

# MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

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## GRAND ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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# Patrons of Industry

— HELD IN —

## Temperance Hall, Toronto, Ont.,

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

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Grand Association was held in Temperance Hall, Toronto, on March 11th, 1895.

The meeting was called to order and opened in due form by the Grand President, C. A. Mallory, Esq., at 8.30 p. m.

## GRAND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—I again welcome you to the annual convention of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry for the Province of Ontario. Your presence here, representing, as you do, the several counties of the Province, is proof that Patronism is a living factor, increasing in strength and destined, as its objects indicate, to unite and harmonize the aspirations of the wealth-producing classes of the land in which we live.

The continued depression which began among the industrial classes, and has now reached every line of legitimate business, not only in this, but in other lands, but adds force to the argument that men should unite, regardless of former ties, to alleviate, as far as may fairly be done, the condition of those upon whose industry and care the prosperity of our country depends. We fully recognize and appreciate the magnitude of the work which we have undertaken. We realize the difficulties in the way of accomplishing our ends. We expect and have prepared for the reproaches and misrepresentations of designing men, whose interests are best served by keeping the masses in two divided armies apart. We are rather pleased than otherwise at the proof of the strength and justice of our claims, as evidenced by the continual effort to engender jealousy and discord in our ranks rather than reply to our arguments or question the justice of our demands.

## PATRONISM A LIVING FACTOR.

Patronism is now acknowledged to be a living factor in Canadian politics. The experimental stage has been passed. The presence of a body of Patron representatives in the Legislature of Ontario, organized as a body, distinct and separate from existing political parties, and having made specific demands which are recognized by all as reasonable, is a revelation to partizans, and is conclusive proof that it is possible for men to forget their differences in the past and unite for the common good. It was, no doubt, a matter of surprise to many that our annual convention was postponed from the usual time of meeting, and a word of explanation is due in regard to such action on the part of your Grand Board. Many letters from prominent Patrons throughout the Province had been received, advising the postponement of the Grand Association, in case it appeared that the elections were near. In view of this I was instructed by the Grand Board at its January meeting to postpone the calling of the Grand Association unless a session of the House of Commons was called previous to the time at which notice of postponement could be given to the several delegates. The one special reason for this action was that your Grand Board could not think it wise that a large number of our best men from the several constituencies should be shut up in the city of Toronto for a week or longer, and thus allow party wirepullers to make a dead set upon the electorate in their absence. Since that time other circumstances have arisen which have led to the calling of the Grand Association at the present time. One or more of the Ministers of the Crown have in their speeches indicated that no election would occur during the winter.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCES.

Dark insinuations and occasional positive declarations have been made and copied throughout the Province that gross mismanagement has occurred in the management of the finances of the order, and that those whom you have seen fit to choose as leaders of the Patron movement are profiting largely at the expense of the poor deluded toilers of the Province of Ontario. These reports, with the declarations of which I have already spoken, have led your Grand Board to summon a meeting of the Grand Association at the earliest possible moment, and I ask you to appoint a committee as early as possible in the session to look carefully into the financial administration of the order, and if evidence of fraud can be found to mete out to the offenders the punishment which is justly their due. We do not fear the closest scrutiny, and are very desirous that proof shall be given to the electorate of Canada that Patrons at least have no boodlers in their ranks.

During the past year all the remaining territory of the Province of Ontario has been taken for Patronism, and as a result we have at this time perhaps a more thoroughly representative convention of the wealth-producing classes than has ever been assembled in the Province before.

## QUEBEC AND THE EAST.

It has for some time been thought that owing to difference of language and customs the interests of Patronism would be better served by the establishment of a separate Grand Association for the Province of Quebec. In view of this I was instructed to enter into correspondence with the several county officers in that Province, and if thought wise to assist them in forming a separate Grand Association. On December 11th last it was my pleasure to meet with the delegates in the City of Montreal from the several organized counties of Quebec and assist them in forming a separate Provincial association for that Province. Our brethren in Quebec have adopted the platform and constitution of the Patrons of Ontario and have expressed the determination to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in the emancipation of the masses from the thralldom of monopoly. Our brethren in Manitoba and the Northwest, as well as those in Quebec, have lately concluded harmonious meetings of their Grand Associations and have returned to their homes with renewed zeal to wage a constitutional war for the rights of the masses.

The Maritime Provinces are being organized, and we are expecting that in the near future a common brotherhood will unite the toilers of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, relieved from the curse of class legislation and determined to make industrial moral worth, not wealth, the standard of individual and nation greatness. A meeting of delegates from the several Provinces was lately held for the purpose of harmonizing any differences that might possibly exist owing to our various geographical positions, and it was a matter of much gratification to find that our interests were identical, though geographically separated, and that we stood upon a common platform and waged war upon evils which were common to all. A declaration was agreed upon defining the several planks of the Patron platform and setting forth the special issues for the coming campaign. A copy of this declaration will be submitted during the present session for your approval.

At the last annual meeting the subject of insurance was discussed and referred to your Grand Board. An exhaustive report has been prepared and will be submitted for your consideration during the present session. Other matters of great importance, not only to the Patron Order but to the Dominion at large, will engage your attention, and I am sure the same careful consideration and unanimity of feeling and sentiment which has characterized our deliberations in the past will be manifest at this convention.

## CLOSING REMARKS.

The past year has been one of great anxiety and much labor to the members of your Grand Board. It was necessary that the greatest care and wisdom should be exercised in the management of the first appeal to the electorate of Ontario, to forget their partizanship and unite in the interest of the masses. The result I have already alluded to as indicated by the presence of our representatives in the Legislature. By nearly 100,000 votes the electors of Ontario have proclaimed that existing partizanship is not



to their liking. To-day Patronism is respected even by those whose interests lead them to oppose our views.

A greater effort is now upon us. The electors of the Dominion are now calling upon us to redeem our pledges. With candidates from the Rocky Mountains to the city of Montreal, we are expected to strike a death blow to iniquitous class legislation, and to force upon the attention of our rulers that which is acknowledged to be the highest aim of honest legislation, "the greatest good to the greatest number." With this view, is it too much to ask that all things be made subservient to the one great object—that of placing a sufficient number of representatives at Ottawa under the the Patron platform to compel our legislators to acknowledge the supremacy of the people.

I cannot close without making reference to the excellent work done through the agency of our official organ, The Canada Farmer's Sun. Perhaps no factor has contributed in a larger degree to the spread of Patron principles. Wherever the Sun is taken and read our principles are understood and appreciated. Patron speakers can reach comparatively few, our organ should be in the hands of all; and a special effort should be made by all our people to encourage the development of independent thought by extending its circulation to the greatest possible extent.

In conclusion, allow me to thank you for myself and on behalf of my colleagues for the continued confidence you have reposed in us, and to express the hope that the unity of sentiment which has borne such fruit in the past may continue to grow until corruption and extravagance, with their necessary results, misery and want, shall be unknown in our land, and in their place shall have developed an era of honesty and economy, with a promise of a happy home and well-guarded rights to all who may seek our shores.

The Grand President's address was received with applause, and on motion of Bros. Gifford and Currie, was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The President named the following Brethren as a Committee on Credentials: Bros. R. Jamison, G. S. McDonald, Jas. Moodie, S. Clapp and E. J. Pearson.

Bro. G. S. McDonald presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was received as follows:—

Grand President—C. A. Mallory.  
 Grand Vice-President—T. O. Currie.  
 Grand Secretary-Treasurer—L. A. Welch.  
 Grand Trustees—A. Gifford, F. Kennedy, J. L. Wilson.  
 Grand Auditors—Wm. Valens, Jas. Moodie.  
 Grand Sentinel—D. Dwyer.  
 Essex—S. Clapp.  
 Renfrew—Thos. McKibbin.  
 East Elgin—Wilson McCreadie.  
 Norfolk—A. N. VanLoon.  
 Grey—R. Jamieson, J. M. Davis.  
 North Lanark—John Stewart.  
 Leeds—Herbert Horton.  
 Kent—Wm. Simpson.  
 West Elgin—Leonard Else.  
 Bruce—George Leeds, W. Quirk.  
 Stormont—James Pollock.  
 Prescott—J. J. McCuaig.  
 North Perth—A. Cruden.  
 Huron—R. Common.  
 South Ontario—W. Davis.  
 South Lanark—J. T. McNeely.  
 Lambton—J. Munro.  
 Grenville—J. Pelite.  
 Peel—B. Lighthouse.  
 Muskoka—D. Hamilton.  
 Glengarry—G. S. Macdonald.

Brant—T. A. Good.  
 Peterborough—D. Kennedy.  
 Dufferin—John Johnston.  
 Victoria—W. Manning.  
 Oxford—E. J. Pearson.  
 Lennox and Addington—R. M. Briscoe.  
 Hastings North—A. W. Hawkins.  
 Russell—J. Cherry.  
 Lincoln—R. Thompson.  
 Wellington—Jas. Park.  
 Nipissing District—Thos. A. Greensell.  
 Parry Sound—Hugh Hunter.  
 Northumberland—T. H. Lazier.  
 Prince Edward—A. S. Carson.  
 Welland—S. W. Hill.  
 Haldimand—S. A. Beck.  
 Wentworth—James Stewart.  
 Durham East—T. A. Kelly.  
 Dundas—J. P. Fox.  
 Ontario North—W. Shier.  
 York—G. H. Sisley.  
 Frontenac—S. Ritchie.  
 Carlton—Jas. Miller.  
 Dufferin—J. Johnston, Jas. McCue.  
 Middlesex—J. H. Alexander.

