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**	Overseer " WM. PRANGLEN St. Thomas									
**	Secretary " ROBT. WILKIEBlenheim									
66	Treasurer " GEORGE HOODSunshine									
• •	Lecturer " EDGAR J. HENRY Sombra									
**	Chaplain " GEORGE LETHBRIDGEGlencoe									
**	Sieward " JAMES SKEOCH Corunna									
66	Ass't Steward. " JOHN W. PHILPS Whitby									
44	Gate-Keeper " LYMAN HENRY									
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66	Pomona " J. M. KAISERRaper									
66	Flora " J. ROBINSONMiddlemarch									
**	Lady Steward "G. LETHBRIDGEGlencoe									
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" JABEL ROBINSONMiddlemarch										
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## DOMINION GRANGE.

#### SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

#### FIRST DAY.

LONDON, February 9th, 1892.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of Dominion Grange was held in the Court-house, in the City of London, Ontario.

The Worthy Master, Bro. H. Clendenning took the chair at two o'clock and opened the Grange.

On calling the roll the following Officers answered to their names and took their places:

Worthy	Master Bro. HY, CLENDENNING
"	Overseer " JAS. K. LITTLE.
66	Secretary " ROBT. WILKIE.
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44	Treasurer " GEORGE HOOD.
"	Chaplain " GEO. LETHBRIDGE.
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Moved by Bro. Geo. Hood, seconded by Bro. Jabel Robinson,

—That the minutes of the Annual Meeting as printed be adopted.

—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. J. W. Philp,—That all matters presented to this meeting be in writing. Carried.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Peter Hepinstall, Geo. Hood and J. W. Phisp to be a Committee on Credentials.

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The Committee on Credentials reported the following list of duly accredited Delegates present:

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			Whitby
393	Hullett	JOHN CUMMING	Londsborough
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600	Ulster	ROBERT CURRIE	Wingham
			Freeman
224	Centre	JAS. W. McFie.	Appin
			Banda Mulgrave
			Blenheim
			Glencoe
			Sunshine
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166	Applegrove	JABEL ROBINSON	Middlemarch
869	Camden		Dawn Mills
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Bros. Peter He Porter, James A. 6

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Upon motion the Report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

The Committee which was appointed to strike the Committees for the session, reported the appointment of the following Committees:

 $Committee\ upon\ Of ficers'\ Reports.$ 

Bros. Hiram Huff, D. G. McKenzie, William Pranglin.

Press Committee.

Bros. Jabel Robinson, Stanley Dynes, J. K. Little, E. J. Henry.

Committee upon Legislation.

Bros. H. Clendenning, Jabel Robinson, Robert Currie, Robt. Wilk: James A. Glenn, J. W. McFie, Malcolm Fisher, James Fallis, James K. Little.

Committee upon Agriculture.

Bros. James Skeoch, David Brock, John Cuming, D. McTavish, E. J. Henry.

Committee upon Constitution.

Bros. Peter Hepinstall, George Hood, Robert Wilkie, Thos. Porter, James A. Glenn.

Committee upon Education.

Bros. J. W. Philp, Henry DeCoteau, David Fritz, Leander Cascaden, Amos Barnes.

Committee upon Officers' Salaries.

Bros. J. W. Philp, James McFie, Hiram Huff.

Committee upon the Good of the Order.

Bros. Stanley Dynes, George Lethbridge, D. G. McKennie, William Pranglen, Lyman Henry, Sister Lethbridge.

Committee to Enquire into the Standing of the Order.

Bros. D. McTavish, Robert Currie, George Hood, David Brock, Peter Hepinstall, J. M. Kaiser.

Committee upon Finance.

Bros. George Hood, James K. Little.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro.J.K.Little, That this report be adopted.—Carried.

The Worthy Master then delivered the following address:

#### MASTER'S ADDRESS

Patrons,—Another year is past and gone since we last met in Annual Session in this same city of London, and for the seventeenth time you are assembled in session. I welcome you and solicit your assistance for the advancement of our calling and Order.

Our country has been at peace and free from pestilence and storms, and our labors as agriculturists have been crowned with an abundant harvest, for which we should be truly thankful to the great Author of our existence.

