog, and abuses his child, or is kind to his child and abuses the child's mother.

Our domestic animals feel its influence as well as our children and the whole world—as far as our influence extends—is blessed by its force.

Here we would introduce a thought regarding the institution which we now represent. The Grange is designed to extend the principle of sociality along the lines of one branch of business; and that branch underlies all others. Agriculture was the first that engaged the attention of man, it is still the business from whence the supplies of the world come. Other branches are needed to arrange, remodel, distribute, husband or protect what is provided.

But farm life should—and, in the interest of general humanity—must be made the principal business of the world.

Into it then must be thrown this social element influence, to combine its workmen for a common interest, and draw its workers together by the power of a social, personal force.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER HEPINSTALL, Chairman.

Bro. Coad read the report of the committee on Agriculture which was referred back to Committee.

Adjourned for tea.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

Resumed work at 7.30 P.M.

Worthy Master and Bro. Robinson exemplified the unwritten work of the order.

On motion of Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Glendinning the Grange devoted the rest of the evening to discussing ways and means of reviving dormant granges.

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#### Third Day.

#### MORNING SESSION

THURSDAY, February 20, 1890.

Worthy Master took the chair at 9 o'clock.

Grange opened in ample form.

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the election of officers be the first order of business at the afternoon session. Carried.

Bro. Howell read report of Committee on Education which was referred back for amendment and then adopted as follows:

### **EDUCATION.**

*Worthy Master and Fellow Patrons:*

Your committee, realizing the great benefit of education, especially when directed into the most appropriate channels look forward with pleasure to the promised text book on Agriculture and hope that its use may become general.

As the twig is bent the tree's inclined, and a purely literary education leads our best young men from the farm, who if instilled with a love of agricultural science while young would soon fill our ranks with the best representative men of the country, therefore the study of agriculture should be made compulsory in all rural schools.

The study of agriculture in Public Schools, besides other good effects, would inspire many young men with a desire to take a higher course of study in the Ontario Agricultural College, a course which we most heartily recommend.

While we highly appreciate the importance of the study of history in our own Public Schools we realize very keenly that the authorized Public School History is very unsuitable to the purpose for which it was designed. Much of it being so worded as to be far beyond the comprehension of ordinary pupils, giving them a distaste for the study which will remain with them to exert a malign influence throughout all their public acts and private life.

While we deem that all public education should be non-sectarian, and that it would be in the interests of education, and for the public good to have all the youth of the land educated in the same schools, from the same text books, irrespective of creed; yet as the Separate Schools are not all likely to be abolished we consider that no books should be used in them but such as shall be authorized for them by the Department of Education.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. S. HOWELL, Chairman.

### **OFFICERS' SALARIES.**

*Worthy Master and Patrons:*

We your committee on officers' salaries beg leave to report as follows:

That after due consideration of the financial standing of this

grange we think that it is advisable for the present year to fix the salaries of the officers as follows :

|                        |    |     |    |
|------------------------|----|-----|----|
| Salary of Master ..... | \$ | 15  | 00 |
| “ “ Secretary .....    |    | 150 | 00 |
| “ “ Treasurer .....    |    | 10  | 00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

On motion of E. B. Tole, seconded by C. Saywell the report was amended so as to read \$125.00 for Secretary's salary, and adopted.

Bro. Kaiser read the report of committee on Legislation, which after considerable discussion and amendment was adopted as follows :

**LEGISLATION,**

*Worthy Master and Patrons :*

Your committee on Legislation beg leave to report :

That the municipal law should be so amended that parties planting hedges along the highway may be permitted to place a fence not more than 6 feet out on the road allowance to protect the same providing that the fence shall not remain there more than six years; also

That any person be allowed to keep one dog on payment of one dollar for a tag which shall be worn on a collar round the neck, such tag to be so numbered that the owner can be identified by the tag. That any dog found running without a tag may be destroyed wherever found off his owner's premises and that any person owing a dog for which a tag has not been provided shall be liable to a fine of not less than two nor more than five dollars, and a further fine of one dollar per week so long as the dog continues to run without a tag and that any person keeping more than one dog shall pay for each additional dog a license of five dollars, and that this be made universal throughout the Province of Ontario; also