With delegates from Grey and one from Bruce and Dufferin in question.

The report was referred back for further report next morning.

On motion of Bros. Gifford and Currie the following brethren were appointed a Committee to Strike the Standing Committees:—Bros. G. S. Macdonald, Jas. Moodie, E. J. Pearson, W. Valens and J. Johnston.

Bro. W. Valens was appointed Assistant Secretary during the sessions of the meeting, on motion of Bros. Johnson and McKibbin.

Moved by Bro. Carson, seconded by Bro. Ritchie, that all rules of order be suspended, and Bro. McNeely be heard.

Bro. McNeely then briefly addressed the association re the matter of adjournment of Grand Association meeting from February 26th to March 11th.

After the addresses on the matter by Grand Vice-President Currie and Grand President Mallory, it was moved by James Pollock, and seconded by Robt. Thompson, that this Grand Association endorse the action of the Grand President in adjourning the annual meeting until March 11th.

Bro. Haycock, the Patron leader, then addressed the Association on the work done in the Legislature, and the work outlined for the future. He was followed by Bro. Caven, Patron member for Prince Edward Co., and it was moved by Bro. Wilson, and seconded by Bro. Johnston, that this Grand Association, in convention assembled, hereby endorse the action of our Patron members in the Legislature. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12.30 a. m. to meet at 9 a. m.

TUESDAY, March 12th.

SECOND SESSION.

The Grand Association resumed business in due form at 9.30 a. m., the Grand President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Moved by Bros. Moodie and Jamieson, that we now take up order of business No. 6. Bro. Jas. Moodie presented the report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees as follows:—

**Finance.**—A. S. Carson, Leonard Else, T. A. Good, Wm Simpson, Jas. Park, Wm. Sills, R. M. Briscoe.

**Special Committee re Certain Statements in Press.**—G. S. McDonald, W. Valens, J. P. Fox, James Moodie, E. J. Pearson, J. G. Adams.

**Good of Order.**—John Millar, Thomas McKibbin, Wm. Quirk, R. Jamieson, H. Horton, J. Stewart, S. Clapp, J. Manning, A. Gifford.

**Officers' Reports.**—D. Hamilton, J. Polite, F. H. Lazier, R. Thompson, J. Cherry, E. H. Hawkins, Wm. Manning.

**Legislation and Platform.**—J. S. McNeely, J. G. Adams, W. McCreadie, R. Jamieson, R. Lighthouse, A. Gifford, R. Common, A. Ritchie, F. Kennedy.

**Press.**—D. Kennedy, A. S. Carson, G. S. McDonald.

**Mileage and Compensation.**—J. Johnston, J. Pollock, E. J. Pearson, T. A. Greensells, Jas. Stewart, T. A. Kelly, J. P. Fox, J. S. Wilson.

**Constitution and By-Laws.**—E. J. Pearson, G. Leeds, S. W. Hill, S. A. Beck, J. H. Alexander, J. J. McCuaig, A. Cruden.

We recommend also that all motions brought forward be on motion in convention referred to its proper committee without discussion, also that all committees report on all resolutions submitted to them.

G. S. McDONALD, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The following communications were received and referred to their various committees:—

From Malcolm Associations, re hauling of farm products and securing more detailed market reports in official organ. Referred to Committee Good of Order.

From Glengarry Co. Association, re co-operation stores. Referred to Committee Good of Order.

From Storvont Co. Association, re grant of valuable public property to Hotel Co. in Toronto. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

From Glengarry Co. Association, re prosecution of one combine under Sec. 520 of Criminal Code. Referred to Committee on Good of Order.

From Stormont Co. Association, re life assurance. Referred to Committee on Good of Order.

From Wm. Anderson, Prince Edward Co. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Petition of E. Mark, re railway fences. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

From Kent Co. Association, re fires caused by railway locomotives. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Motion of Bros. Grant and Howard, re extension of Franchise to Women. Referred to Committee on Platform and Legislation.

From Bro. Else, of Elgin Co., re Prohibition as a plank in the Patron platform. Referred to Committee on Legislation and Platform.

Communication from Welland Co. Association, re assisted emigration, certain regulations to improve facilities for shipping fruit to destination in first-class condition, Market fees, &c. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

From same, re Electoral Districts and certain changes in Welland and Monk. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

From Glengarry Co. Association, re fees of female members. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

From Euphrasia Township Association, re good roads Association grant. Referred to Committee on Legislature.

From Huron County Association, re changes in clause 5, article 4, in Constitution, and also section 5, article 3. Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From same, re section 4, article 3, also date of County Association meetings, also section 2, article 2, and date of annual meeting of Grand Association. Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

From same, re County Presidents acting as organizers. Referred to Committee on Good of Order.

From Glengarry Association, re repeal of Lien Note Act. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

From Bro. G. S. McDonald, re amendment to Watercourses Act. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

From Russell County, re change in qualification of membership. Referred to Committee on Good of Order.

The report of the Grand Board, re Insurance, as per instructions of last Grand Association, was read by Bro. Gifford, as follows, being his report to the Board re the same.

*To the Grand Board of P. of I. :-*

Respecting the matter of a Mutual Benefit Association or plan of mutual life insurance for the members of our Society, I beg to report as follows :

Since my appointment as a committee to inquire into the matter I have given it a good deal of attention, examining the plans of a number of Mutual Benefit Societies, particularly those of the Foresters and Workmen, to the latter of which I belong. These societies have done and are still doing a successful business, and are evidently conducted with a view of giving the largest possible benefits to their members generally. I have also examined the plans of some of those societies which after a short and varied career have passed out of existence, noting particularly that in those latter very much more was promised than it was possible to fulfil except in so far as the promoters and earlier members were concerned. In fact they were simply speculative ventures of the most transparent character, and the wonder is that so many could be induced to take chances with them.

The conclusions I draw from observing the results in those institutions coming under my notice, is that to be permanent any venture we may make must not only be cheap in the matter of management but must possess elements guaranteeing its stability.

These features I think may be secured by the adoption of the following principles as a basis :-

1. It should be organized on the assessment plan of making a call at each death ; such call should not in my estimation in any case exceed \$1.
2. The call card would state upon its face how the money asked for was to be applied. The proportions I would suggest would be to apply on claim 75 per cent, on working expenses 10 per cent, or less if found practicable, and 15 per cent to be carried to reserve, constituting a fund to be drawn upon when the death rate exceeded the normal of say 10 to the 1000, or when such fund passed a certain limit of say \$50,000.
3. If disability claims are made a feature—a course I would not recommend, unless a special fund be provided to meet them—it should be definitely stated what constituted disability and what should be paid as compensation in each case, *i. e.*, so much for the loss of each particular member of the body or of the faculties or senses. The term, "so much for permanent disability," has proved most unsatisfactory to every society that has adopted it.
4. I would recommend that no certificate be issued for a greater sum than \$1000.
5. That no applicant should be admitted whose age was over 45 years.
6. That after a member has been in ten years he shall be entitled to the interest accruing from the reserve accumulated from the payments made by him.
7. Male and female applicants should be eligible to membership on equal terms.
8. None but Patrons who are in good standing should be admitted to or retained in membership. Failure to pay lodge dues should void all claims.



9. No person should be admitted to membership except upon a health certificate based upon a thorough examination by some qualified practising physician.

There would in working out such a system of insurance undoubtedly many details arise that would have to be provided for as they presented themselves, but I think the foregoing provisions would serve as a basis for a successful business.

I have had an interview with J. H. Hunter, the Inspector of Insurance for Ontario, who is very much opposed to the mutual systems of both fire and life insurance, and who will, I am convinced, give any scheme we may propose, as under the present law opposition. This is unfortunate for us, if we decide to go on, as under the present law we will require special legislation to secure a charter from either the Ontario or Dominion Governments, and as Mr. Hunter has great influence with the Ontario Government in all matters relating to insurance we would probably find it difficult with him against us to obtain such legislation here; but with the Dominion House I think there would be little difficulty, as Mr. Fitzgerald, the Dominion Inspector, has always shown a disposition so far as I know to treat all insurance schemes on their merits.

I have endeavored to obtain particulars of the system of Governmental insurance in vogue in Germany, which I am advised has proved eminently successful there, but so far have been unable to obtain them. My own idea is that a system of Government insurance might be established that would be highly advantageous to the people at large, and save to them very much the larger part of the enormous sums that are now expended in officials' salaries, magnificent buildings, big dividends to capitalists, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. GIFFORD.

The report was referred to Special Committee to consider the same on motion of Bros. Common and Fox.