As agriculturists I will ask you to take a short retrospective view of our calling.

It has been truly said that agriculture is the basis of a l wealth, the foundation upon which is builded the prosperity of the great nations of the earth, and without which no nation can hope to perpetuate its existence.

Its origin and progress are nearly identical with civilization. History tells us that the rude savage and barbarian gathered wild seeds and fruits of forest and plain to gratify his appetite, and give him strength for the chase, but he neither planted the seed nor tilled the soil, as an aid to his subsistence.

But with the increase of population and the concurrent advancement of civilization came the necessity for increased production and improved methods of tillage, and this necessity has grown with ages until the inventive genius of man has seemingly been taxed to its utmost to supply the necessary food for the sustenance of the countless millions of human beings that now inhabit the earth. When we look back for a period of thirty or forty years and see the immense strides that our country has made in agriculture, and the invention of labor saving machinery, and appliances to lighten our toil and increase production, we are led to wonder how our predecessors were able to sustain, rear and gressive civilizations of the earth, brain is taking the place of brawn and mind is superseding muscle by the substitution of machine for hand labor, thus increasing many fold the producing dower of every person engaged in agricultural pursuits.

As old fashioned implements and machines have been discarded for newer and more improved, and our productions increased, we may ask ourselves as agriculturists, have we kept pace with other callings and professions in the great struggle of life.

In this respect, if judged from a financial standpoint, I fear that comparison is not favorable to us. The depression that has swept over the cou on the farmers. T ed to meet running times were more p owner of a few year

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The abundant harvest of the past year is helping greatly the overburdened farmer, but the high prices that was thought at one time would be realized for the crop, have been delusive, with no bright prospects for an advance in the immediate future.

The growing of the six-rowed variety of barley, which was one of the great staple crops of our country, has been made unprofitable by the prohibitive duty placed upon it by the United States government when entering that country. The two-rowed variety, which has been introduced and grown for the past two years with a view to supply the British market, cannot be said to have met with that success anticipated for it. The first shipment of the season to Britain must have been of necessity largely experimental, and bright hopes were entertained for an advance in the price after a fair trial with the British maltster. But we find that instead of an advance, a sharp decline has taken place within the last month in the price, until its market value is now only about that for feeding purposes.

It behoeves the agriculturist of this country to look carefully and ascertain what crops to grow and stock to raise, what is most suitable to his farm and locality, and will make him the most profit when sold, without impoverishing his land.

The thanks of the farmers are due to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Dryden, for the effort put forth by him during the past summer in sending an efficient staff of men, with the most improved utensils, to instruct in a practical way the farmers and their families in the art of butter-making. If our butter had the same high standard of quality that our cheese has in the foreign markets, millions would be added annually to the wealth of our country.

Permit me to mention here the very valuable work carried on at the Dominion Experimental Farms, under the able superintendence of Prof. Saunders, in the introduction and testing of new seeds, grains, roots, fruits, &c. We may expect much good to result to the agriculturists of this country from the course pursued.

The thanks of the farmers are due to the Dominion Government for the reduction in the duty on salt and sugar, whereby the purchasing power of a dollar har been increased on-half more in buying the latter commodity.

Anything that will reduce the cost of production to the farmer, without injury to any considerable number of our fellow subjects, or loss of revenue to our country, should be done. About seven-tenths of our population are engaged in agricultural pursuits, therefore I would submit to your consideration the advisability of asking the Government to reduce the duty on Binder Twine and Coal Oil. At the present time the raw material for the manufacture of Binder Twine is admitted free and upon the manufactured article a duty of 25 per cent. is imposed, which is equal to two to three cents per pound. If we were permitted to buy our twine in the British or other markets, where it is to be obtained cheaper, no harm would occur to the country, as the revenue at the present time from that source is almost nil. The only persons that could complain would be the Canadian Twine Manufacturers; but they, like the sugar refiner: and salt manufacturers of our country, would be willing to take a smaller percentage of profit, rather than allow manufacturers of another country to undersell them. The same argument to a great extent will apply to Coal Oil.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the success that we have met with in the past in shaping legislation for the farmers. Nearly all the questions considered by you last year, and adopted in your report upon legislation and submitted to the Ontario Government, have been made the law of our land, and in enacting such laws it has in no way injured any other class or business of the country.