That Binder twine be placed on the free list; also

We do not recommend any change in the tariff on flour; also

That Chap. 225, Sec. 117, Sub. Sec. 1 of R. S. O., 7th word in the 1st line be changed from may to shall; also

That the ballot papers used at the annual Municipal Elections shall contain a blank for voting Yea or Nay for the reduction of the number of members to the County Council and where the majority of the ratepayers vote Yea, the County Council shall consist of reeves only, each reeve to have one additional vote for

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each deputy-reeve to which his municipality is entitled by the present existing law ; also

We believe that the present rate of exchange of flour for wheat as adopted by the Millers' Association of Western Ontario is excessive and unjust and intended to drive the farmers to sell their wheat and purchase their flour so they may be more completely within the power of the millers if possible than they are at present and that some legislation should be asked to fix the tolls or rate of exchange on a just and equitable basis ; also

That we are of the opinion that the grain-tester which is now in use by the millers, and the way in which it is used, is detrimental to the farmer, and we would take this opportunity of saying we do not want it at all.

That we consider the present an opportune time to urge upon the government our opinion that they should take the issue of the currency into their own hands and become responsible therefor, which would make our paper money good anywhere throughout our Dominion.

We recommend that the questions sent to this meeting by Stanley Sun Grange No. 935 be sent by the Executive Committee to the Subordinate Granges for consideration and discussion, and to return the result of their deliberations to the Executive Committee for the use of Dominion Grange at its next meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. KAISER.

Bro. J. P. Bull, our long tried and faithful treasurer, having expressed a desire to be relieved from his position, Bro. J. Robinson moved, seconded by Bro. Glendinning, that this Grange tender to Bro. J. P. Bull, who has filled the office of Treasurer for this Grange during the last fourteen years with much ability and honor to himself and credit to this Grange, a hearty vote of thanks, and trust that Bro. Bull may long be spared to his family and friends, and may he continue to assist us with his mature wisdom and safe counsel for many years to come.—Carried.

Bro. Glendinning having intimated to the Grange that it would be impossible for him to continue as Secretary of Dominion Grange, the following resolution was moved by Bro. Kaiser, seconded by Bro. Coad, that the sincere thanks of this meeting be accorded Bro. H. Glendinning for the able and courteous manner in which he has filled that position for the last six years.—Carried.

The Grange now adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange resumed work at 2 p. m., and proceeded to the election of officers when the following were declared elected.

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| Master.....       | BRO. | H'Y GLENDINNING..... | Manilla, Ont   |
| Overseer .....    | "    | J. K. LITTLE.....    | Lambeth, "     |
| Secretary.....    | "    | GEO. COPELAND.....   | Hespeler, "    |
| Treasurer.....    | "    | GEO. HOOD.....       | Sunshine, "    |
| Lecturer.....     | "    | GEO. BINNIE.....     | Bunessan, "    |
| Chaplain.....     | "    | J. W. MENCKE.....    | Nanticoke, "   |
| Steward.....      | "    | A. M. HUNT.....      | Lambeth, "     |
| Ass't Steward.... | "    | JAMES SNELL.....     | Clinton, "     |
| Gate Keeper.....  | "    | J. P. PALMER.....    | Fenelon Falls, |
| Ceres.....        | SIS. | D. BROWN.....        | Whitby, "      |
| Pomona.....       | "    | J. ROBINSON.....     | Middlemarch,   |
| Flora.....        | "    | J. M. KAISER.....    | Raper, "       |
| L. A. Steward...  | "    | G. LETHBRIDGE.....   | Glencoe, "     |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| BRO. ROBERT WILKIE..... | Blenheim, Ont. |
| " PETER HEPINSTALL..... | Fordwich, "    |

AUDITORS.

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| BRO. J. M. KAISER..... | Raper, Ontario |
| " JAMES MURISON.....   | Dutton, "      |

Moved by Bro. J. K. Little, seconded by Bro. G. Binnie, that the Dominion Grange be held in London in 1891.—Carried.  
Adjourned for tea.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange resumed work at 7.30.  
The evening was taken up in discussion of reports, Millers' Combine and Grain Tester.

Fourth Day.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Feb. 21, 1890.

