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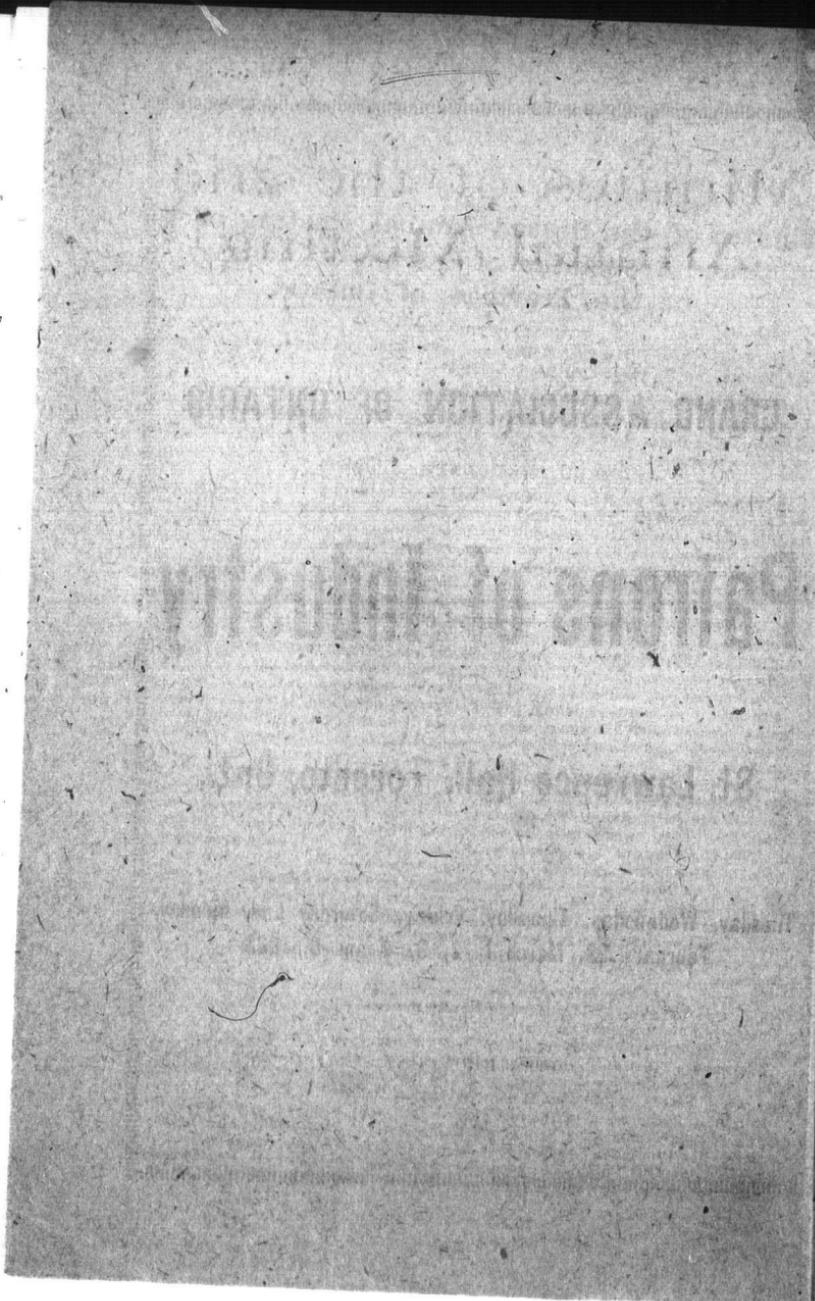
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Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry of the Province of Ontario.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Grand Association was held in the St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday, February 28th, 1893.

Meeting convened in due form at 2 o'clock p.m.

The Grand President, C. A. Mallory, Esq., gave the following address, which was received with applause, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes and given to the press for publication.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—It is with feelings of unmixed pleasure that I welcome you to the second annual convention of the Grand Association of Patrons of Industry for the Province of Ontario. The presence among us of delegates from many counties hitherto unrepresented proves that the order has continued to spread, while the large representation from the older counties shows that the interest in Patronism is not decreasing, but continues to hold its place as of paramount importance to the great industrial classes in our Province.

I congratulate you upon the general increase in membership, as also upon the disposition manifested by our people to give special prominence to the higher aims of the organization.

The Grand President of last year, in his address, referred to a certain antagonism which appeared to exist between merchants and manufacturers, and the order of Patrons of Industry, and very truthfully stated that if such antagonism existed, it was not of our seeking. I am happy to inform you that this prejudice is being removed, and that those who are not eligible for membership in our associations are beginning to realize that we desire the prosperity of all who honestly labor for the advancement of the land in which we live.

Agriculture is the basis and source of all permanent national wealth. From earliest times civilization only took form and shape as people learned to till the soil. England is a land of traders, and yet, Prince Albert, the husband of our beloved Queen, was constrained to say "that agriculture was the foundation of the social state." In our own land, none dare deny that our greatest wealth is in the soil. Our minerals and our fisheries are of value inestimable, and are perhaps unequaled in the world. Our manufactures are not to be despised, but above and beyond all these in importance, our agricultural resources are the foundation of our greatest strength. To develop these resources, and to render prosperous and contented those by whose labors the national wealth is created, should be the highest ambition of every true patriot, and in the accomplishment of these ends, we have a right to expect the assistance of all who truly desire the welfare of our land.

The true aims of this association are "to build, not palaces, but men; to exalt, not titled stations, but general humanity; to dignify, not idle repose, but assiduous industry; to elevate not the few, but the many." These objects demand our attention, and we believe are worthy of the great organization by which we are united.

To compare experience, to correct mistakes, and by an interchange of opinion, to arrive at such conclusions as we may, as to the best means of accomplishing these ends, I conceive to be the chief object of our convention to-day.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I am happy to inform you that over 600 subordinate associations have been added to our list, and that to-day there is scarcely a county in the Province of Ontario that does not contain many enthusiastic Patrons. Our Constitution and Ritual, by your order, have been printed in the French language, and zealous organizers are now rapidly extending the work in the

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,

the English speaking portion of the Province being almost completely organized. In Manitoba, although under another jurisdiction, we have reason to believe our brethren are strongly united, and earnestly desire the formation of a closer Dominion bond. All are anxiously looking forward to the time when the toilers of the Dominion will be able to declare, through a united brotherhood, that "industrial moral worth, not wealth, shall be the standard of individual and national greatness."

In our efforts to extend the organization the objects for which we unite have not been forgotten. The agitation begun by you for the removal of the duty upon binder twine and other articles of prime necessity, has at least resulted in the cheapening of these products to the consumers of the land, and we hope that further action will be taken, as the result of our petitions, during the present session of the Commons at Ottawa.

Your united efforts have crushed the monopoly in the production and sale of salt, and I feel assured that loyalty to our obligations will prevent this combination for evil ever again attaining its former

POWER TO OPPRESS.

The formation by the Patrons of Industry of a great anti-monopoly company for the manufacture of binder twine and agricultural implements is a warning to combiners, and has led them to dread the power of an organization formed to do them battle.

Other matters of financial importance have engaged our attention, notices of which have from time to time been received by our people.

I have spoken of a disposition among our members to give prominence to the higher aims of our organization. I note with pleasure a determination to develop a nobler manhood, to encourage a greater harmony of feeling and sentiment, "to dignify that most honorable condition of man, free labor upon a free soil," and forgetting the differences of party and creed, to stand united in defence of our homes and our class.