Through organized effort we have been able to crystalize our ideas upon various matters of legislation affecting us as farmers, and we have always found the Government willing to listen, and upon all questions that are not too radical, or are not thoroughly understood by the masses, they are ready to act upon your suggestions.

#### SISTER ORGANIZATIONS.

Since we last met a wave has swept over the country and many farmers have organized themselves under the banner of the Patrons of Industry.

The Grange as the first and oldest society of the kind extends to the Patrons the right hand of fellowship and good will. The greatest harmony should exist between the two societies, as their aims and objects run concurrently, working for the farmer's social, intellectual and financial advancement.

This session closes my term of office and in retiring, allow me to express my high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by the members of the Grange everywhere, and I trust

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Hy. CLENDENNING, Master.

Moved by Bro.Robinson, seconded by Bro.Lethbridge,—That the worthy Master's Address be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

The Worthy Master then called for suggestions from the Delegates to be handed in without discussion. Several suggestions were handed in and referred to the appropriate committee, and an informal discussion of some length followed.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Hood,—That no evening session be held to-night, in order that the Committees may have an opportunity to prepare their reports.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hood, seconded by Bro. De Coteau,—That this Grange do now adjourn to meet at nine a. m. to-morrow morning.—Carried.

#### SECOND DAY.

LONDON, February 10th, 1892.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The Grange opened at 9.30 a. m., the Worthy Master in the chair.

The minutes of the previous day were read, and after correction of delegate's address, upon motion were confirmed.

The Committee upon Agriculture submitted their report as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they believe that although the farmer is not so prosperous as in the past they have reasons to be grateful for the abundant harvest of last year, for although there may have been a partial failure in some sections of some crops, upon the whole there has been an abundant supply for both man and beast throughout the length and breadth of the land. And comparing our condition with that of the people of some other nations, we well may say the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places.

At the same time there is plenty of room for improvement in many departments. The practice of constant cropping which has hitherto prevailed, to use a common phrase, has "played out," and the farmer under changed conditions must necessarily adapt himself to altered circumstances.

If one department of farming is overdone, to the neglect of another, he must govern himself accordingly. No general rule can be laid down that would suit all parts of the country alike. That which would be applicable to one part of the country would be unsuitable in another, so no rule can be laid down that would do justice to all the rest. The time was when wheat growing was the most profitable part of farming. After that failed raising cattle and horses took the place of wheat. Now we find that they in turn have become a "drug." Dairying is recommended as the surest and most profitable industry for the farmers of Ontario.

Your Committee would therefore recommend a mixed system of farming, leaving it to the good judgment of the farmers to prosecute that particular industry which is best adapted to their own part of the country.

Signed,

JAMES SKEOCH, D. McTavish, John Cuming, David Brock, E. J. Henry.

Upon motion the Report was adopted.

Moved by James Skeoch, seconded by James K. Little,--That no delegate speak more than once, nor more than five minutes upon any question, unless by permission of the Chair.—Carried.

The Committee on Officer's Reports reported that they had gone through the Worthy Master's Address, and recommended it to go to the press in its present form.—Carried.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. Peter Hepinstall, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DOMINION GRANGE.

Patrons,—Your Executive Committee would report that since the last meeting of Dominion Grange they have held two meetings, having done all business by correspondence that could be done that way, to avoid expense. As soon as convenient after the last meeting of Dominion Grange an interview was sought and obtained with the Hon. the Attorney-General and Government

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We were received very courteously by the Hon. Mr. Mowat, and other Hon. Members of the Government, and assured that our wishes should have due consideration. We have pleasure in referring to the Farmer's Advocate, the official organ of our Order, for having published the constitution and by-laws of the Grange in full, and the different articles sent them for publication during the year, and would strongly recommend the Patrons everywhere to subscribe for it, recommend it to others and write articles suitable for publication in its columns, believing that it cannot fail to be of great use in its general information as well as furnishing Grange items of interest to us all. Also the liberal offer of five dollars as a prize for the best essay on each of the subjects submitted by the Executive Committee to be published in the Advocate.