Grange began work at 9.30.  
Bro. L. E. Wrinch read report of Com. on Combines, which on motion was adopted.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :  
Your committee, on Combines and Monopolies, beg leave to

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report as follows : We feel ourselves at a loss for any date on which to base our report inasmuch as it is in the interest of combines to keep from the public every scrap of information which it is in their power to control, therefore, while surrounded by combinations which control almost every commodity in the markets, we find it difficult to point them out or suggest a remedy.

We are of the opinion, that the Millers' Combination has an injurious effect in raising the price of flour to the farmer, by charging him too great a proportion of his grist for grinding the same and thus forcing him to sell his wheat and buy his flour.

We also believe, that the stove manufacturers have combined and placed their wares in the hands of a committee, who fix the price, at which dealers are compelled to sell, thereby preventing competition.

We regret that the Ontario Peoples' Salt Manufacturing Co., has not had the amount of support which would enable them to keep down a monopoly on this necessary.

Only two ways have suggested themselves to your Committee by which the Combinations of the country can be controlled, namely,—to throw off the duties when it has been shown that a combine exists in any commodity, and subject it to the competition of the producing world, or to stamp them out by severe legislative enactments.

And we would take this occasion to commend the action of N. C. Wallace, M. P., in his efforts to provide legislation against them, and express the hope that he may persevere until he secures such measures as will free our country from the curse of combines, and we recommend the Executive Committee to bring the foregoing before the Government and Parliament at Ottawa.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McDUGALL, Chairman.

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Bro. Wood read report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted on motion.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to lay before this Grange our report as follows :

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| There is a balance in Treasurer's hands.....  | \$ 360 28 |         |
| Worthy Secretary's salary to 18th Feb'y, 1890.....  | \$ 200 00 |         |
| Worthy Master's salary to 18th Feb. 1890..  | 30 00     |         |
| "    Treasurer's    "    "    "   | 20 00     |         |
| "    Auditor's salary    "    "    "  | 6 00      |         |
| Allowance to caretaker of this hall and pane of glass broken.....   | 5 00      | 261 00  |
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|   |           | \$99 28 |
| We therefore purpose to pay each delegates railway fare to this place of meeting in London, amounting to..... |           | 81 88   |
|   |           | <hr/>   |
|   |           | \$17 40 |

Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of.....\$17 40  
 We would recommend that Bro. Murison, Auditor, be put on an equal footing with the delegates and receive his railway fare also, though we frankly admit that there is no provision for this recommendation in the constitution.

GEO. HOOD, Chairman.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS.**

*Worthy Master :*

Your committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to submit the following :

- 1st. We are well pleased with the address of our Worthy Master. It is replete with good thoughts and suggestions to every member of the order who has a desire to strengthen the Grange in the weaker localities.
- 2nd. Your Secretary's Report is done up in his usual clear and concise style, containing a fund of information for the members.
- 3rd. Your Executive Committee has performed their part well for the past year, as is evidenced by their taking item after item in rotation, and disposing of it as is shown by their able report.

ROBERT CURRIE, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.  
 The report of Committee on Claims and Grievances was adopted as follows :

Your committee beg leave to report, That we take great pleasure in congratulating the Officers of the Dominion Grange on the unanimous kindly feeling now existing within the order of

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Which is fraternally submitted.

E. B. TOLE, Chairman.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER.**

*Worthy Master and Patrons:*

Your committee on the Good of the Order, beg leave to report as follows:

The success of our order depends entirely on ourselves; no outside influence can swamp us if we keep the highway and move on.

Every member should take some part in each Grange meeting for its benefit either for pleasure or profit.

Prepare papers to be read or addresses to be delivered, or in some other way keep up the interest as the tastes or talents of the patrons would suggest. Don't be afraid of a few cents to keep up the Grange, and don't expect to make quick money returns; the principles inculcated will result in what money cannot buy. Keep an eye on the future; no act ends with the performance, but tells like a rifle shot somewhere else.

In session hours, do not gather in groups for conversation, give the Grange the advantage of anything you have to say.

Don't talk against time, say all you ought to say touching the question in hand and quit. Yield to a majority cheerfully, though your best judgment leads you to a contrary opinion.

Make the Grange room agreeable; have it clean and free as far as possible from everything that would be offensive; the use of tobacco for instance is often a source of great annoyance to those not accustomed to it, and sometimes even to those who are.

Get the latest rituals issued, if you have not already procured them, and get familiar with them by practical use.