L. A. Welch submitted the Secretary-Treasurer's annual report, which was received and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports, as follows:

#### GRAND SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The Officers and Members of the Grand Association:—*

BRETHREN,—I beg to submit the fourth annual report of the Grand Sec'y-Treasurer. To hasten the work of the Association a summary is given.

It is now about five years since the first subordinate association was organized in this province. The year following its inception a Grand Association was instituted by delegates from about ten counties, who met at the town of Sarnia. Barring a special meeting at London in September of that same year, the next meeting was held in the city of Toronto, which place has remained the chief business seat of the order since, being so directed by the articles of incorporation.

A prominent characteristic of the Canadian people is love of progress, and thinking they could see an opportunity for advancement by the uniting of the individually struggling masses of working people of this country to express their views in one voice through an organization whose "highest aim was to obtain through the legislators such enactments as are in the interests of farmers and laborers," the spirit of organization spread with indomitable enthusiasm, so that at the first annual meeting in 1892 we were able to report the organization of 1,400 associations; 2,000 in 1893 and 2,300 in 1894, which has been augmented by about 300 associations during the past year and representing an average paying membership for the four years of about 30,000 members, though the nominal membership is estimated at several times this number.

But while the glowing aspirations of enthusiasm have been widening the circle of organization without, and extending to the isolated toilers the commendable privilege of meeting in association to consider their social, moral and financial welfare, an infective hand has been meddlesome with delusive touch upon many a vital cord of its organism within to hypnotize its energy and detract its usefulness—a matter doubtless demanding the keen and indubitable scrutiny of this great reserve of power and ability that lies centered in this parliament of farmers assembled here to-day.

It would seem that something more practical and productive of observant benefits

is essential to preserve the vitality of an institution of this kind than ever penitent political preaching, with a protracted expectation of combatting a struggle every four or five years.

There is, perhaps, no reason why the farmers of this country should not take advantage of such an organization as this to systematize the commercial department of their business. I do not here refer to the purchasing of groceries and such supplies which are now dispensed by many anxiously waiting hands throughout our towns and villages (though perhaps there is no valid reason why they should not participate in any legitimate business), but the disposal of their productions with profit to themselves, and advantage to the purchaser. Also in their financial perplexities it is altogether probable that would they formulate their wishes upon some plain operative plan as they should be able to do through an organization like this and make them known to the Government, very beneficial and advantageous assistance might be obtained,—the desire, no doubt, of a large portion of the people, as much correspondence would indicate. For it is quite possible that many of our unsatisfactory conditions as regards legislation are through want of knowledge of them on the part of the Government, Provincial or Dominion, or, of the certainty that they are the true wishes of the people.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that this organization may soon cast at least a glance at these more specific requirements of the people, and where necessary urge them before the Governments and thus make this a most useful institution,—the people working out their requirements through their organization and the Governments giving effect to them through their enactments of law as may be anticipated as it becomes established and known as the true representative organization of the farmers of this country,—an organization extending, as it now does by affiliation or sister associations throughout the length and breadth of this land from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west.

In the matter of the treasury the auditors report I presume will be submitted in detail. A summary here may suffice.

In 1894 when the association began its operations as an institution independent of the United States organization, its fraternal parent, there were no funds in the treasury. At the close of that fiscal year (1892) after paying all expenses of setting the association in operation including those of two sessions of the grand association, there was a cash balance of over \$2,300; in 1893, \$5,300; 1894, \$6,500, and in the year just closed nearly \$2,500, with the extra expenses of a Provincial general election amounting to upwards of \$2,000.

The receipts for the four years were:—

Sale of supplies, etc.,	1892	.....	\$5,835 79	
do	1893	.....	4,217 86	
do	1894	.....	3,061 05	
do	1895	.....	4,933 23	—\$18,047 93
County dues, etc.,	1892	.....	\$4,829 19	
do	1893	.....	5,708 30	
do	1894	.....	3,583 73	
do	1895	.....	3,637 45	—\$22,758 67
Total for supplies, dues, etc.		.....		\$40,806 60

The disbursements during the same time were:—

Supplies, printing,	1892	.....	\$4,481 63	
Official organ, etc.	1893	.....	4,300 78	
and lecturers other	1894	.....	6,108 25	
than grand offices	1895	.....	3,113 77	—\$22,999 42
Grand officers (in-	1892	.....	\$3,881 28	
cluding railway ex-	1893	.....	2,623 69	
penses, board, etc.,	1894	.....	4,317 35	
etc., etc	1895	.....	4,569 42	—\$15,390 74
Total expenditure		.....		\$38,390 16

It will be observed there appears to be a very general relaxation in the remittance of dues during the past year from nearly all countries. There are a number of influences tending to produce this, noticeable among which, apart from party diversions, may be mentioned the change produced by the increased circulation of the official organ. In the earlier days of the order the members met in association to discuss and hear discussed the aims and objects of the institution and their various modes of accomplishment, suggested by themselves or through circulars to their secretaries. But now they can each sit at their own fire side or beneath some balmy tree and pay their tribute to hear some facetious exponent at a central office propound with electric fire beneath the fauted rays of a blazing Sun some fretted theory to a score of thousands of eager listening ears. Also the mutual separation of the Province of Quebec from the bonds of affiliation with this province bears with it their contribution of dues, though partially relieved by the introduction of the order into the adjacent provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and may I say the far-off Province of British Columbia.

As the association thus starts out upon perhaps a very important period in the history of her career, with no extravagant accumulations, she will no doubt find ample grounds as heretofore for a very practical illustration of the fourth plank of her platform: "Rigid economy in every department," and as a leading step at this juncture, in that direction, and as the work of the grand office has become somewhat circumscribed by developed systems, I would very respectfully suggest that there might now be some reduction made in the salary of the officer of that department in accordance with the avowed principles of Patonism.

Then, in conclusion, brethren, seeing that we have an association fraught with such grave responsibilities as it may be the wielding of the destiny of a very essential and, shall I say, most potent class of our country it will ever be important to cast about her the keenest preception and strongest arm to guard and direct her principles of honor and integrity in the sphere of usefulness to command the enduring respect and confidence of a grateful and appreciative people whose hearts ever beat with rapture at the prospect of peace and prosperity within our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WELCH.

A motion by Bros. Pearson and G. S. McDonald, re change of section 3, article 11, was referred to Committee on Constitution.

Moved by Bro. Good, seconded by Bro. R. S. Lighthouse, that no delegate be allowed to speak on any motion more than once, and not longer than five minutes without permission from this Association. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Clapp and G. S. McDonald, that this Association proceed with the election of officers as the first order of business to-morrow morning. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Common and Hill, that Bros. Gifford, McCreadie, Hartley, Common and Fergus Kennedy be a Special Committee re Assurance. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Simpson and McCreadie, that the managers of our Official Organ take such steps as are necessary to place said organ in the hands of news dealers and news boys in all towns and cities of this province. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

A motion by Bros. Jamieson and Johnston, re resident candidates for Parliament and deposit required. Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Grand Association adjourned to meet at 4 p. m.

Meeting resumed business at 4 p.m., the Grand President in the chair.

The Grand auditors presented their report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finances.

## GRAND AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Executive Board of the Patrons of Industry,

BRETHREN,—We, the auditors elected at the annual meeting of the Grand Association, held at Richmond Hall on February 27th, 1894, have completed the audit of the accounts in the Grand Office in Strathroy for the period between the 21st day of February, 1894, and the 16th day of February, 1895, inclusive. We have also taken stock and examined all vouchers. In September last, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, we prepared and submitted to you a semi-annual statement of the receipts and disbursements of the order from February 21st, 1894, to August 31st, 1894, inclusive.

We herewith submit to you a statement of our annual audit, and wish to express our satisfaction with the careful and competent manner in which the business of the office has been conducted, and with the ready aid given by the Grand Secretary-Treasurer and his assistant in the carrying out of our work.

We hereby certify that the following is a correct statement, which we respectfully submit.

WM. VALENS,  
JAMES MOODIE, } Grand Auditors.

### Inventory of Supplies on hand February 16th, 1895.

#### SALEABLE.

936 Ode Cards,.....	per 1000	\$4 00	\$ 3 74
750 Applications for Membership,.....	" 100	65	49
355 Roll Books.....	" 100	6 50	23 07
1000 Charters.....	" 1000	24 00	24 00
7933 English Rituals.....	" 1000	4 70	37 28
959 German Rituals.....	" 1000	12 50	11 99
171 French Rituals.....	" 100	2 50	4 27
1590 English Constitutions.....	" 1000	6 35	10 10
1791 German Constitutions.....	" 1000	10 00	17 91
2017 French Constitutions.....	" 1000	7 70	15 53
46 Cash Books, each.....		17	7 82
79 Co. Treas. Order Books, each.....		9½	7 50
75 Co. Treas. Receipt Books, each.....		9½	7 13
16 Co. Sec. Receipt Books, each.....		9½	1 36
964 Pass Books, each.....		1	9 64
8 Account Books, each.....		12½	1 00
400 Withdrawal Cards.....	" 1000	65	26
2275 Delegates Certificates.....	" 1000	65	1 47
4 Organizers' Report Books, each.....		9½	38
6125 Certificates of Membership.....	" 1000	65	3 98
69 Badges, Silver Pin and Fringe, each.....		11	7 59
140 " Gold Pin and Fringe, each.....		18	25 20
7 " " ".....		20	1 40
66 " plain, each.....		3½	2 31
6 " " ".....		6	36
11 Pads Letter Heads, each.....		10	1 10
27 Co. Sec. Roll Books, each.....		50	13 50— \$ 240 36



FREE SUPPLIES.