In the furtherance of these laudable objects, and in the education of our people, much has been accomplished by the *Canada Farmers' Sun*, the official organ of our order, a paper which is fast taking a first place among the periodicals in the land for its fearless denunciation of wrong and its timely advocacy of the principles of true Patriotism. It will be a happy day for our class when its columns are read in every home.

I shall not attempt to outline the work of the session, feeling as I do that there is sufficient talent, wisdom and skill among the delegates here assembled, with the favoring blessing of heaven, to devise such measures as will result in the elevation of labor to its true position as a controlling factor in the land. In conclusion, brethren, permit me to express my heartfelt gratitude for the confidence reposed in me as your executive head. It was with much hesitation that I undertook the responsibilities of the position to which you called me. I can only say that I have conscientiously performed to the best of my ability the duties of my position, my greatest regret being that I have not been able to accomplish greater things in the interest of the industrial classes of our land.

I desire to bear testimony to the hearty good feeling which has always been manifested by the Grand Officers with whom I have been associated, as also the kindly courtesy which has been extended to me by my brethren throughout our jurisdiction.

On motion of Bro. Currie, seconded by Bro. Miller, the following brethren were appointed a committee to strike the Standing Committee.

- F. Kennedy—Lambton.
- Jos. Stratford—Brant.
- H. M. Williams—Prince Edward.
- E. J. Pearson—Oxford.
- J. W. Patton—Grey.
- E. E. Parrott—Kent.
- W. H. Gainer—Welland.
- T. J. Leahy—Huntingdon, Que.
- B. Mallory—Hastings.

G. A. Darby—Wellington.

J. H. Alexander—Middlesex.

On motion of Bro. J. Lockie Wilson, seconded by Bro. B. Mallory, Bros. J. G. Adams and J. J. McQuaig were added to the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

On motion of Bro. Windover, seconded by Jas. Gillelan, Bros. T. O. Currie, J. H. Alexander and Jos. Stratford were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and reported the following delegates as eligible to a seat in the Association.

Grand President—C. A. Mallory.

Grand Vice-President—J. Miller.

Grand Secretary-Treasurer—L. A. Welch.

Grand Trustees—A. Gifford, A. Forster, T. O. Currie.

Grand Auditors—W. H. Windover, W. Valens.

Grand Sentinel—J. Gillelan.

Lambton—F. Kennedy.

Kent—H. L. Johnston, E. E. Parrott.

Elgin—W. McCredie,

Peel—H. Harper.

Middlesex—D. S. Campbell, J. H. Alexander.

Simcoe—T. Campbell.

Halton—H. W. Cook.

Huron—Jas. Gaunt.

Bruce—J. S. McDonald, D. N. McIntyre.

Ontario—G. E. Mowbray.

Wellington—G. A. Darby, Geo. Tucker.

Peterboro—Jno. Lang.

Norfolk—J. Stickney, A. Swinn.

Welland—W. H. Gainer.

Grenville—Jas Bennett.

Perth—J. A. Donald.

Durham—W. Hannah.

Oxford—E. J. Pearson.

Grey—R. Jamison, R. Henry, W. J. McCormick, J. W. Patton.

Haldimand—J. McCallum, P. Kinnear.

Victoria—D. Scully.

Wentworth—D. Dwyer.

Lincoln—E. A. Morse.

Brant—Jos. Stratford.

York—J. C. Clark.

Stormont—J. G. Adams, A. Stark.

Dufferin—J. Johnston, W. Dynes.

Essex—P. Inman, H. Atkin.

Waterloo—J. N. Sipes.

Dundas—S. Smith.

Hastings—B. Mallory.

Northumberland—J. F. Cryderman.

Lennox and Addington—H. A. Baker.

Carleton—W. J. Moses.

Glengarry—J. Lockie Wilson.

Prince Edward—H. M. Williams.

Prescott—J. J. McQuaig.

W. Durham—C. Osborne.

Huntingdon, P. Q.—T. J. Leahy.

L. A. Welch, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Secretary-Treasurer's second annual report as follows, which was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' reports on motion of E. A. Morse, seconded by J. McCallum:

GRAND SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

BRETHREN,—I beg to present the Secretary-Treasurer's 2nd Annual Report, and would just say that as the Auditors' Report is by Constitution required to give a detailed account of the financial affairs of the Association up to the end of the year 1892, it has been deemed necessary to make but a summary statement here of the finances of the order to the present date.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance cash, last audit	\$2,302 07
Sale of Supplies, &c.....	4,792 65
Dues	7,970 97
Total receipts.....	\$15,065 69

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Delegates to Grand Association	\$1,213 17
C. A. Mallory.....	861 48
John Miller.....	361 97
L. A. Welch, and Assistant.....	989 02
A. Gifford.....	313 16
A. Forster	320 78
T. O. Currie.....	426 45
Lecturers.....	199 98
Printing and Official Organ.....	3,034 46
Other expenses.....	832 24
Total disbursements.....	\$8,552 71
Balance cash on hand.....	\$6,512 98

A brief comparison in this respect with last year might be of interest as follows :

RECEIPTS.		
Supplies sold year ending February, 1892.....	\$ 5837 79	Feb. 1893..\$4792 65
Dues received " "	4829 19	do 7970 97

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Delegates to Grand Ass'n for year ending Feb. 1892, \$1051 72		Feb. 1893..\$1213 17
Officers..... do .. 3771 28		do .. 8435 96
Printing..... do .. 1777 44		do .. 2498 76
Official organ ('92 monthly, '93 weekly)... do .. 643 84		do .. 535 17
Other..... do .. 1118 63		do .. 1032 22
Balance cash..... do .. 2902 07		do .. 6512 98

or an excess of cash on hand this year over last of \$4210 91.

And in consequence of this increasing amount of cash on hand from year to year in the Grand Association (for there has been quite a large and increasing surplus each year) and in consideration of the fact that a number of the counties are unable to efficiently carry on their work from want of funds I presume there might be some reduction made in the per cent. of per capita tax from the counties to the Grand with the understanding that if the Grand get in straits the rate will be raised again. For I believe that an institution of this kind should work upon a principle sufficiently adjustable that there will not be a surplus accumulating at one point, while there is restriction and crippling deficits at another; but that the funds paid in to the Order by the members be applied at all times where most needed. Not a great reduction, of course, as there may be some declension of the funds accruing to the Grand by decrease in issue of charters and perhaps sale of supplies, for no doubt the change in constitution last year caused a greater sale in this respect than would otherwise likely have been made, while on the other hand, it is true

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counteracting this might be mentioned that the striking off a number of articles from the supply list caused a decrease.

It may be noted here that this latter matter, together with a change in some of the articles retained on the list, (as for instance, the Roll Book now in use, though in advance of the old one, costs but 2 cents for postage, while that in previous use cost 7 cents) together with a slight decrease in correspondence (occasioned perhaps by a soothing of the keen edge of some of the older counties and increased knowledge on the part of the members of the aims and accomplishments of the Order) has, as will be seen in the Auditors' report, materially reduced the postage account.

It might also be mentioned here in connection with the accounts that this year a considerable portion of the per diem expenses for lectures delivered were paid by Associations outside of the Grand, thus providing a source of saving to this Association, and so do not appear in the accounts, while last year all such accounts were paid from the Grand funds, as shown by the accounts of that year.

As to extension of organization, 29 counties reported up to February, 1892, and 39 to present date in Ontario and one in Quebec, with two in Ontario and four in Quebec without County Associations, and representing in all about two thousand Associations at the present time as against 1400 at this time last year.