Select officers in the Grange that will fill each office feeling the importance thereof, and let officers honor the Grange that placed them in the position, by being prompt in attendance. Some appear to think it an honor to be elected to office and do not take interest enough in the Grange to attend to duty.

And lastly, think particularly well of yourselves as Patrons of Husbandry, especially well of the brethren and sisters of your own Grange, and *Particularly, Especially and Unusually* well of the Order in general.

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All of which is submitted fraternally.

PETER HEPINSTALL,  
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Report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Hunt, seconded by Bro. Binnie that the thanks of this Grange are hereby given to our Chaplain Bro. J. W. Mencke, for the present he has given us, and we trust that the motto he has had printed for distribution amongst us may have its desired effect, also that our Secretary send a copy of this resolution to Bro. Mencke. Carried.

Adjourned for dinner.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moved by Bro. Glenn, seconded by Bro. J. K. Little, that in the opinion of this meeting it would be to the advantage of the Grange and all societies having for their object the advancement and protection of Agriculture to have a paper devoted to the dissemination of their objects and principles, and whereas the press of this country are either wedded to political parties, or are the servants of merchantile or monetary institutions, therefore be it resolved that Division and Subordinate Granges be asked their opinion in regard to establishing such a paper and report to the Secretary of Dominion Grange before the next annual meeting. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Glendenning, that the members of this Dominion Grange tender their hearty thanks to the warden and members of the County Council of Middlesex, for their kindness in granting the County Council chamber for holding this meeting. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Howell, seconded by Bro. Little, that hereafter it shall be a standing rule of order that the election and installation of officers be the last business of each annual meeting of the Dominion Grange. Carried.

Bro. Coad read the report of the Committee on Agriculture, which was adopted.

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**AGRICULTURE.**

*To the Master and Members of the Dominion Grange:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of investigating the state and position of our agriculture and reporting on the same are sorry to say that our duty is not a very pleasurable or happy one on this occasion. We find this industry, which is of paramount importance particularly in Canada, in a very depressed state. It has been tending this way for some years past from the continual decrease in prices of produce. The past year has greatly aggravated this depression, by the unfavorable season of growth, causing a very short crop of almost all our cereals, and as usual in such cases it has been of inferior quality. That prices should have receded was not to be wondered at from the increased production throughout the world by the employment of better systems of cultivation and better machinery, and the opening up of vast stretches of fertile land in our Northwest, and also in India, with whose cheap labor we cannot compete. While the position is cloudy enough from a farmer's point of view, yet as the hand of Providence guides we will struggle on, in hope and faith, believing that the bright side will appear before long.

If the difficulties of the farmer are increased by the exhaustion of our soil, in some localities where cultivation has long been carried on, he can turn his attention to our native phosphates, so bountifully supplied to us, and by proceeding less in the direction of grain growing, and more in that of other productions, some of these difficulties can be successfully met.

Another grievance plainly visible is the fact that we are charged a higher rate for the carriage of our produce to market than that paid by our neighbors on the south, with whom we have to compete, but we hope as this injustice is so plainly seen, that measures will be taken to abate it.

We are of the opinion that the darkest cloud overshadowing the prospects of the husbandman in Canada, is the want of union and combination in the great mass of our farming community. If we could see our way better to pull all together for one common object we could have a fairer share of members of our own class, in our parliaments and thereby a greater influence; and we should drop our partyism, and unite as a solid independent body for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. COAD, Chairman.

Moved by Bro. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. Glenn, that the thanks of this Grange be tendered Bro. Little for his trouble and kindness in procuring the use of this very comfortable chamber, and other arrangements connected with our present meeting in this city. Carried.

On suggestion of the Committee on Mileage per diem, Bro. Thos. Lashbrook was paid \$1.50, fare one way to London on March 4th.

Moved by Bro. Tole, seconded by Bro. Johnston, that this Grange instruct the Executive Committee to make an effort to wind up the business with all dormant Granges and to collect the seals and charters together with claims and dues against such Granges. Carried.

On motion of Bro. Hepinstall the Grange proceeded to the installation of officers, which was conducted by Bro. Robinson, after which the new officers addressed the Grange briefly.

On motion of Bro. Kaiser, seconded by Bro. Coad, the thanks of the Grange were tendered the retiring Master for his past year's work.