A circular was sent to the various Granges containing the following questions upon which to write for the prizes, and requesting that these questions be discussed monthly. The questions are as follows:

#### SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

JULY.—Are Farmer's Organizations necessary or desirable?

August.—Is the Grange Organization worthy of the support of the farmers?

SEPTEMBER.—What is the best way to raise the revenue for Dominion, Provincial, County and Township purposes, viewed from a farmer's standpoint?

OCTOBER.—Is the present Sectional system of raising taxes for public school purposes, fair and equitable, and the division of the legislative and county grants just to the rural municipalities?

NOVEMBER.—What is the best system of representation in County Councils, looking to a reduction in the numbers of members in populous sections of the province?

DECEMBER.—Is the country in favor of the proposal to increase the indemnity to members of the Legislative Assembly to eight hundred dollars per session? And if so, why?

JANUARY.—Would half the present number of members be suffi-

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port that since eld two meetthat could be ient after the as sought and Government cient to represent the people and enact our laws in either Dominion or Provincial parliaments, or in both?

FEBRUARY.—Would our system of government suffer by the abolition of the Senate, or would it be better to retain a second chamber and make it elective?

MARCH.—Would it be advisable to abolish the Grand Jury System.

APRIL.—Would the farmers of Canada be benefitted by free trade with the world?

MAY.—Can any better method of making and maintaining county roads be adopted than the Statute Labor system, as generally conducted, having regard to the cost?

JUNE.—Ought houses of industry to be provided in each county for the support of the indigent?

Your Committee feel that they cannot close the report with out calling the attention of the Grange to its financial standing. The receipts of the past year have been three hundred and seventy-three dollars and nineteen cents; which according to Art. 1, Sec. 6, should be divided as follows:—Sessional indemnity fund, \$179.45; amount for running expenses and officer's salaries. \$192.74. The officers' salaries and allowances, which in all reason are low enough, are \$274, which leaves a deficit of over \$100 to pay that item alone.

This is a showing that will be apparent to every member of the Order, in which they will recognize the fact that is is impossible to run the institution on the basis of the present distribution, as provided by the constitution.

Doubtless the present session of the Grange will take this into consideration and change the Constitution as the case demands. A notice of motion to change the Constitution has been duly given and will be in order now.

#### Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) PETER HEPINSTALL, LX. Committee.

On motion the  ${\bf report}$  of the Executive Committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Good of the Order was read by Bro. William Pranglen as follows:

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

We recommend that the members of the Grange strive to prepare papers of interest to the Order. That they strictly adhere to the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grange in all business, be it ever so trifling.

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Let the people outside see that the Grange is accomplishing something; something that will enable them to better understand their calling, as Agriculturists, and we believe they will fall in with the Grange.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM PRANGLEN.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Cuming handed in a suggestion, that the summer holidays in rural schools be shortened.

This suggestion was handed to the Committee on Education.

Moved by Bro. J. W. Philp, seconded by Bro. John Mitchell, —That the Grange do now adjourn to two e'clock p. m. sharp.—Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Secretary submitted his report as follows:

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:

Patrons,—In presenting to you the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Secretary of Dominion Grange, I have nothing special or startling to announce.

I have had a pretty extensive correspondence, extending from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean, respecting matters concerning the Grange during the past year.

Since our last Annual Meeting I have also sent out 700 copies of the report of our proceedings; four hundred of our June circulars, containing questions for discussion in the Subordinate Granges, for the best written papers on which the Farmers' Advocate was good enough to offer a monthly prize of five dollars; and nearly five hundred circulars announcing this meeting and calling attention to some of the work which should receive attention from the Subordinate Granges, during the leisure hours of the autumn and winter months.

Very little change is noticeable in the condition of the Order since last annual meeting. Only one Charter has been returned to me during the past year, namely Dalston Grange, No. 124, which was returned to me by Bro. John Darby, Secretary of North Simcoe Division Grange, No. 20, in which Division the defunct Grange was situated.