A comparative statement of the membership of the different counties according to reports received at the Grand office for the quarters ending Dec. 31, 1891 and 1892, is submitted as follows :

COUNTY.	MEMBERSHIP.	
	Dec 31, '91	Dec 31, '92
Bruce	2262	2334
Lambton	2529	658
Welland	637	985
Halton	835	379
Kent	1450	1904
Elgin	1487	613
Simcoe	642	894
Northumberland	997	393
Huron	1346	663
Wentworth	1642	929
Peel	*136	222
Wellington	1684	1594
Middlesex	1583	1986
Peterboro	1267	502
Norfolk	2596	1582
Perth	335	1304
Hastings	100	433
Oxford	599	1208
Grenville	698	635
Grey	385	2782
Durham	234	866
Brant	657	676
Waterloo	92	598
Haldimand	1060	1746
Lincoln	+1144	1095
Stormont	+413	1296
Essex	+58	1529
Dufferin	123	1804
York	141	397
Ontario		456
Victoria		464
Thames		502
Lennox and Addington		174

COUNTY.	MEMBERSHIP.	
	Dec. 31, '91	Dec. 31, '92
Carleton		421
Glengarry		280
Prince Edward		167
Prescott		72
Lanark		148
Huntingdon, Quebec		398

- * Previous quarter. † Quarter following.

With Russel and Leeds in Ontario, and Beauharnois, Chateaugay, Soulangues and Vaudreuil in Quebec, without County associations 110, making a total of 26,996 for last year and 35,090 for the present. It is not assumed that this is the real standing of the order as many subordinate associations it would appear do not report their true membership through perhaps improper keeping of books, irregular attendance of members, etc., and county secretaries not receiving full reports are unable to make complete returns to the Grand office.

It might be said here in justice to a number of the County Secretaries in respect to the audit made at the beginning of the present year, that some, following the old method, introduced into this country by the U. S., (for a purpose, no doubt) report at the beginning of the quarter; and so the reports of such for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1892 appear in the audit, while those of others following the method now adopted in the Order of reporting in the month following the close of the quarter do not appear in the audit.

The Constitution, it will be observed, is not very clear in regard to the payment of dues and the making of reports by Subordinate Associations, as also respecting absentees and the transfer of membership from one association to another. I have, therefore, placed on the table some suggestions in respect to these matters.

It might also be mentioned that the Constitution and Ritual are printed in both English and French, and a requisition is before you to have them issued in German as well, for the convenience of those in localities where English or French is not understood.

The work of the Grand Board during the past year, which I presume will be fully set forth in the Trustees' Report, and suffice it here, therefore, to say has been briefly the carrying into effect certain instructions from the Grand Association at its annual meeting a year ago, as also certain assumed work. An effort has also been made for the extension and consolidation of the order, for which much time and means have been spent by the officers in addressing public meetings throughout the Province, which were doubtless rendered more expensive from the want of some properly arranged system for holding such meetings in circuits throughout the various counties. This being a matter of some degree of importance invites the attention of this Association to devise some more economical scheme for conducting this department of work.

A number of contracts have been made with manufacturers and dealers, but as this plan was from the first intended to be only temporary, to last until a system could be arranged to place such matter upon a proper basis, not much has been done in this direction, but a system has been devised and issued in pamphlets to the Associations, setting forth what is deemed to be the proper principles for the handling of manufacturing and commercial enterprises, which from reports received at the office is meeting with much favor, and will, it is believed, be carried to a successful issue by the members of the order throughout the country—some assistance being essential, perhaps, in the instituting of the societies.

There seems to be a strong demand from Associations and members for information and Patron literature apart from that of the official organ, which, by the way, seems to be highly appreciated, and this seeming a very feasible and proper mode of furnishing such as well as being within the jurisdiction of this Association, it is respectfully suggested that it be a recommendation from this Association to the Board to prepare pamphlets from time to time in like manner upon the subjects in hand to be dealt with as a detailed budget of the principles and aims of the Order respecting such matter and distribute them to the Associations as information and instruction therein, to stimulate,

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encourage and inspire them with life and vigor in their struggle for freedom, justice and righteous adjustment of matters affecting their and general welfare; and that the addresses given the Associations through the country be confined chiefly to the explanation of such matters. For I believe it better policy to draft out a plan and concentrate all the forces on one object and carry that to a successful issue than to divert the attention to a number of subjects and carry none of them to but a partial accomplishment. The distribution of all such matter might perhaps be more economically made direct from the Grand office.

Action was also taken to obtain best rates for Binder twine last season, and after considerable effort quotations, as communicated by circular to members, were obtained which it is confidently believed were considerably below what farmers generally would have paid had it not been for the action and influence of the Patrons of Industry.

Four Petitions—two to each House—have been submitted to the members for signatures respecting certain matters of legislation, which received only a fractional support from perhaps brevity of time and inactivity of many associations as also conflicting interests and party controversy.

Political effort appears a delicate aspect of the Order, and, important as it is, should seemingly not stand too imposing a headlight of work in the early days of an institution, dependent for its support and success upon the confidence and co-operation of disbandants from stern and divisive party antagonism. There is no doubt but that in many cases where organizers fail, or associations close their doors or move with an air of indifference, it is through party suspicions and aggressions on one side of the house or the other, as well as from disappointments in not reaping fancied accumulations of immediate benefits.

A business policy with observant (and that very near, brethren) financial benefits appears to be the alphabet to the higher and more advanced study of tariffs and platform theories for pecuniary gain and national economy—something that comes within easy grasp and in which the eye of the masses can perceive available advantages as some industrial or commercial enterprise for which the country appears alert.

There is also an urgent desire for action in the matter of obtaining money at reduced rates to relieve the burdened encumbrances of the toiling masses of our land from the oppressions of monetary manipulations, and in consequence of which, and from the certain necessity of action therein, I have sketched a brief article on the subject, which is on the table for your consideration, as also a number of petitions bearing upon the same matter, in the belief that no subject has ever been before the Grand Association that would meet with greater approbation, or be more graciously received by the members and people generally, and that would tend to stimulate, promote the growth, and establish the Order of Patrons of Industry than the devising of some plan by which money may be obtained upon a more properly adjusted and economical basis than that now in operation and general practice.

In conclusion, I desire to congratulate you Brethren, upon the ability of the farmers and their co-laborers to meet in association to consider their social, moral and financial welfare.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. A. WELCH,

Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

Bro. A. Gifford, Grand Trustee, presented the Grand Trustees' report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports:

THE GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association P. of I., assembled:

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

Shortly after the last annual meeting we met in Strathroy and made provision for printing and distributing Reports of the Annual Meeting, Constitutions, Rituals and Charters; also for a price list of supplies. Bros. Currie and Welch were appointed a committee to secure tenders for the work, with power to accept the lowest, if otherwise

satisfactory. This committee was also authorized to secure better office accommodation and to purchase a safe and necessary furniture for the use of the Secretary's office, all of which was done at a moderate cost, as you will see by reference to the accounts.

At the last annual meeting of this Grand Association the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. L. A. Welch, was elected, but no provision was made for his salary. This oversight your Board had to provide for, and found it a very difficult matter to deal with. At first it was decided to pay a salary of \$800 per annum and an allowance of whatever was necessary for assistance in the office (an account of such assistance to be carefully kept by Bro. Welch), and recommend to this association to supplement this amount by any further sum to which it might deem Bro. Welch's services entitled him. Subsequently Bro. Welch declined to accept this arrangement, and we, knowing that he was the unanimous choice of the association, felt we could not undertake to accept his resignation, and rather than do so, consented to give him \$800 upon similar terms to those proposed at first. This matter was a source of much anxiety to the Board for the time being, and to prevent such in future we would recommend that the salaries of all officers be fixed previous to their election.