20000	Keys to Passwords.....	per	1000	\$	65
925	Envelopes, No. 7.....	"	1000		2 00
359	" 9.....	"	1000		1 75
700	" Cabinet.....	"	1000		3 00
13	" Official.....	"	100		50
30	" ".....	"	100		25
1600	" Parcel.....	"	100		45
500	" ".....	"	100		35
73	Co. Sec. Quarterly Reports Blanks.....	"	100		80
2100	Sub. " " , old style.....	"	100		14
200	" " " , new style.....	"	100		40
250	Blank Sub-Sec. Org. Reports to G'd Sec. ".....	"	100		40
250	" " Co. " ".....	"	100		20
75000	English Platforms.....	"	1000		1 40
6000	French Platforms.....	"	1000		1 50
40	Co. Sec. Rep. of Officers.....	"	100		1 00
2000	Order Sheets.....	"	1000		1 40
50	Letter Heads.....	"	100		36
3	Gross Paper Fasteners.....	"	100		20
400	Articles Agreement.....	"	100		25
3	Gross Pens.....	"	100		75
125	Mailing Tubes.....	"	100		85
600	Co. Delegates Certificates.....	"	1000		65
3	dozen Lead Pencils.....	"			25
5	Rubber Printing Stamps.....	"			17
1	Ream Wrapping Paper.....	"			2 25
3000	Co-Operative Pamphlets.....	"	1000		5 37
400	Contract Circulars.....	"	1000		2 25
900	Organizers' Reports.....	"	1000		1 50
400	Blank Rules and Regulations.....	"	1000		7 00

SUPPLIES SOLD.

4624	Ode Cards.....	\$	57	75
77325	Certificates of Membership.....		154	65
6782	Applications for Membership.....		20	25
16062	Delegates Certificates.....		64	20
18062	Delegates Certificates.....		12	20
4957	Withdrawal Cards.....		260	00
260	Seals.....		351	75
1407	Badges.....		60	00
400	Badges.....		834	00
278	Charters.....		265	80
8860	Constitutions.....		121	89
4063	Rituals.....		59	70
597	Sub-Sec. Roll Book.....		5	25
15	Cash Books.....		1	20
8	Order Books.....		2	55
17	Receipt Books.....		4	00
16	Organizers' Report Books.....		1	20
8	County Secretary's Receipt Books.....		1	60
8	Pada Note Heads.....		4	50
9	Co. Sec. Roll Books.....		70	81
	Less saleable goods ent free.....		9	05
	" depreciation and waste.....			
	Total supplies sold.....	\$	2282	10
			79	86
		\$	2202	33

## STATEMENT OF DUES RECEIVED.

York County.....	\$ 44 65
Haldimand.....	153 45
Wellington.....	107 40
Durham East.....	39 95
Dufferin East.....	292 15
Brant.....	33 00
Halton.....	13 90
Lincoln.....	66 90
Perth South.....	84 00
Kent.....	103 10
Peterborough.....	49 55
Norfolk.....	129 50
Ontario.....	49 15
Northumberland.....	61 20
Peel.....	22 20
Chateaugay.....	19 76
Lambton.....	65 35
Stormont.....	178 20
Welland.....	72 90
Victoria.....	43 30
Grenville.....	52 50
Waterloo.....	95 90
Bruce.....	179 50
Wentworth.....	29 95
Prince Edward.....	76 60
Hastings.....	82 35
Dundas.....	78 50
Grey.....	50 00
Middlesex.....	29 35
Oxford.....	96 42
Lennox and Addington.....	55 04
Leeds.....	90 70
Carleton.....	82 50
Huron.....	75 80
Glengarry.....	232 35
Essex.....	56 20
Prescott.....	51 31
Russell.....	52 25
Lanark.....	67 65
Durham West.....	33 35
Frontenac.....	46 10
Argenteuil.....	32 65
Pontiac.....	32 55
Algonia.....	22 00
Elgin West.....	54 80
Elgin East.....	45 80
Muskoka.....	7 05
Renfrew.....	41 60
Richmond (Quebec).....	69 00
Parry Sound.....	31 45
Perth North.....	18 25
Nippissing.....	14 35
Ontario North.....	24 02— \$ 3637 45

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE**

From February 21st, 1894, to February 16th, 1895.

<b>C. A. Mallory, Grand President:</b>			
Travelling Expenses .....	\$332	65	
Hotel .....	191		
Time .....	420	50	
Sundries .....	32	38	\$ 977 28
<b>T. O. Currie, Grand Vice-President:</b>			
Travelling Expenses .....	314	19	
Hotel .....	174	75	
Time .....	276	00	
Sundries .....	11	05	775 99
<b>L. A. Welch, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, and Assistant:</b>			
Travelling .....	53	35	
Hotel .....	34	25	
Salary (secretary and assistant) .....	1000	00	
Sundries .....	25		1087 85
<b>Fergus Kennedy, Grand Trustee:</b>			
Travelling expenses .....	132	85	
Hotel .....	61	95	
Time .....	116	00	
Sundries .....	2	95	313 75
<b>A. Gifford, Grand Trustee:</b>			
Travelling expenses .....	198	50	
Hotel .....	103	00	
Time .....	206	75	
Sundries .....	11	19	519 44
<b>J. Lockie Wilson, Grand Trustee:</b>			
Travelling expenses .....	379	60	
Hotel .....	181	75	
Time .....	309	00	
Sundries .....	24	76	895 11
<b>Wm. Valens, Grand Auditor:</b>			
Travelling .....	7	90	
Hotel .....	9	00	
Time .....	18	00	34 <sup>90</sup>
<b>J. G. Adams, Grand Auditor, 1893-4:</b>			
Travelling .....	7	00	
Hotel .....	6	00	
Time .....	12	00	25 00
<b>James Moodie, Grand Auditor, 1894:</b>			
Travelling .....	20	00	
Hotel .....	4	00	
Time .....	8	00	32 00
<b>John Miller, Grand Lecturer:</b>			
Travelling .....	36	35	
Hotel .....	17	80	
Time .....	60	00	
Sundries .....	3	25	117 40
<b>A. F. Jury, campaigning:</b>			
Travelling .....	5	55	
Hotel .....	9	00	
Time .....	3	00	17 55
<b>Walter Burnell, campaigning:</b>			
Travelling expenses .....	1	50	
Hotel .....	2	00	
Time .....	75		4 25

Phillips Thompson, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	4 05	
Hotel .....	3 00	
Time .....	18 00—	25 05
William Anderson, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	11 00	
Hotel .....	3 15	
Time .....	32 00—	46 15
Robert Jamieson, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	6 00	
Hotel .....	19 00	
Time .....	32 00	
Sundries .....	2 00—	59 00
J. D. McGregor, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	7 00	
Hotel .....	2 25	
Time .....	10 00—	19 25
G. S. Macdonald, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	7 70	
Hotel .....	3 00	
Time .....	4 00—	14 70
G. A. Aylesworth, campaigning :		
Travelling expenses .....		
Hotel .....	51 40	
Time .....	22 60	
Sundries .....	60 00	
Time .....	1 75—	135 75
D. Marshall, campaigning :		
Travelling .....	5 10	
Hotel .....	2 50	
Time .....	20 00	
Sundries .....	3 00—	30 60
Jos. T. Marks .....		
		5 00
Duncan Anderson :		
Travelling expenses .....	2 50	
Time .....	12 00—	14 50
Duncan Anderson :		
Travelling expenses .....	2 55	
Time .....	6 00—	8 55
A. Hogarth :		
Travelling expenses .....	1 00	
Time .....	14 00—	15 00
Paid delegates to convention .....		
		5174 07
Official organ .....		1853 00
Printing, liability last audit .....		1438 47
Printing, 1894 .....	266 33	
Printing, 1894 .....	982 51—	1248 84
Rents, office .....		
Richmond Hall .....	50 00	
P. O. Drawer .....	33 25	
Patrons M. P. P. convention .....	2 00	
Legal advice .....	4 00—	89 25
Newspapers .....		3 50
Furniture .....		16 70
Petty expenses .....		3 20
Postage .....		38 57
Bills Payable .....		157 07
Balance .....		2660 52
		2416 44
		<u>\$15099 63</u>



## RECAPITULATION.

### Receipts.

To Cash on hand.....	\$6528 95	
" from dues.....	3637 45	
" supplies sold.....	2202 33	
" Bills Receivable.....	2660 52	
" interest.....	70 38	15099 63

### Disbursements.

By Cash to delegates.....	1853 00	
Grand Officers' time.....	2328 25	
" travelling, hotel, etc.....	2241 17	
Lecturers.....	512 75	
Auditors, 1893-4.....	91 90	
Official organ.....	1438 47	
Printing, liabilities at last audit.....	266 33	
" 1894.....	982 51	
Rents, office, etc.....	59 25	
Legal advice.....	3 50	
Newspapers.....	16 70	
Furniture.....	3 20	
Petty expenses.....	38 57	
Postage.....	157 07	
Bills Payable.....	2660 52	
Balance on hand.....	2416 44	15099 63

### Assets.

To Cash on hand.....	2416 44	
Supplies on hand.....	240 38	
Bills Receivable.....	1000 00	
Furniture.....	95 00	
Postage stamps on hand.....	22 31	\$3774 13

### Liabilities.

By G. M. Haldane.....	50 30	
Advertiser Printing Co.....	1000 00	
Balance.....	2723 83	\$3774 13

The report of Committee on Good of the Order was submitted by Bro. Quirk, and was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on Good of the Order beg to report as follows :—

1st.—Re communication from Russell Co., ask that sec. 5, art. 4, of constitution remain as it is.