No new Granges have been organized, but thirteen dormant Granges have been resuscitated and are again working. The Secretary of Lanark Division Grange, No. 53, notified me that that Grange had constitutionally dissolved. And the Secretary of Haldimand Division, No. 33, wrote that they had suspended for a time. Neither of them sent in their Seal, Charter, or books. Some of the Subordinete Granges in both these divisions have since been reporting direct to Dominion Grange.

Owing to the imperfect manner in which some reports are sent to me, I find it impossible to compile an accurate statement of the condition of the Order. But I have at some considerable trouble prepared an approximate statement which can be laid before you, which will convey an idea of the standing and condition of the Granges, as reported to me. But it may be well to notice that owing to the indifference that has crept into many Granges, I am reluctantly forced to an opir ion that a considerable number are yet in a working condition, which report only at long intervals or do not report at all. I herewith submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements of the Secretary's Office since the lass Annual Meeting.

R. WILKIE, Secretary.

#### SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:

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	To amount of fees and dues received \$359.40 printed matter sold	
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Bro. Kaiser submitted the Auditors' Report as follows:

Committee on Officers' Reports.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

London, February 10th, 1892.

We, the undersigned Auditors, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have examined the accounts of the Secretary and compared them with their respective vouchers and find them cor-

Amount received from dues and fees	. \$359	40	
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We have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer, com-

pared them with their vouchers and found them correct, with a balance due to him of 77 cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ROBT. CURRIE, Auditors.

Upon motion the Auditors' Report was adopted.

The Committee to strike the Committees asked that the names of Bro. John G. Lethbridge and William Adams be added to the Committee on Education.—Carried.

Bro. J. W. Philp presented the report on Education as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, begleave to express our approval of our present educational system. Especially do we approve of the advantages offered to farmers and farmers' sons by the Agricultural College to educate them in both the practical and scientific principles of agriculture.

We are also pleased with the introduction of an agricultural text-book into our schools, and would recommend that the use of it be made compulsory in rural schools as far as practicable.

But while we recommend the use of them, we condemn the system of printing, that is, giving the contract to one firm only, (which we understand is the case), thereby destroying competition and keeping the price of the books above what we believe they could be supplied for for.

(Signed) J. W. PHILP, JOHN MITCHELL,
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Moved by Bro. Kaiser, seconded by Bro. Cumming,—That the report be read clause, by clause, and discussed.—Carried.

The report was read clause by clause, discussed and adopted without amendment.

Moved by James Skeoch, seconded by Malcolm Fisher,—That an evening session be held this evening, at which the unwritten work of the Order be exemplified.—Carried.

The Committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to report that they have examined the Secretary's report, and recommend it for adoption as we think he has discharged his duty in a careful and systematic manner. (Signed)

Report was adopted.

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WILLIAM PRANGLEN.

Adopted.

Bros. Currie and Porter offered resolutions respecting the Election of Officers, both of which were ruled out of Order by the Worthy Master.

Moved by R. Currie, seconded by Wm. Adams,—That the Grange do now adjourn to meet again at seven o'clock this evening.—Lost.

After a somewhat protracted, irregular discussion, it was moved by R. Wilkie, seconded by E. J. Henry,—That the Grange do now adjourn to 7.30 this evening.—Carried.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Grange met pursuant to motion of adjournment at 7.30 p. m.

The Worthy Master took the chair and exemplified the unwritten work of the first four degrees.

Bro, Kaiser presented the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the condition of the Order, which he read as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we find that while we have height, breadth, energy and intelligence in the Officers and Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that the Order throughout the country has been declining, numerically and financially.

The reports from Subordinate Granges, as well as what we learn from individual members from several parts of the country also confirm this view. This state of things is due no doubt, to a large extent. to the apathy of the members themselves.

We hope, however, that Zero has been reached and that the heat generated by this meeting will cause the mercury to ascend again, and that the sunshine will be seen and felt throughout the entire Brotherhood. (Signed)

ROBT. CURRIE, DAVID BROCK, J. M. KAISER, D. McTAVISH.

Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read by Bro. Hepinstall as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Worehy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-laws report as follows:

We recommend that in the Parliamentary Guide, page 70, under the heading "Quorum," the following words be added to Section first: "But when a Grange is reduced below thirteen members, a majority of the whole number shall form a quorum' for the transaction of business.