At the last meeting of this Grand Association a report was made by Bro. George Wrigley respecting the publication of a weekly organ, which received favorable consideration, and after the existing agreement with the *Patrons and Co-operator*, published by Bro. Doyle, expired, one was entered into with Bro. Wrigley for the publication of the *Canada Farmers' Sun*, 2,000 copies of which were to be distributed weekly to the various associations and organizers at a cost to the Grand Association of \$40 per month.

An application for a Dominion charter of incorporation having been made by the former Board of Trustees, it became necessary for us to make the necessary deposit and press the application or withdraw it. After due consideration we decided upon adopting the latter course, deeming that it would be premature to secure such incorporation until the several Provinces were more fully organized, when a bill of incorporation could be secured providing for a Dominion association, composed of a limited number of delegates from each Province, proportioned to the number of subordinate associations therein.

After much delay the negotiations with the Ontario People's Salt Company were finally completed, and on the first of January last that company began filling contracts with the Patrons, and are now shipping salt at the rate of seven car loads per day. The completion of this agreement has necessitated much labor and some expense, but we feel that we are fully compensated by the results obtained, as, in future, if Patrons stand fast to these contracts, it will be impossible for any combine to unduly tax them on this great necessary of life.

Another matter that has received a large share of the attention of the Board during the past year has been the securing of a cheap supply of binder twine. As you are all aware this essential of our present system of farming has been hitherto entirely under the control of a combine. A number of propositions to manufacture twine for Patrons were submitted for our consideration, and finally that made by Bros Stratford, Hope and others, of Brantford and vicinity, was adopted as being most likely to afford immediate relief from the obnoxious tax on this commodity to which we have hitherto been subjected.

To inspire confidence in the minds of Patrons, this company (the Farmers' Antimopoly Cordage and Implement Manufacturing Company) have elected one of the members of your Grand Board (Bro. Currie) as a director, and undertake, if possible, to have all the stock taken by farmers. This company also propose, if sufficient encouragement be given them, to manufacture agricultural implements to be supplied to Patrons, thereby exempting them from the exactions contemplated by those interested in the recent combine in these articles.

Our attention having been drawn to the benefits that will be derived from a more general distribution of the bulletins issued by the Ontario Agricultural College, an interview was had with the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, who kindly responded to our request, and will furnish a reasonable number of copies to each association the name of whose secretary is sent him.

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for trading arrangements between Patrons and other classes, yet the prospective advantages likely to accrue therefrom have led to the making of many contracts for buying and selling in some more direct and less expensive manner than has hitherto prevailed. In many places these contracts have proved eminently satisfactory, but in others they have been only productive of disgust to all parties concerned.

To meet the difficulties attached to this, as it may be called, the business arm of our institution, and to provide a uniform system of doing business, we drafted a system of recommended rules to be used in the formation of co-operative societies. This co-operative system has, as many of you are aware, been in successful operation in Great Britain for many years, and has been productive of great good there. These rules, along with a copy of the Ontario statute regulating the formation of co-operative societies, have been embodied in pamphlet form and sent out to all subordinate associations, and we trust they will meet with your approval and be made the basis of conducting your business operations in the future.

Recently we adopted forms of petition to the House of Commons asking for the removal of the existing duties on binder twine, corn, coal oil and all kinds of wire fencing. Also for an enactment rendering it illegal to form combines having for their object an undue increase in the prices to be charged for the commodities controlled by such combines. These petitions have been circulated and a large portion signed and returned to the Grand Secretary and forwarded to D'Alton McCarthy for presentation in the House. We chose Mr. McCarthy to present the petitions as being the only strictly independent man in the House, and one on whom we could rely to deal with them wholly from a non-partizan standpoint. Unfortunately the budget speech embodying the changes the Government proposed to make in the tariff was delivered earlier than we expected, thereby preventing a consideration of our requests in preparing their policy on those subjects. It was hoped by your Board that a delegation composed of a representative from each country could have waited on the Government in time to have secured a compliance with our prayers respecting those matters, but in this we have failed and can only hope that what we are asking will be granted at an early date.

Petitions to the Ontario Legislature have also been sent out for signature asking that mortgages, corporation stocks and debentures shall be hereafter assessed at their actual value; also that the superior courts shall be decentralized and the powers of division courts enlarged. These petitions have been, we believe, generally signed, and we have no doubt if duly presented upon the attention of the Legislature will receive its favorable consideration.

Every possible effort has been made by the Board and its individual members to comply with the many requests coming from all parts of the country for assistance at meetings, and though in some cases it has proved impossible to supply such, still a large amount of work in this way has been done, and we believe much good accomplished in the advancement of the order.

During the past year the plan of submitting all great questions to the vote of the people, otherwise known as the "Initiative and Referendum," has been pressed upon the attention of your Board which, though in a great measure a new system to us, possesses features which we think should commend it to your careful consideration. There is no doubt its adoption would result in more independent action being taken on all important matters affecting the material prosperity of this country, and that the narrow party principles now so generally prevailing to the detriment of the people as a whole would be eliminated from our political system.

In conclusion, we have to thank the membership for the consideration and forbearance that has been extended to us in the discharge of our duties. We feel that at many times it must have appeared to them that we were not doing all that might be done for the advancement of our great work; but it must be remembered that this is a new order instituted for the union and co-operation of farmers and the laboring classes, which, though possessed of the largest average intelligence of any section of the people, have not hitherto accustomed themselves—though having many identical interests—to act in concert, but only the opposite; and it is too much to expect that in one short year we can undo the work of generations of mistraiding. We feel that a foundation has been

laid broad and deep, and that in due time our organization will embody within it all those it seeks to benefit, and be in a position to compel from all others that respect and attention to our wants which the importance of our industry in this country requires should be given.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. GIFFORD, Chairman.

On motion of E. J. Pearson seconded by A. Swinn, Bros. W. H. Windover and E. E. Parrott were appointed a Press Committee to furnish such information for the public press as might be proper to be made known.

A motion asking certain amendments to be made in the Constitution was laid on the table and the meeting adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

Meeting opened at 7.30 p. m.

Bro. F. Kennedy submitted the report of the Committee appointed to strike standing Committees, which on motion of J. H. Alexander, seconded by D. S. Campbell, was adopted as follows :

FINANCE.—R. Henry, G. A. Darby, G. E. Mowbray, J. L. Wilson, E. J. Pearson, A. Swinn, H. L. Johnston, E. A. Morse and B. Mallory.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.—D. S. Campbell, W. I. Moses, Jas. Gaunt, J. J. McQuaig, W. McCredie, W. J. McCormick and H. A. Baker.

RESOLUTIONS AND OFFICERS' REPORTS.—W. H. Gainer, T. J. Leahy, J. Johnston, K. Jamison, H. Harper, T. Campbell and D. Scully.

LEGISLATION AND PLATFORM.—J. Lang, J. Stratford, J. G. Adams, A. Gifford, H. M. Williams, T. O. Currie, W. Hannah, J. Miller, E. E. Parrott, W. H. Windover and J. Stickney.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.—J. H. Alexander, J. N. Sipes, S. Smith, J. Bennett, E. E. Parrott, F. Kennedy, J. Stratford, J. G. Adams, J. A. Donald, A. Forster and W. Valens.

MILEAGE, COMPENSATION AND SALARIES.—J. W. Patton, D. Dwyer, P. Kinnear, J. C. Clark, H. W. Cook, G. Tucker, C. Osborne, A. Stark, F. Kennedy and D. S. Campbell.