2nd.—With regard to motion of McDonald and Quirk, asking Grand Board to take some steps to establish co-operative stores for the benefit of Patrons, would recommend that all subordinate associations avail themselves of the pamphlet already prepared by the Grand Officers and would heartily commend the system to be adopted as far as possible, and all those intending to take hold of this matter should endeavor for their guidance to take the Co-operative News, published by the Co-operative Printing Co., Ballou St., Manchester, Eng.

4th.—A communication from Huron Co., requesting a change in rules of appointing organizers, recommend that no change be made.

JOHN MILLER, Chairman.

The Committee on Officers' Reports submitted report No. 1, and reported progress until further reports were placed in their hands.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS NO. 1.

Your Committee on officers' reports beg to report as follows :

That the Grand President's address that has been submitted to your Committee has been carefully gone over, and it was deemed expedient by your committee to call the attention of the Grand President to the omission of any reference to the valuable service rendered the Order by their official organ, The Canada Farmer's Sun, and your committee requested the Grand President to insert a clause in his address bearing upon this subject, which we respectfully submit to the Grand Association for its approval, and now recommend the adoption of the address as amended.

In regard to the Grand Secretary's report we can only report progress until we have received the report of the Grand Auditors.

D. HAMILTON, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Mileage and Compensation was submitted, and on motion was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, COMPENSATION AND SALARIES.

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

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

1st.—That economy being the watchword of the Patrons of Industry, the following reductions be made :

The compensation to Grand Officers and delegates to this Association be one dollar per day while attending the session, together with one dollar per day for board, and actual railway and stage fare.

2nd.—We would further recommend that the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer be fixed at seven hundred dollars per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN JOHNSTON.

The report of the Press Committee was submitted, and on motion was received and adopted.

## PRESS COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report that having considered the friendly and hospitable way in which the Toronto World and other city newspapers have alluded to the Patrons of Industry, it recommends that a brief summary of our proceedings be handed in for publication to those papers and that a full account of this meeting be prepared and published in the Canada Farmers' Sun only.

DAWSON KENNEDY,  
G. S. MACDONALD,  
A. S. CARSON.

Moved by Bros. Quirk and McGibbon that Geo. Wrigley, Editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun, be admitted as a member of this Grand Association without vote or remuneration. Carried.

Moved by James Pollock, seconded by John Munro, that John Millar be received as a member of this Association. Carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted, and on motion of Bros. Alexander and Wilson the Association went into Committee of the Whole to consider the report clause by clause, Bro. R. Jamieson in the chair.

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

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following report :

We have examined the statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the year dating from February 21, 1894, to February 16, 1895, and find a balance in the Grand Treasury of \$2416.44. We note the fact that at last audit there was a balance on hand which, compared with the balance as shown by the present audit, would indicate that the subordinate lodges have not, as the report convincingly shows, kept up to the amounts forwarded to the Grand Secretary during the year 1894.

We deem it necessary to the future financial success of the Order, and the Grand Lodge in particular, that some method be devised whereby dormant lodges be revived, defunct lodges resuscitated, and new lodges organized, as speedily as possible.

We congratulate the Auditors upon their explicit and concise report and full detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year. Also the Grand Association upon the wise and prudent administration of the financial and political affairs during the year just closed, and would earnestly urge all the brethren of our Order in Canada to continue the reposal of their confidence in the Grand Officers and Board.

We also recommend that the communication from Lambton Association, relating to dormant lodges, be complied with, provided the County Associations pay the expenses, and that the Executive Committee take the necessary steps to carry out this recommendation.

Re the communication of Bros. Sinclair, Grant, Slatcher and Wellington, we recommend that it be not entertained.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. CARSON, Chairman of Committee.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

Business resumed as per adjournment at 8 p. m.

Moved by Bro. F. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. Carson, that the delegates from Grey, Bruce and Dufferin be admitted to this Grand Association with full privileges. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Else, seconded by Wm. Quirk, that the report of the Credential Committee be amended in accordance with the resolution of Bros. Kennedy and Carson. Carried.

The Special Committee on Finance presented their report, which was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE FINANCES.

*To the Grand President and Members of the Grand Association of Ontario, in convention assembled :*

**GENTLEMEN,**—Your committee appointed to examine and report on the condition of the finances of the Grand Association in relation to the statements appearing in the Cornwall Standard of January 23rd, 1895, accusing the Grand Officers and Members of the Order of corrupt practices and of misappropriating the funds of the order.

Present—George S. McDonald, Wm. Valens, Jas. P. Fox, Jas. Moodie, E. J. Pier-son, and J. G. Adams, chairman.

After carefully reading the article in question, and fully considering the statements of the Auditors which from time to time have been published in our official organ, as well as being embodied in our report, which have been fully distributed throughout the various Counties where our Order exists, we repudiate the slanderous article which emanated from the columns of the Cornwall Standard, and deem it to be false and libellous.

We would recommend that the Grand Association take immediate steps to ascertain from the best legal authority if this organization has sufficient cause for action against the proprietor of the Cornwall Standard.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Committee room, Toronto, March 12, 1895

J. G. ADAMS, Chairman.

Moved by J. G. Adams, seconded by R. Jamieson, that we, the Patrons of Industry in convention assembled, repudiate the action of the Dominion Government in contracting to pay to the farmers 20c per lb. for butter delivered to them, inasmuch as we are opposed to special class legislation, and are willing to submit to the law of supply and demand and enter as competitors in the markets of the world.

Mr. Bryntnull was present and addressed the meeting on the matter of Local Option in taxation. The matter was referred to the Committee on Legislation to report.

On motion of Bros. Johnston and Fox, it was resolved that hereafter no person outside the order shall be heard at greater length than fifteen minutes, Bro. Hillborn excepted.

Moved by Bro. McCreddie, seconded by Bro. Pollock, that Bros. Moodie, Adams and Jamieson be a committee to secure out of the Grand Association representatives and from any other source a sufficient deputation to go to Haldimand to fill the appointments made by Bro. Senn on Friday evening next. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. next day.

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1895.

Meeting opened in due form at 9.20, the President in the chair.

Minutes of the previous were read and adopted.

The election of officers was proceeded with.

On motion of Bros. Alexander and Polite, Bros. Wrigley, Brandon and J. P. Martyn were appointed scrutineers.

Moved by Bros. Alexander and G. S. McDona'd that elections and nominations be by ballot.

The elections resulted as follows :—



Grand President—C. A. Mallory.  
 Grand Vice-President—T. O. Currie.  
 Grand Secretary-Treasurer—L. A. Welch.

Grand Trustees—  
 { J. L. Wilson.  
 { A. Gifford.  
 { F. Kennedy.

Grand Sentinel—D. Dwyer.

Grand Auditors—  
 { Wm. Valens.  
 { Jas. Moodie.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn, President of the People's Salt M'fg Co. addressed the meeting on the relations of the Patrons to the People's Salt M'fg Co.

Moved by Bros. Johnston and McEwen, that after hearing the address of Bro. Hilborn, President of the People's Salt M'fg Co. we, the Patrons of Industry in Grand Association assembled, hereby express our confidence in their dealing with our people.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Grand Association resumed business at 2 p. m., Grand President in the chair.

The Committee on Legislation submitted their report.

On motion of Bros. Carson and Davis the Association went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Legislation, all rules being suspended except as directed by the chair.

After reading the report clause by clause the Committee of the Whole rose and reported the recommendation of the report as amended, which was sustained by the Association.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association :*

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

1st.—From Grey County came a suggestion that no person shall be selected as a candidate in any constituency who resides outside such constituency. Also that the law requiring the deposit of \$200 from each candidate be abrogated. Re this suggestion your committee would recommend the rejection of the first part of this suggestion and the adoption of the latter part.