We recommend that Art. 3, Sec. 2, page 42, first and second lines the words "not less than" be struck out, and there be added to the section these words: "But by by-law Subordinate Granges may reduce their dues at their own discretion, provided nevertheless that they shall pay the full amount of dues required to their next Superior Grange."

We would recommend that Article 3, Section 3, on page 21, third line, the word "Twenty" be struck out and the word "Twelve" be inserted in its place.

That Section 6 of Article I, page 15, be expunged and the following substitued therefor, viz.: "The salaries of the officers shall be a first claim on the funds of Dominion Grange."

The clause in Article 1, Section 7, page 15, reading as follows: "As the sessional indemnity fund will permit" be struck out and the letter s be added to the words "fund" in the 7th line.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER HEPINSTALL, Chairman.

Moved by J. W. McFie, seconded by Malcolm Fisher,—That this Grange do now adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Carried.

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#### THIRD DAY.

LONDON, February 11th, 1892.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The Worthy Master, Hy. Glendenning, took the chair at 9 o'clock and opened the Grange.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous day's busines.

Moved by J. Fallis, seconded by J. Robinson,—That the minutes as read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Adams, seconded by Bro. Philp,—That the next meeting of Dominion Grange be held in Hamilton. A somewhat lengthy discussion followed, during which St. Thomas, Stratford and Toronto were named. Bro. Adams amended his motion to Toronto, which was carried.

Brother Hood presented the report of the Treasurer or Finance Committee, as follows:

The Treasurer and Finance Committee beg to lay before Dominion Grange the following report:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER

We, your Treasurer and Finance Committee, beg to lay before Dominion Grange the following report:

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" Balance due Treasurer	77	00
" Auditors' fees	6	00
" Allowance to Delegates	54	85
" Cash to Janitor	4	00
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All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed)

GEORGE HOOD, Treasurer. JAMES K. LITTLE.

On motion the report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee was adopted.

THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' SALARIES.

presented their report as follows:

The Worthy Treasurer's salary we strike out altogether.

We recommend that the Executive Committee receive railway fare and one dollar and a half per day while on duty. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after paying the above mentioned claims and the necessary running expenses, be used as the Grange may direct. (Signed)

> J. W. PHILP, H. HUFF, J. W. McFie.

On motion the above report was adopted.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Presented their report as follows:

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:

We, your Committee upon Legislation, beg leave to report that we have considered the various suggestions referred to us, and recommend that the following amendments be asked for in the laws of our country:

First. That the Dominion Government be asked to reduce the postage on letters from three to two cents per ounce. We believe that by such a reduction our revenue, from the sale of stamps would not suffer to any material extent, as many more letters would be written than now are, also that fewer postal cards would be used. Much of the business is done through the mails and every facility should be accorded the public for the transaction of business in the cheapest and most efficient manner.

SECONDLY. That we memorialize the Dominion Government to place binder twine upon the *free list*, as it has become an indispensable article to the farmers of this country. The revenue derived at present from twine is almost *nil*. And the raw material from which it is made is admitted free; hence the increased price paid in Canada for twine, over that of reasonable profit, goes to enrich the manufacturers at the expense of the farmer.

THIRDLY. We would ask the Government to reduce the duty on Coal Oil to three cents per imperial gallon.

FOURTHLY. We express our most emphatic disapproval of the action of the Dominion Parliament in appropriating to themselves five hundred dollars extra indemnity last session.

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The ballots for the election of councillors to contain a blank for the electors to vote yea or nay. That at any election where the majority vote yea, the County Council shall consist of the Reeves only, and that each Reeve shall be entitled to as many votes as there had been Deputy-Reeves in addition to his own.

We also favor the abolition of tolls upon both roads and markets.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JABEL ROBINSON,
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Moved by William Pranglen, seconded by James A. Glen,—That the Executive Committee ask the Government to reduce the duty on salt to ten cents per barrel, and bulk salt to fifty cents per ton.—Lost.