A motion by P. Kinnear, seconded by J. Johnston, to reverse the rates of per capita tax of the County and Grand was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. next morning.

WEDNESDAY, March 1.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m. 54 members present. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Moved by G. A. Darby, seconded by W. Valens, that the first order of business in the afternoon be a discussion concerning the past, present and future relationship existing between the Grand Association and its Official Organ—"The Canada Farmers' Sun." Carried.

Moved by F. Kennedy, seconded by J. Stickney, that the election of officers be held Friday morning. Carried.

Moved by J. Johnston, seconded by W. Dynes, that the Grand Association do now go into Committee of the Whole on the Auditors' Report, so that it may get a thorough investigation. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Meeting opened at 2 p. m.

Committee of the Whole resumed the consideration of the Auditors' Report.

Committee of the Whole rose at 3 o'clock and recommended the adoption of the Auditors' Report.

Moved by E. E. Parrott, seconded by G. E. Mowbray, that the Auditors' Report as read be adopted. Carried.

GRAND AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry of North America:—

BRETHREN,—We, your Grand Auditors, elected at the Grand Association held at Victoria Hall, in the City of Toronto, on February 24th, 1892, have made an annual audit of the accounts and vouchers in the Grand Office at Strathroy, from February 23rd, 1892, to December 31st, 1892, and have taken stock of all supplies and office furniture in the Grand office, which we were unable to do when making our half-yearly audit, as the books could not be closed and balanced at that time unless work was stopped in the office. But we gave you at that time an abstract account of the receipts and disbursements through our official organ up to August 1st, showing the balance of cash on hand at that date, which we hope proved satisfactory. We now present you with a full statement in detail of all supplies sold and dues received, and also a statement in detail of all disbursements up to 1st January, 1893. We would also add that we found the books in the Grand office well kept and in good order, reflecting credit upon our Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

We also recommend that a number of old Constitutions, numbering 1,150, be destroyed, and that whenever the Grand Auditors find stock on hand which, owing to changes, have become valueless, they be empowered to destroy the same. We also recommend that a sufficient number of Auditors' Reports be printed and distributed to County Secretaries, that each Subordinate Secretary receive at least one copy, and that the County Secretaries may at the annual County meetings give one copy to each delegate elect to the Grand Association.

We hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of Receipts and Expenditures

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WINDOVER, }
WM. VALENS, } Auditors.

Strathroy, Jan 10th, 1893.

Inventory of Stock, 4th January, 1893.

Supplies:—

1727 Ode Cards, at \$3 per m.....	\$ 5 18
5900 Applicat ons for Membership, at 65c per m.....	3 83½
379 Roll Books at \$6.50 per 100.....	24 63
558 Charters, at \$24 per m.....	13 39
9392 Constitutions, (Eng.) at \$6.35 per m.....	53 31
6350 Rituals, (Eng.) at \$4.70 per m.....	29 85
91 Cash Books, at 17c each.....	15 47
115 County Treas. Order Books, at 9½c each.....	10 92½
209 County Sec'y Receipt Books, at 9½c each.....	19 85½
974 Pass Books, at 1c each.....	9 74
8 Account Books, at 12½c each.....	1 00
2000 Withdrawal Cards, at 65c per m.....	1 30
2900 Delegates Certificates, at 65c. per m.....	1 82
1352 Constitutions, (Fr.) at 2½c each.....	33 80
597 Rituals, (Fr.) at 2½c each.....	14 92
5 Organizers Report Books, at 9½c each.....	47½
4600 Certificates of Membership, at 65c per m.....	2 99
1107 Badges, silver pins and fringe, at 11c each.....	121 77

881 Badges, gold fringe, at 18c each	\$158 58
12 Badges, Organizers, at 20c each	2 40
8 Badges, unfinished, at 6c	48
70 Badges, plain, at 3½c each	2 45
4000 Money Envelopes, at 85c per m	3 40
22000 Keys to Password, at 65c per m	14 30
1150 Old Constitutions, at 65c per m	7 48
1000 Envelopes, No. 7, at \$2.00 per m	2 00
300 Envelopes No. 9, at 40c per 100	1 20
50 Official Envelopes, at 50c per 100	25
1000 Parcel Envelopes, at \$4.50 per m	\$ 4 50
160 Blank Co. Sec'y Quarterly Reports, at 52½c per 100	84
1635 Blank Sub. Sec'y Quarterly Reports, at \$1.40 per m	2 28
300 Blank Sub. Sec'y Organization Reports to Grand Sec'y, at 40c per 100	1 20
300 Blank Sub. Sec'y Organization Report to Co. Sec'y, at 25c per 100	75
3000 Platforms, at \$1.40 per m	4 20
800 Statements, at 22½c per 100	1 80
2000 Order Sheets, at \$1.40 per m	2 80
200 Letter heads, at 35c per 100	70
400 Note heads, at 30c per 100	1 20
1000 Seals for Charters, at \$4.25 per m	4 25
6 gross Paper Fasteners, at 25c per gross	1 50
350 Organizers Reports to Grand President, at 14c per 100	49
400 Organizers Reports to Co. Sec'y, at 14c per 100	56
850 Suggestions to Organizers, etc., at 14c per 100	1 19
1100 Articles of Agreement, at 25c per 100	2 75
3 Association Seals, at 95c each	2 85
Furniture	\$500 66
Postage Stamps	95 05
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Supplies Sold.	
9535 Applications for Membership	\$ 28 57½
162950 Certificates for Membership	325 90
5550 Delegates Certificates	22 20
6200 Withdrawal Cards	15 50
366 Roll Books	36 60
7063 Ode Cards	117 80
296 Seals	296 00
310 Receipt Books	46 50
5845 Badges	1129 85
384 Pass Books	7 68
534 Charters	1602 00
13686 Constitutions and by-laws	410 58
12300 Note Heads	49 20
4700 Letter Heads	23 50
4412 Rituals	132 36
331 Cash Books	115 85
27 Organizers Report Books	6 75
2150 Organizers Hand Bills	5 37½
Sundries	41 11
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Less saleable goods sent free	4413 33
	198 47
Total for supplies	\$2214 86

Dues.

Dues, Elgin county	\$ 166 32
" York county	106 04
" Haldimand county	304 07
" Wellington county	363 27
" Huntingdon county	49 17
" Durham county	103 85
" Dufferin county	148 14
" Brant county	152 04
" Halton county	105 46
" Lincoln county	168 91
" Perth county	191 93
" Simcoe county	189 70
" Kent county	317 34
" Peterboro county	177 09
" Norfolk county	416 54
" Ontario county	17 21
" Northumberland county	125 41
" Peel county	55 38
" Chateauguay county	3 03
" Lambton county	309 85
" Stormont county	\$195 80
" Welland county	172 68
" Victoria county	170 58
" Grenville county	125 10
" Waterloo county	67 62
" Bruce county	272 68
" Wentworth county	196 11
" Prince Edward county	9 14
" Hastings county	83 10
" Dundas county	74 16
" Grey county	293 60
" Middlesex county	210 48
" Oxford county	202 14
" Lennox & Addington county	13 30
" Leeds county	3 00
" Carleton county	23 40
" Huron county	108 96
" Glengarry county	14 76
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	\$5708 30

Expenditures.