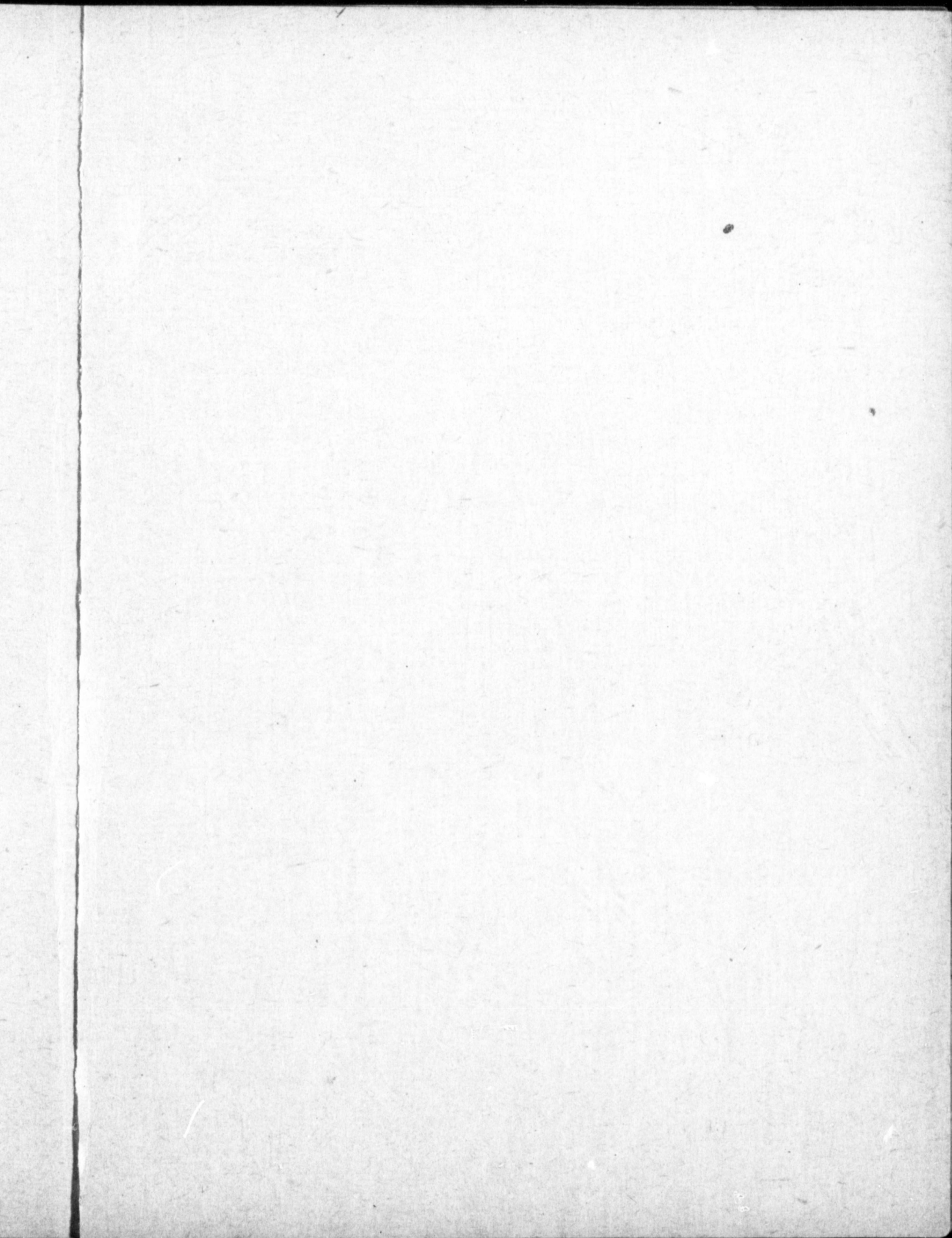
Moved by Bro. Binnie, seconded by Bro. Kaiser, that this meeting request and authorize the Executive Committee to revise and condense the reports and proceedings of this meeting, in such a manner as they consider best, for the purpose of printing and pressing upon the Government and Legislature of this country. Carried.

On motion the Grange was closed in ample form at 5 o'clock, and then the Fifteenth Annual session of the Dominion Grange adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. COPELAND,  
Secretary.







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