Moved by R. Wilkie, seconded by J. K. Little,—That the Grange express its disapproval of the actions which the members of both Houses of Parliament seem inclined to take, in increasing their indemnity, and we believe we express the feelings of a great majority of the electors in entering our protest against any such course.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Porter, seconded by Bro. George Lethbridge,—That this Dominion Grange amalgamate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, due notice of this change having been given.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. Wm. Adams, seconded by Bro. George Lethbridge,—That we now adjourn to meet again at one o'clock sharp for the purpose of electing the officers.—Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grange resumed business again at 1.30 p. m.

Moved by Bro. James Fallis, seconded by Bro. D. McTavish,
—That we reconsider the vote abolishing the Treasurer's salary,
and that it be fixed at the former amount.

Moved by Bro. Porter, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge,—That the Treasurer's salary be five dollars.

Amendment lost.

The motion carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. G. Lethbridge, That a vote of thanks be tendered the officers of the Farmers' Advocate for the interest they have taken in our Order during the past year, and trust that all our members will subscribe for the Advocate, believing it to be the best monthly farm paper published in this country.—Carried.

Moved by J. K. Little, seconded by J. Robinson,—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the publishers of the Advertiser and Free Press for their courteous reception and publication of the portions of the proceedings of Dominion Grange furnished them by our Press Committee, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the respective publishers.—Carried.

Moved by Jabel Robinson, seconded by R. Wilkie.—That the thanks of this meeting of Dominion Grange is due and is hereby heartily tendered to the Warden and County Council of Middlesex for their courtesy in granting to this meeting the use of Court House in which to hold our sessions at this time, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to the Clerk for presentation to the Council.

Carried unanimously.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Worthy Master, Bro. H. Clendenning, appointed Bros. William Pranglen and J. W. Philp, Scrutineers, and announced that all nominations should be by ballot.

He then called for nominations for Master.

A very large number of nominators named Bro. Clendenning, but he emphatically declined, stating that the practice had almost invariably been for the Master to hold the office for no longer a period than two years; he had filled that time and felt that the choice should fall upon some one else.

Several members complained that they would have nominated some other candidate had they known that; whereupon the Worthy Master ordered that another ballot be taken for nomination for Master.

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### INSTALLATION.

The newly elected Officers were then installed by Bro. Robin-

son, in proper form. And the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange was closed in ample form at 5.30 o'clock p. m.

I hereby give notice that at the next Annual Meeting of Dominion Grange a motion will be introduced to make a further reduction in the Charter Fee for new Granges, and a change in the payment of deputies for organizing Granges. R. WILKIE.

#### LIST OF SECRETARIES OF DIVISION GRANGES.

NUMBER. NAME. SECRETARY. POST OFFICE. PROVINCE.
1LondonJ. M. KaiserRaperOntario
2GreyJoseph M. RogersWoodford
4 South Simcoe. John Cowan Vine
5 West Lambton.James SkeochCorunna
6HaltonJohn McDougalMilton
7LucknowWilliam WelshAmberley
11KentR. WilkieBlenheim
17 West Middlesex. Archie McIntyre. Appin
18ElginWilliam PranglenSt. Thomas
20 Nowth Simese John Dorby Grown Hill
20 North Simcoe. John Darby Crown Hill
21BelmoreA. Drummond Clifford
23. Beaver Alley. George Clark Heathcote
27 Huron George Hood Sunshine
32 North Bruce.Lewis Lamb Paisley
37 West Simcoe. Alexander McLeod Glen Huron
38 Union Robert Dredge Rockwood
53LanarkJ. W. McIntyreBalderson
56RenfrewRobert RossDouglas
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Secretaries of Division Granges will confer a favor on the Secretary of Dominion Grange by sending him a list of all Secretaries of Subordinate Granges within their jurisdiction, each year. For where the Subordinate Granges report to the Secretary of their Division, there is no communication between them and the Secretary of Dominion Grange.

#### A LIST OF SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Which have made Returns of their Secretaries and their Post Office Addresses, within the past year:

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32MutualSamuel SuttonLambeth
45Lake SimcoeJames AllenChurchill
59Prospect Lewis Lamb Paisley
77Forest Rose, Wm. PranglenSt. Thomas
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ROBT. WILKIE,

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