Delegates to Grand Association	\$1213 17
Grand Officers--	
C. A. Mallory, Grand President,	
Travelling expenses	279 38 4
Hotel expenses	113 25
Time	\$275 00
Postage and Telegrams	4 05— 671 68
John Miller, Grand Vice-President,	
Travelling expenses	82 50
Hotel expenses	60 50
Time	130 00
Postage and Telegrams	3 37— 276 37

L. A. Welch, Grand Secretary-Treasurer,			
Travelling expenses	.....	\$ 38 45	
Hotel expenses	.....	2 55	
Salary, (including assistant) ten months	.....	750 00	\$ 809 00
A. Gifford, Grand Trustee,			
Travelling expenses	.....	110 86	
Hotel expenses	.....	54 00	
Time	.....	107 00	
Postage and Telegrams	.....	3 35	275 21
A. Forster, Grand Trustee,			
Travelling expenses	.....	61 25	
Hotel expenses	.....	43 00	
Time	.....	112 50	
Telegrams and Postage	.....	21 23	237 98
T. O. Currie, Grand Trustee,			
Travelling expenses	.....	137 70	
Hotel expenses	.....	59 00	
Time	.....	123 00	319 70
W. H. Windover, Grand Auditor,			
Travelling expenses	.....	4 25	
Hotel expenses	.....	4 25	
Time	.....	8 00	16 50
Wm. Valens, Grand Auditor,			
Travelling expenses	.....	4 00	
Hotel expenses	.....	4 25	
Time	.....	8 00	16 25
Fergus Kennedy, ex-Grand Pres., balance of acct.	.....		9 77
F. W. Wilson, ex-Grand Trustee,	.....		69 17
Thos. Creighton, " " " "	.....		26 75
B. J. Donaldson, ex-Grand Auditor, services	.....		38 00
J. Buchanan, " " " "	.....		38 60
Lecturers,			
John Robinson	.....	129 38	
E. E. Parrott	.....	30 30	
Wm. Nisbet	.....	18 90	
J. D. McGregor	.....	13 60	191 18
P. Welch, office, service re Grand Asso'n Feb., '92	.....		22 00
Geo. Wrigley, services re Toronto Exposition	.....		2 00
Printing, Supplies, &c.,			
G. M. Haldane	.....	\$1377 62	
Evans Bros	.....	5 00	
Richardson Bros	.....	270 53	
Mail Printing Co.	.....	3 50	
J. J. Crabbe, re Salt Contract	.....	37 00	
Advertiser Printing Co.	.....	25 00	
W. B. J. Williams	.....	18 45	
Reid Bros. & Co.	.....	6 15	\$1743 20
Official Organ,			
R. J. Doyle	.....	255 70	
Canada Farmers' Sun	.....	200 00	455 70
Legal,			
Hanna & Burnham, re incorporation	.....	5 00	
J. Folinbes, draft of bond	.....	2 00	
Lister, Cowan & McKenzie, re Dominion Charter	32 78	39 78
Rent,			
Victoria Hall, Toronto	51 00	
Grand Office	45 99	96 99

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General Expenses,	
Safe for Grand office.....	\$ 30 00
Office Furniture.....	25 75
Express, Cartage and Commissions.....	27 67
Telegrams, etc.....	10 89
Postage.....	204 78
Stationery.....	4 63
Seals for Charters.....	4 25
Fuel, etc.....	15 70
Refund for Supplies returned.....	14 73
Sundries.....	17 62—\$ 355 02

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand last annual audit.....	\$ 2302 07
" dues.....	5708 30
" supplies sold.....	4214 86
" furniture sold.....	3 00
	<u>\$12228 23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash Delegates.....	\$ 1213 17
Grand Officers.....	2622 69
Ex-Grand Pres. Kennedy.....	9 77
Ex-Grand Trustee Wilson.....	69 17
Ex-Grand Trustee Creighton.....	26 75
Ex-Grand Auditors.....	76 00
Lecturers.....	191 18
P. Welch.....	22 00
Geo. Wrigley.....	2 00
Printing.....	2198 95
Legal services.....	39 78
Rent.....	96 99
General expenses.....	355 02
On hand.....	5304 76
	<u>\$12228 23</u>

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 5304 76
Supplies on hand.....	560 66
Furniture.....	95 05
Postage stamps on hand.....	4 68—5995 15

LIABILITIES

S. M. Haldane.....	\$ 558 16
Richardson Bros.....	29 18
T. J. Leahy.....	51 30—638 64
Balance assets over liabilities.....	\$ 5356 51

The meeting resolved into Committee of the Whole on the matter of Official Organ.

Committee rose to receive the representatives of the Fruit Growers' Association, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The representatives of the Fruit Growers' Association were introduced and addressed the Association on the matter of The Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, 1892. (C. 30, V. 55, S. O.)

Mr. Rogers, representative of the Dominion Horse Directory, was introduced and addressed the meeting on the matter of the horse trade of the country.

Committee of the Whole resumed the consideration of official organ, and after some deliberation rose and reported progress.

Moved by A. Swinn, seconded by G. E. Mowbray, that the matter of official organ be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order. Carried

On motion of W. H. Windover, seconded by a Gifford, the matter of injuries to workmen as presented by the representatives of the Fruit Growers' Association was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on Platform and Legislation was by resolution of Bros. Kinnear and Parrott requested to take note of the suggestions offered by the delegations and to submit a resolution in their report bearing on the question.

The following motions were read and referred to their respective committees :

W. H. Gainer, J. H. Alexander—Amendment of constitution re per capita tax.

J. G. Adams, T. J. Leahy—Capitation tax—Amendment of Art. 18, Sec. 1.

F. Kennedy, C. Osborne—Associations in arrears. Capitation tax.

G. Tucker, G. A. Darby—Township associations.

D. S. Campbell, J. H. Alexander—Abolition of Township collectors.

W. McCredie, H. W. Cook—Education of farmers, re horse rearing.

J. W. Patton, R. Jamieson—Date of Meeting of Grand Association.

R. Henry, W. J. McCormick—Representation to County Councils.

J. W. Patton, R. Henry—Extension of Franchise.

J. W. Patton, R. Jamieson—Per Capita Tax.

A. Swinn, J. Stickney—Per Capita Tax.

Bruce County Association—Amendment of Municipal Act—Township Associations—Officers—Official Organ.

From County Lincoln—Market Fees and Shelter at Markets.

R. Jamieson, R. Henry—Organizers and Lecturers.

H. L. Johnston for Co Kent—Amendment of Assessment Act.

From Carluke Association re Market Tax.

Meeting adjourned at 6.30 p. m. to meet next morning.

THURSDAY, March 2.

Meeting opened in due form at 9 o'clock a. m. Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

On motion of R. Henry, seconded by H. L. Johnston, all resolutions were required to be presented and referred to their respective committees without discussion.

The following resolutions were received and referred to committee :

J. G. Adams, B. Mallory—Amendment of Insurance Act.

H. M. Williams, G. E. Mowbray—Test of Wheat by $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel.

W. J. McCormick, J. H. Alexander—Constitution.

L. A. Welch, J. W. Patton—Amendment of Constitution—Constitution in German.

W. Valens, D. N. McIntyre—Duties re Great Britain.

J. Gaunt, E. E. Parrott—Amendment Municipal Act.

J. H. Alexander, D. S. Campbell—Amendment Assessment Act.

As there were a number of members present not on any committee the committee to strike Standing Committees was, on motion of W. H. Windover, seconded by W. Valens, empowered to add to such committees.

On motion of J. W. Patton, seconded by H. M. Williams, a deputation consisting of Bros. Pearson, Adams, B. Mallory, Parrott, Forster, Gainer and Kennedy, were appointed to wait on the Ontario Government as soon as an interview could be had to ascertain as far as possible what course will be pursued in disposing of the binder twine manufactured at the Central Prison, Toronto; such committee to report to the Association as early as possible after such interview.