2nd.—Welland County suggests that the powers possessed by towns and cities to impose market fees upon those who offer produce for sale at any set place within their limits be abolished. Re this suggestion we would recommend that this Association petition the Legislature for the necessary amendments to the Municipal Act so as to carry out this suggestion. Also from Welland that the appointment of a fruit inspector in the city of Toronto or any other central point by the Government would be detrimental to the interests of fruit growers and shippers at outside points. Re this suggestion we would recommend that this Association express their disapproval of such an appointment, but would suggest that every shipper be required to brand his fruit packages and mark upon them the amount of contents therein.

3rd.—A suggestion from West Elgin County, that prohibition be made a plank in our platform. Respecting this suggestion we recommend that it be submitted to the subordinate associations for their vote as to whether prohibition shall be made a plank in the platform or not.

4th.—A suggestion from Haldimand County, that no more grants shall be made by the Government for the purposes of immigration, we recommend that the Grand Board memorialize the Government to this effect.

5th.—Prince Edward County suggests that lawyers be made responsible for damages when they take up bogus cases instituted by irresponsible parties. We recommend that no action be taken in this matter, though we think that in many classes of cases

the plaintiff should be required to deposit a sum sufficient to cover the costs of the action.

6th.—Russell County suggests that women be granted the franchise. In this matter we recommend that all women entitled to vote in municipal elections shall receive the Franchise in Provincial and Dominion elections, and that the subject be submitted to the subordinate associations to vote upon with a view to making it a plank in our platform.

7th.—A suggestion from Euphrasia township (Grey), that the proposition of the Good Roads Association, that the Government legislate to compel municipalities to provide funds to carry out their views regarding this matter, we recommend that the Government be strongly urged to forego any such action.

8th.—Re suggestion from Victoria County, respecting Railway Fences, your committee deem the present law sufficient for all purposes.

9th.—Kent County suggests that the Grand Association petition the Government to make provision which will compel railways to pay for all damages by fires resulting from their trains. We recommend that if, upon inquiry by the Grand Board, it be found that the present regulations are insufficient for this purpose, they be and are hereby instructed to petition the Government to make such changes in the existing regulations as the interests of the public require for their protection. BUEA

10th.—A suggestion from Stormont County, that this Grand Association enter its protest against the granting of public property in the city of Toronto as a site for the erection of an hotel, has the approval of your committee, and we would recommend that this association express its disapproval of such propositions, and the Grand Board be authorized to memorialize the Government against any such grant being made.

11th.—Re suggestion from Glengarry, respecting drains and the limit of responsibility of owners of adjacent lands, we would recommend that no action be taken. Also from same county, re the abolition of Lein Notes, we recommend that the suggestion be accepted, and the Grand Board be authorized to petition the Ontario Legislature to repeal the Lein Note Act.

Regarding the paper read before this Association on the question of Local Option in the matter of taxation, we would recommend that no action be taken.

All of which is respectively submitted,

J. G. ADAMS,  
A. GIFFORD,

— Moved by Bros. Carson and Kennedy, and resolved, that whereas the funds of this Grand Association have not kept up to the standard of the past two years, and whereas the Committee on Finance have recommended certain and immediate action, be it resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to formulate a preamble and plan with a view to meeting the requirements of the case and report forthwith to this Association, and that the following members be appointed as such committee: the mover, and Bros. Wilson, Good, McKibbin and Davis. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Common and Cruden, that this Grand Association now in session would approve of the election of at least one Grand Lecturer. Carried.

After some length of discussion on various political matters the meeting adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

Grand Association resumed business pursuant to adjournment, Grand President in the chair.

The regular order of business was waived, and on motion of Bros. Moodie and Jamieson the Grand Board was instructed to issue a circular to all County Presidents where the organization has or purposes having political candidates in the field, requesting said County Associations to call as soon as possible mass meetings of Patrons in their Ridings, said circulars to suggest plans for the financial support of the candidates, as well as embodying such extracts from the official reports and other matter as would be of service to local campaigners.

Bro. Moodie presented the report of the committee appointed to select a delegation to go to Haldimand re aid of Bro. Senn, which was received and referred back for further completion.

On motion of Bros. Carson and Osborne it was resolved to have the travelling expenses of the deputation to Haldimand paid.

On motion of Bros. Moodie and Alexander, the name of J. M. Davis was placed on the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the names of A. H. VanLoon and J<sup>r</sup> McCue on Committee on Good of the Order.

Moved by Bro. Pollock, seconded by Bro. McDonald, that some steps be taken to place the Canada Farmers' Sun in the hands of as many members as possible, and to hear from the editor about club rates. Carried.

Moved by Bro. McKibbin, seconded by Bro. Manning, that such changes be introduced into the blank forms on which reports are made by Sub. Associations to County Associations as will make it necessary that the correctness of said report be vouched for. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 next morning.

TEMPERANCE HALL, March 14, 1895.

Association opened in due form at 9.30 a. m., the Grand President in the chair.

The chairman of Committee on Officers' Reports submitted No. 2 report of that committee, which was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS NO. 2.

*The Officers and Members of the Grand Association Patrons of Industry:—*

We, your Committee on Officers' Reports, beg to submit the following:

That we have carefully looked over the report of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer and find it a carefully prepared and concise synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Board for the past year, and also for the full time since the Grand Association has been organized. We congratulate this Association on the unprecedented success that attended our Order during the first four years, and very much regret that the Subordinate Associations have not continued to send in their reports as promptly as they have done previously, and also that the dues from these Associations have not been remitted to the Grand Treasurer as they should have been. We have compared the financial statement submitted by the Grand Treasurer, with the report certified to by the Auditors and Finance Committee, and find the same agree in the totals submitted. We feel that we cannot close without congratulating this Association on having a Grand Secretary-Treasurer who has proved himself to be a careful, painstaking Secretary, and a Treasurer above suspicion and above reproach.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

D. HAMILTON, Chairman.

Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Bro. Pearson rose to a question of privilege to hear from the Press Committee re article in the World of the 14th inst. The Committee explained their action and the matter dropped.

Moved by Bros. Quirk and Munro, that the Report No. 2 of Credential Committee be re-considered re admission of certain delegates from the Counties of Grey, Bruce and Dufferin, and other matters. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Gifford and McCue, that Report No. 2 of Committee on Credentials be amended by striking out all words after year referring to the indebtedness of the County of Grey as shown by the reports sent to the Secretary, and the words "do not appear to entitle that county to a second delegate" be inserted. Carried.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 2.

In the matter of the delegates from the Counties of Dufferin and Grey your Committee begs to report that in their judgment the county of Dufferin is not entitled to more than one delegate, and that as regards the county of Grey the remittance of \$50 during the whole year does not appear to entitle that county to a second delegate.

That in the case of the county of Middlesex, it is in our opinion entitled to representation.

The opinion of your committee as to Bro. Leeds of North Bruce is that according to the constitution he is not entitled to be a delegate to this meeting.

On motion the report as amended was adopted.

The report of the Special Committee to devise means to keep up the interest in the work of the Order was submitted, and the Association resolved into Committee of the Whole to consider the report, Bro. G. S. McDonald in the chair.

The committee rose and reported progress.

Moved by Bros. Common and Jamieson, that the report of the Special Committee be referred back to committee to report more fully, and that they have power to add to their number. Carried.

Moved by J. H. Alexander, seconded by Bro Lazier, that all the Patron Members of the Legislature be asked to attend our Association in a body to-morrow morning to discuss the political situation. Carried.

The Grand President was requested to name an hour to discuss the question of how the Canada Farmers' Sun may be made most beneficial to the Order. The Grand President named two o'clock for such discussion, and the meeting adjourned until that hour.

Meeting resumed business at 2.30 o'clock.

Bro. Kennedy moved, seconded by Bro. Cherry, that Bro. Wrigley be heard in the matter of making the Canada Farmers' Sun most beneficial to the Order in the federal elections.

Bro. Wrigley gave a general outline of the situation of the Sun since the action of the Grand Board in the purchase of the Sun prior to the Local election in June last, and suggested a plan of making the paper more useful.

Moved by Bros. Fox and Valens, that this Association recommend every County to take advantage of the liberal offer of the Canada Farmers' Sun, as we believe there is no more effectual way of extending patron principles among the electors of Canada. Carried.

The communication from J. H. Dodds, Recording Secretary of the K. of L., re union labor, was laid on the table.

Report No. 2 Good of the Order was submitted and adopted.

### COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF ORDER—REPORT NO. 2.

*To the Grand Association, P. of I. :*

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows :—

1st.—Re communication from Stormont county, asking the establishing of a life insurance in connection with the Patron Order, would recommend to establish some system of life insurance in connection with the Order.

2nd.—Re communication from Glengarry County Association, to prosecute combines under chap. 520 of Criminal Code, recommend said action be left to the June Board.

3rd.—From Middlesex County, regarding a question of national currency being made a plank of our platform. Recommend that it be left over to next meeting of Grand Association.

4th.—A communication from Middlesex County, asking some action in establishing

Farmers' Boards of Trade, we recommend that this subject be left to subordinate and township associations to Establish Co-operative Unions.

5th.—Would recommend the appointment of one or more lecturers by each County Executive.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. CLAPP, Chairman.

Report of Special Committee on Finance was submitted by Bro. Carsou, and on motion was referred back to the Committee.