Moved by E. E. Parrott, seconded by J. S. McDonald, that the Executive Board of the Grand Association constitute a committee to negotiate a basis upon which we may work in common with other organizations represented at the fraternal gathering Wednesday evening. Carried.

Moved by F. Kennedy, seconded by W. H. Windover, that the Grand Board be advised to place petitions in the hands of the County Secretaries in sufficient time to give the Subordinate Associations at least two months to secure signatures before being required to return them to the Grand Secretary. Carried.

Moved by J. L. Wilson, seconded by J. Stickney, that reports from Subordinate Secretaries be amended by giving the number of voters in each Subordinate Association. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

Moved by A. Swinn, seconded by E. E. Parrott, that some steps be taken to have a meeting of the several County Secretaries of the Province with the Grand Secretary, for the purpose of adopting a Roll Book for County Secretaries and devising some means of securing a correct report from Subordinate Secretaries of all members on the roll. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Bro. Valens was requested to act as Assistant Secretary for the balance of the session.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m., to allow the several committees time to report.

Meeting opened at 4 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Resolutions and Officers' Reports presented their report by Bro. W. H. Gainer, and on motion of Bro. J. F. Cryderman, seconded by Bro. J. Johnston, was received and adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry of Ontario:

Your Committee on Resolutions and Officers' Reports beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the different resolutions and officers' reports laid before us.

1 The Grand Association having received the report of the Grand President and having adopted the same, it virtually relieves us of that part of our duties; but notwithstanding this we must congratulate the Grand Association upon having secured the services of so efficient a man as head of the Grand Executive Board.

2 We recommend the adoption of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer's report and would say that we consider it a full and comprehensive one, showing that he has endeavored to perform the duties of his office in the best interests of the Order.

3 Your Committee recommends the adoption of the Grand Trustees' report and would say that we believe the suggestion in their report as to the fixing of officers' salaries previous to their election should be carried out.

4 We consider the Grand Officers entitled to the thanks of this Association for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties in their several offices.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. GAINER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Mileage, Compensation and Salaries was submitted by Bro. J. W. Patton, and on motion of Bro. R. Jamieson, seconded by Bro. H. W. Williams, was received and adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, COMPENSATION AND SALARIES.

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

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

1 As to the remuneration for delegates in attendance at this meeting we recommend that they receive \$2 per day for time, \$1 per day for board, and actual stage and railway fare.

2 We recommend that the Grand Secretary-Treasurer receive the sum of \$900 as salary for the ensuing year, the said amount to cover the expenses of assistants required.

3 We further recommend that the compensation to the officers composing the Grand Board of this Association be \$2 per day and actual travelling and hotel expenses. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. PATTON, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Committee on Good of the Order reported a portion of the work before them, and on motion of Bro. H. Atkin, seconded by Bro. W. H. Winderover, the Association went into Committee of the Whole to consider the report as read. Committee rose, reported the recommendation of certain amendments which, on motion of Bro. A. Swinn, seconded by Bro. E. A. Morse, was received and adopted as amended.

Moved by J. S. McDonald, seconded by D. N. McIntyre, that when any Brother rises to address the meeting he will announce his name and the county he represents. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

Meeting opened at 9 o'clock p. m.

A resolution by J. C. Clark, from Burlington Association, respecting railway guards and fences was referred to Committee on Legislation.

Moved by A. Stark, seconded by F. Kennedy, that in the opinion of this Association it is advisable that the Grand Board make enquiries as to the possibility of making such arrangements as will secure to Patrons on real estate security the use of money at lowest rates of interest. Carried.

On motion of Bro. F. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. J. G. Adams, Bro. Jos. Stratford was requested to address the meeting on the matter of binder twine.

The meeting was addressed by Bros. Stratford, Miller, Currie and others, and some discussion ensued.

Moved by J. S. McDonald, seconded by D. Dwyer, that after hearing the able report of the gentlemen who are promoters of the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., and also the statements of Grand Vice-President Miller, as to the attitude of the Grand Board to the same, we heartily approve of the action of the Grand Board and recommend our Subordinate Associations to encourage the enterprise. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock next morning.

FRIDAY, March 3.

Meeting opened at 9 o'clock a. m. Minutes of previous day were read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. E. A. Morse, seconded by E. J. Pearson, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with by ballot, without open nomination, Bros. Wrigley and Hope acting as scrutineers.

The call of the roll showed 57 members present entitled to vote. 29 and a majority vote being required to secure election.

The result of the election was as follows :—

Grand President—C. A. Mallory, Warkworth, elected on first ballot, 36 votes.

Grand Vice-Pres.—T. O. Currie, Napperton, elected on first ballot, 29 votes.

Grand Sec. Treas.—L. A. Welch, Strathroy, elected on first ballot, 51 votes.

Grand Trustees—1st, F. Kennedy, Camlachie, 4th ballot, 29 votes,

2nd, A. Gifford, Meaford, 3rd ballot, 35 votes.

3rd, J. Lockie Wilson, Alexandria, 3rd ballot, 30 votes.

Grand Auditors—W. Valens, Lucknow, 2nd ballot, 32 votes.

J. G. Adams, Wales, 3rd ballot, 32 votes.

Grand Sentinel—D. Dwyer, West Flanboro, 30 votes.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 3.30 p. m.

Meeting opened at 3.30 p. m.

Bro. E. E. Parrot presented the report of the Committee on Platform and Legislation, and the meeting went into Committee of the Whole to consider the same on motion of Bros. Mowbray and Morse.

The Committee of the Whole rose and reported the recommendation of certain amendments, and on motion of Bro. E. E. Parrott, seconded by Bro. J. G. Adams, the report as amended was adopted as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLATFORM AND LEGISLATION

To the Grand Association for Ontario of the Patrons of Industry :

Your Committee on Platform and Legislation beg leave to report as follows :

1 We recommend that the Act known as "The Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act 1892" (C. 30 V. 55 S. O), be so amended as not to apply to agriculturists.

2 That in accordance with the spirit of clauses 9 and 10 of the Platform, the Government be required to remove the duties upon imports, especially necessities of life, coming from Great Britain.

3 That all petitions for presentation to either the Dominion or Provincial Governments be required to receive the sanction of the Grand Executive Board.

4 That the action of members of parliament in accepting free passes from railway companies and at the same time charging the country mileage for the same be condemned as tending to destroy their independence as legislators.

5 That the Ontario Government be asked to comply with the requirements of Plank No. 8 of the Platform re appointment of county officials.

6 That the different suggestions regarding municipal representation be published in the Official Organ and the subordinate Associations requested to discuss the same and place their decisions before their County Associations to be reported thereupon through delegates to the next Grand Association.

7 We further recommend that plank No. 7 be struck off the Platform as it has now been complied with.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. E. PARROTT, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read by Bro. D. S. Campbell and laid over to be discussed at a later date.

Moved by A. Foster, seconded by J. L. Wilson, that a committee consisting of Bros. C. A. Mallory and A. Gifford be and is hereby appointed to form a joint committee with the Grange and various labor organizations to consider matters of legislation of mutual benefit. Carried.

Moved by G. A. Darby, seconded by J. Miller, that the thanks of this Grand Association be tendered the mayor and corporation of the City of Toronto for their kind-

ness in giving the free use of the St. Lawrence hall for the purpose of holding this annual meeting and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

Meeting opened at 9 o'clock p. m.