Report of Special Committee on Assurance submitted their report, and on motion was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association :*

We, your committee appointed to devise a scheme of insurance adapted to the requirements of our members, beg leave to report as follows :—

We have had under consideration a petition from the county of Stormont regarding this matter, in which it is urged that it is of vital importance to the maintenance of the Patron institution, a conclusion in which your committee fully concur.

We have also gone carefully over the proposition contained in the report of the Grand Board upon this subject. These, we think, are in line with our requirements, and we would recommend that the Grand Board be instructed to continue their efforts to perfect this scheme, availing themselves of all possible information and applying it so as to furnish to our members a comparatively cheap form of life insurance, which shall at the same time possess all the elements necessary to guarantee its safety and permanency.

Our attention has also been called to the matter of fire insurance for our members at cheaper rates than prevail in the stock companies, which now control a large part of the farm business in the eastern part of this province.

For the benefit of members interested in this matter we would recommend that the Grand Board publish, along with the proceedings of this meeting, a statement of the preliminary steps required to be taken to secure incorporation under the Mutual Insurance Company's Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. GIFFORD.

Report of Committee on Constitution was submitted, and the Association resolved into Committee of the Whole to consider the report, Bro Gifford in the chair.

Committee rose and reported, and on motion of Bros. Alexander and Greensell the report was received and adopted as amended, Bro. Moodie dissenting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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

BRETHREN.—We, your committee on Constitution and By laws, beg leave to report as follows on the various resolutions, memoria's, and other matters placed before us :—

1.—From Huron County Association, re changes in constitution, referring to change of date of meetings of County and Grand Associations. We recommend that no change be made in the date of meeting of Grand Association.

2.—That date of County Annual meeting be changed from the second Tuesday in February to the second Tuesday in January. No change.

3.—From Huron Co, that we protest against change in constitution in regard to admission of members of our Order, we recommend that the Constitution remain as it now stands.



4.—Re reduction of fees of Grand Association, we would recommend no action, believing that the fees to Grand Association can not be reduced without loss and injury to our Order.

From Bros. Schooley and Gainer, Welland Co. We recommend no action, as there was no notice given of the proposed change as required by Constitution.

That sec. 9, art. III, of constitution be enlarged so as to read and contain in sub. sec. (c) the following :—The County Executive or County Association shall have power and shall appoint County Lecturers, who may also be organizers, whose duties shall be to visit all associations in good standing at least twice each year and give lectures and inform themselves on the working of the Order in the locality, its exact standing financially and otherwise; to instruct officers and members in the work, and see that a uniform and correct system of books and reports are made and kept in subordinate associations; to initiate members after association is regularly opened, and to make report to the County Secretary (on special forms) of his work, and under instructions from the County Board, to revive defunct associations and to collect, if so instructed, all monies, books, papers, furniture and charter, and other paraphernalia belonging to any defunct association, and to make a return of same to County Secretary and to deposit such property where instructed to do so by County Executive, and that further such property will become the property of Township Association if such exists, and if none exists then of the County Association. After the lapse of six months from date of such collection, provided there has been no application received and accepted by the County Executive for the re-organization of such defunct association; and always provided that such lecturers appointed under this sub. sec., shall give good and sufficient bonds for the carrying out of their work, and such lecturers shall report to the County Secretary monthly, on special forms sent him by the County Secretary, a full report of all work; that an association which has not made reports for six months may be considered as a defunct association.

7.—That art. III, sec. 10—Secretary's duties—be so amended as to read :—To report quarterly to Grand Association, on the first days of February, May, August and November, the total number of members in each association in his jurisdiction, such reports to be accompanied by the total amount of per capita tax due the Grand Association.

8.—That sec. 12, art. II, be amended by striking out words requiring a September audit, on account of heavy expense incurred in travelling to and from Grand Office twice each year, and which is considered by your committee as wholly unnecessary, as the Grand Executive has the power to order an audit at any time.

9.—Sec. 3, art. II, eighth line, be amended by substituting the words average during the year instead of "the previous quarter."

10.—That art. II, sec. 3, clause in parenthesis, be interpreted as being based upon amount of dues paid in, except in the case of new members not required to pay dues.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

E. J. PEARSON, Chairman.

Moved by Bros. McDonald and Moodie, that H. A. Massey be allowed to address this meeting at 8 p. m. Carried.

A motion to Bros. Common and McCuaig, that we now proceed to elect our Grand Lecturers.

Moved by Bros. Wrigley and Quirk, that John Miller be Hon. Grand Lecturer. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Moodie and Valens that the following Brethren be elected Lecturers subject to the call of the County Associations or candidates in their respective districts, and at the expense of those who employ them. Carried.

J. D. McGregor, Dawson Edward, John McNab, John Millar, Elias Bouchner, A. S. Carson, L. Hand, Robt. Jamieson, James Millar, Wm. Anderson, Alex. McLellan, G.

A. Aylesworth, Cloran Hamilton, Duncan Marshall, E. J. Pearson, W. Quirk, G. McDonald, Jos. Alexander, Wm. Hamilton, Howard Russell, Chas. Walker, Jas. Moodie, Wm. Valens, G. A. Wintermonte, G. D. Wiggins, David Budd, John Duke Moffatt Wrigley.

The resolution was adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 6.30 to meet at 8 p. m.

Meeting opened in due form at 8.30 p. m., the Grand President in the chair.

Sisters and Brethren from Unity Association were present. Several of the Patron representatives on invitation were present. Leader Bro. Haycock addressed the meeting, explaining why the Patrons voted as they did recently in the Legislature.

Bro. Alexander moved, seconded by Bro. McDonald, that in the opinion of this Grand Association it is essential to the maintenance of our interests and good name that our Patron representatives in the Legislature should vote together and in favor of all questions directly or indirectly connected with our Platform and principles, notwithstanding by whosever such questions are raised.

Moved in amendment by Bros. Valens and Moodie, that this Grand Association hereby express their pleasure in meeting with the Patron representatives present, and in hearing the record of their stewardship, and that we have confidence in their honesty of purpose and ability to secure the ascendancy of the great principles of our order.

The amendment carried.

Moved by Bro. Sisley, seconded by Bro. Briscoe, that whereas almost all farm produce has fallen about one-half in value, and other articles of commerce to some extent, the interest on mortgages and notes is as high as it was ten or fifteen years ago, therefore be it resolved that this Association do take some steps to procure cheaper money for the members of the Patron Associations. Carried.

Mr. Smith, manager of the Evening News, addressed the meeting on the matter of introducing the News among the Patron order, and was informed that the decision of the Association will be made known to him.

Meeting adjourned at midnight to meet at 9 next morning.

MARCH 15th, 1895.

Meeting opened in due form pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m.

Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Bro. J. H. Alexander made enquiry in the matter of funds and other property in the hands of defunct sub-Associations.

Bro. Stuart asked as to the best method to organize or manage township associations.

The Secretary was instructed to send copies of minutes to County Secretaries for sub-Associations and Delegates of this Grand Association, also list of lecturers named by the Grand Association to Co. Secretaries.

Moved by Bros. Hamilton and Hawkins, that this Grand Association express its continued confidence in Bro. Wrigley as editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Alexander and McCreadie, that this Association condemn the action of Bro. Pardo in voting against the abolition of Government House. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 to meet at 2 p. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 p. m., the Grand President in the chair.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted on motion of Bros. Gifford and Osborne.

Moved by Bros. Alexander and Munro, that where there are defunct Associations whose charters have not been constitutionally surrendered, that all money or other proper-

ty resulting from dues or fees of members is the property of the County Association, and may be collected if so directed by the County Executive or Grand Board. Carried.

Moved by Bros. Pearson and Stuart, that while we fully appreciate the usefulness to our order of a daily paper during the coming election campaign, yet we could not entertain the proposition of the Evening News otherwise than by clubbing arrangements with the Canada Farmers' Sun. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Wrigley, seconded by Bro. Hamilton, that the Grand Officers be instructed to submit to the Subordinate Associations the questions of the "Initiative and Referendum," and "Cumulative Voting," to become planks in the Patron Platform. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hamilton, seconded by Bro. Wrigley, that the definitions of the Patron Platform as published in the Canada Farmer's Sun by the Grand Board be hereby endorsed by this Grand Association, and that we recommend their continued publication as Patron election literature, these definitions having been approved at a joint meeting of the Grand Officers of Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Wrigley, seconded by Bro. Carson, that this Grand Association expresses its regret that the agreement entered into between the Canadian and British authorities in the matter of carrying American cattle through Canada has not been observed by the former, resulting in an embargo upon Canadian cattle, to the great loss of the farmers of the Dominion. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Carson, seconded by Bro. Wrigley, that we disapprove of any action on the part of our government to grant subsidies in aid of transportation between distant colonies and our own to the detriment of the farming population of the Dominion, the effect of arrangements made and proposed being to increase our burden of taxation on the one hand and to reduce the price of our produce on the other hand, the parties chiefly benefitted being the manufacturers of the Dominion who ship their manufactures to the colonies and to the farmers of the colonies who ship their products to Canada and to Great Britain.

Also that we decidedly object to any rebates or drawbacks being granted to manufacturers upon the imported materials used in their business where the manufactured articles are exported. Carried.

Bro. J. H. Alexander read an article from the press to the effect that "it is believed that the Dominion Government has favorably considered the question of selecting from among prominent practical agriculturists a thoroughly representative farmer who has a knowledge of the wants of the farming class, and is well acquainted with trade and shipping and marketing of produce, etc., to be appointed to keep up constant communication with farmers' boards, societies, etc., collect agricultural statistics, investigate markets, issue bulletins constantly as to these, investigate difficulties as to shipping facilities, freight rates on farm produce, etc. Such a representative, it is believed, would be of great value to the farmers of the county by attending all gatherings of farmers and by keeping in actual touch with the farmers themselves. By making it his business to visit the great consuming centres and to aid in the placing of farm products, and making himself generally a communicating link between the farmer and his customers, there is no doubt he would be able to perform excellent service. Should such a man be appointed it will be in no sense a political appointment, but he will be selected solely by reason of his fitness and experience."

A resolution commending such action on the part of the Dominion Government was lost.

Moved by A. Gifford, sec. by J. H. Alexander, that the Grand Board be and is hereby instructed to memorialize the Ontario Legislature asking for the extension of the Torrens Land System to the whole province. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Carson, seconded by Bro. Hill, that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Grand President for the consideration, kindness and ability which has characterized his management and control of this convention. Also for the kindness and courtesy extended to us by all of the members of the Grand Board, and for the en-

energy and ability with which the editor of the Canada Farmers Sun has controverted attacks made upon our organization by certain newspapers of this city. Carried.

The minutes of the afternoon session were received as read, and the Association adjourned on motion of Bros. Kelly and Hunter to meet on call of President or at the appointed time, a number of the members joining in a ring and singing "Auld Lang Syne."



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## The Ontario Insurance Act, 1887.

(50 V. c. 53, S. 3-19.)

8. Ten freeholders in any municipality or association of municipalities may call a meeting of the shareholders thereof to consult whether it be expedient to establish therein a fire insurance company upon the mutual or cash-mutual principle. 50 V. c. 23, s. 8.

9. The meeting shall be called by advertisement, mentioning the time and place and object of the meeting; and the advertisement shall be published once in the *Ontario Gazette* and for three weeks in one or more of the newspapers published in the county. 50 V. c. 26, s. 9.

10. If thirty freeholders of the municipality are present at the meeting, and a majority of them determine that it is expedient to establish a mutual or cash mutual fire insurance company, they may elect three persons from among them to open and keep a subscription book, in which owners of property, moveable or immovable, within the Province of Ontario, may sign their names, and enter the sums for which they shall respectively bind themselves to effect insurances with the company. 50 V. c. 26, s. 10.

11. Where fifty or more persons, being owners of moveable or immovable property in the Province of Ontario, have signed their names in the subscription book, and bound themselves to effect insurances in the company, which in the aggregate shall amount to \$100,000 at least, a meeting shall be called, as hereinafter provided. 50 V. c. 26, s. 11.

12.—(1) As soon as convenient after the subscription book has been completed in manner aforesaid, any ten of the subscribers thereto may call the first meeting of the company, at such time and place within the municipality as they may determine; such meeting shall be called by sending a printed notice by mail, addressed to every subscriber at his post office address, at least ten days before the day of the meeting, and by advertisement in one or more papers published in the county in which the municipality is situated.

(2) The said notice and advertisement shall contain the object of the meeting, and the time and place at which it is to be held. 50 V. c. 26, s. 12.

13.—(1) At such meeting the name and style of the company, including the appellations "Fire" and "Mutual," shall be adopted, and a secretary *ad interim* appointed, and a board of directors elected as hereinafter provided, and the place named at which the head office of the company shall be located.

(2) To constitute a valid meeting for the purposes of the preceding sub-section, at least twenty-five of the aforesaid subscribers must be present.

(3) In case of a county or township the head office may be in any city, town or village within the boundaries of the county or township or adjacent thereto. 50 V. c. 26, s. 13.

14. Copies of the resolutions adopting the name or style and the place of the head office of the company, and of the subscription book, and the names of the directors elected shall thereupon be made; and all such documents certified as correct under the

hands of the chairman and secretary, shall be filed in the registry office. 50 V. c. 26, s. 14.

15.—(1) Upon the filing of said documents, with the certificate, the subscribers above mentioned, and all other persons thereafter effecting insurances in the company, shall become members of the company and shall be a body corporate by and under the name so adopted.

(2) But the corporate powers of the company shall be forfeited by non-user, or by discontinuance of business, or by suspension or cancellation of license as is provided in section 7, which section shall in all respects apply as well to mutual and cash-mutual companies as to joint stock companies. 50 V. c. 26, s. 15.

16. As soon after the aforesaid meeting as convenient, the secretary *ad interim* shall call a meeting of the board of directors, for the election of a president and vice-president from amongst themselves, for the appointment of a secretary, treasurer, or manager, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them. 50 V. c. 26, s. 16.

17. After the company has filed in the registry office, the documents mentioned in section 14, and before the company shall transact or be entitled to transact any insurance business, the chairman and secretary shall transmit or deliver like copies duly certified by them to be true copies and endorsed by the Registrar as having been duly filed to the Inspector at his office in Toronto, accompanied by a statement signed by the chairman and secretary, stating the kind and character of the risks intended to be taken by the company, that is to say, whether the business to be transacted is the insurance of farm and isolated buildings and property, or of mercantile, manufacturing and other hazardous and extra hazardous properties, or of both; also whether the company has been organized and incorporated as a Mutual or as a Cash-Mutual company. 50 V. c. 26, s. 17.

18. Upon receipt of such certified copies and of the aforesaid statement by the Inspector, he shall proceed to ascertain whether the proceedings for the incorporation of the company have been taken in accordance with the law and in that behalf, and whether the subscriptions are *bona fide*, and by persons possessing property to insure, and whether the proposed name is the same as that of any existing company, or may be easily confounded therewith, and he may require the declaration of any person or persons upon oath to be filed with him, touching any matters concerning which he is called upon to make inquiry. 50 V. c. 26, s. 18.

19. If, upon examination, the Inspector shall find that the subscriptions have been made in good faith by persons entitled to make the same, and that the proposed name is satisfactory, and that the company has complied with this Act in respect of deposit, and in all other respects, the Treasurer may thereupon issue a license under his hand and seal setting forth that it has been made to appear to him that the company has complied with the requirements of the law; and that the company is accordingly licensed to transact the kind of business specified in the license, for a term therein also specified, but not exceeding twelve months from the date of issue; but such license may from time to time be renewed as hereinafter provided.

For further particulars see Statutes.

# A PATRON MANIFESTO.

## Definition of the Policy Outlined in the Platform of the Order.

Prepared by a Joint Committee of Delegates from the Grand Associations of Manitoba and Quebec and the Grand Board of Ontario, and subsequently adopted by the Grand Association of Ontario.

### The Purity and Independence of Parliament.

- No director or stockholder of any railroad or other corporation asking for or obtaining any emolument or aid from the Government shall be eligible for election to the House of Commons; and if such conditions shall occur in the case of a member already elected, his seat has been declared vacant.
- It shall be declared a breach of the Independence of Parliament Act for any member of the House of Commons to accept fees or emoluments other than his yearly salary or sessional indemnity for any services performed for or on behalf of the Government.
- No member of the House of Commons shall receive a free pass from any railroad or steamship company; and the seat of any member so receiving a free pass shall on proof thereof be immediately declared vacant, and the person so offending shall be disqualified for membership in the House of Commons or for any position in the gift of the Government for a space of five years.

### Rigid Economy.

- The Government House at Ottawa shall be abolished, and the bar-room in connection with the House of Commons and Senate Chamber shall also be abolished.
- The system of superannuation, gratuities and pensions, except for military service, shall be abolished.
- The Mounted Police of the North-West Territories shall be abolished.

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except in unorganized districts, in which case the expenditure shall not exceed \$200,000.

The Military College at Kingston shall be abolished, and the expenditure on the militia force in the Dominion in times of peace shall be limited to \$300,000.

The granting of subsidies and bonuses to railroad and steamship companies and other corporations shall be abolished. (Adopted with the interpretation that when, however, it is found necessary to extend settlement, or to accommodate settlements already established, the Government shall in lieu of land grants capitalize said land at \$1.00 per acre, and assist the said railway or railways to that extent and said land shall be open for settlement with the \$1.00 per acre as a first charge thereon.)

The number of civil servants at Ottawa and their salaries shall be reduced

The High Commissioner in Great Britain shall receive a stated salary without any additions for assistance or perquisites.

**Reduction of the Machinery.**

The number of Cabinet Ministers shall be reduced, and the Canadian Senate shall be abolished.

**Tarif and Revenue**

Luxuries shall be taxed to the fullest revenue producing extent, and the following shall be admitted free into Canada, viz.: Cotton, tweeds woollens, workmen's tools, farm implements, fence wire, binder twine, coal oil, iron and corn.