Moved by A. Stark seconded by J. S. McDonald, that Bro. Jno. Miller be appointed Honorary Grand Lecturer of this Grand Association. Carried.

The officers elect were duly installed in office and the thanks of the Association tendered Bros. J. Miller and A. Foster for the able and efficient services rendered during the past year.

Moved by T. O. Currie, seconded by E. J. Pearson, that during the sessions of the Grand Association Bro. Wrigley be accorded the privilege of an honorary delegate (without right to vote or compensation) during his continuance as publisher of the official organ of the Order. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws being discussed clause by clause and referred back to the committee for amendment and being approved thereby was finally adopted on motion by Bros. D. S. Campbell and H. Harper as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Association:

BRETHREN,—We, your committee on Constitution and By-Laws, beg leave to report that we have given our careful and considerate attention to the various resolutions that have been handed us and find that a large percentage of such resolutions are requests for a change of some kind to be made in the appropriation of the quarterly dues.

Your committee would recommend :

1st. That sec. 5, art. 3, of the present Constitution be so amended as to read, "The Secretary of the County Association shall forward to the Secretary of the Grand Association fees to the amount of 5 cents per quarter for each member whose quarterly dues have been returned to the County Secretary.

2nd. That sec 10, art. 14, be amended by inserting the words "to the county" after the word liable in line 7, and the words "but shall make a quarterly report to the County Secretary of the membership thereof and shall state in such report that it is the first quarter of the Association" after the words "during which it is organized."

3rd. Owing to the fact that a certain percentage of the members of the order are of German descent we recommend that the Constitution and Ritual be printed in German.

4th. We recommend that the Constitution be amended by inserting a clause allowing County Associations to pass by-laws establishing Township Associations and set apart such portion of the County funds as they may see fit for the maintenance of such Township Associations.

5th. We further recommend that organizations that have been defunct for a time shall be recognized as regular Associations providing they report to their County Secretary before the first of May next that they desire to receive their charters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Bro. Alexander presented part No. 2 of the report of the Committee on Good of the Order for the consideration of which the Association resolved into committee of the whole on motion of Bros. Gifford and Windover.

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

Moved by A. Gifford, seconded by A. Stark, that this Grand Association instruct the President and Secretary to prepare and forward to the Dominion Government a memorial asking that the Dominion Election Act be amended by striking out the clause requiring a deposit from any candidate nominated for a seat in the House of Commons of Canada. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hannah, seconded by Bro. Patton, that hereafter any Brother in-

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tending to move for a change in the Constitution shall give one month's notice of the proposed change in the official organ. Carried.

Bro. R. Henry presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was received and adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have taken into careful consideration the financial condition, plans and operations of the organization as shown by the statements and reports which have from time to time come up for our consideration.

We beg to congratulate the Association on the wonderful prosperity and increase of power and influence of the order. This gratifying state of affairs, no doubt in a great measure is owing to the honest, skillful and economical management of our finances. We express our hope and confidence that the finances of the order may be managed in the future as they have been in the past, with that integrity and ability which has contributed in so great a degree to the attainment of the proud position in which we stand today. It is one of the grand principles upon which our order is founded that rigid economy shall prevail in the management of the financial affairs of the country, and the same principle should be exemplified in the management of our own financial affairs.

We respectfully express our opinion that not one cent should be collected from the members which is not necessary for the successful carrying on of the work of the order; and we further think that from the way in which the returns are made to the County Associations, there seems to be a determination on the part of the members to resist the tendency so prevalent in many organizations, of accumulating vast sums in the hands of Grand Officers, and the consequent increase and liberality in the expenditure of those sums.

We would also recommend that a clause be inserted in Sec. 10 Article 2 of the Constitution, making it imperative that the Grand Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bonds to the Grand Executive for the faithful accounting for all funds coming into his hands and for the delivering up of the same to his successor in office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. HENRY, Chairman.

Bro. Alexander, seconded by Bro. Donald, moved the meeting into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Good of the Order.

Committee rose at 2 o'clock, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock next morning.

SATURDAY, March 4th.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m. Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

Moved by A. Gifford, seconded by H. M. Williams, that hereafter notices of annual meetings shall be inserted in the official organ at least three weeks previous to the time of such meeting, and shall contain a copy of the regulations relating to Delegates' Standard Certificates. Carried.

Moved by D. N. McIntyre, seconded by W. Valens, that whereas Dr. McEachren has made a statement before the sub-committee on agriculture to the effect that his investigations have dispelled the idea that there is any pleuro-pneumonia among Canadian cattle, Resolved, that this Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry endorse the action of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and should such investigation not prove sufficient to cause the British Minister to withdraw the embargo, we recommend our Minister to take such action as will if possible dispel all doubts on the part of the British Government that there is disease among our cattle. Carried.

Bro. Gifford gave a verbal report of the committee appointed to meet the Grange and Trades and Labor Union, which was adopted.

Moved by A. Gifford, seconded by Geo. Wrigley, that the Grand Board be instructed to require that at an early day the Subordinate Associations express their approbation or disapprobation on the subject of making Cumulative Voting and the Initiative and Referendum planks in our platform. Carried.

The meeting resolved into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Good of the Order, and after some deliberation rose and reported the recommendation of certain amendments. The report as amended was adopted on motion of H. Atkins and W. Valens.

Meeting adjourned to meet on Monday, March 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

MONDAY, March 6th.

Meeting opened at 11 o'clock a. m. Minutes of the Saturday were read and approved.

Moved by F. Kennedy, seconded by J. A. Donald, that the thanks of this Grand Association are due and are hereby tendered to Warden Massie, of the Central Prison, who on two occasions has escorted a deputation of delegates of this Association through the Binder Twine Factory, and other industrial works in that institution, and whose courtesy on those occasions has been as pleasing as his information will be advantageous to the several representatives at this meeting from the various counties in this jurisdiction. Carried.

By request Bro. Forster gave a verbal report of the salt situation, which went to show that the salt combine had been broken by the action of the Patrons. That Patrons had subscribed very largely for salt—far beyond expectations—and that encouraging letters are being constantly received expressing the determination of the members to stand by the arrangements made by the Grand Board with the Ontario People's Salt Manufacturing Co., Kincardine, no difference where the price of salt might be placed by the combine as the object could readily be seen.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Meeting opened at 2 o'clock p. m.

Moved by G. A. Darby, seconded by J. N. Sipes, that when this Association adjourns it stand adjourned subject to the call of the Grand President. Carried.

On motion of Geo. Tucker, seconded by A. Stark, the minutes, together with the financial statement and reports, were ordered to be printed and a copy sent to each delegate and officer of the Grand Association, and also to each Subordinate Association at as early date as possible.

On motion by F. Kennedy, seconded by G. Tucker, the clause in the report of the Committee on Good of the Order referring to political action was rescinded, and the report finally read as follows:

FIRST REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee begs to report on the matter of Official Organ. That we believe the publication of a highly conducted and carefully edited official organ is one of the greatest needs of our order; that such a medium of communication is of inestimable value in the prosecution of our work, both as an educator and as a means of drawing members everywhere more closely together by the intercommunication of ideas through its correspondence columns. That to the aid given during the past year by the Canada Farmers' Sun is largely due the advancement made financially and numerically in the order and that while on some occasions selected matter has appeared in its columns that has been adversely criticised it has at all times ably championed the cause of patronism and has inspired members everywhere to greater zeal and activity.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Board shall continue an arrangement with o. Geo. Wrigley for the publication of the Sun as our official organ and that mem-

bers of the Grand Board as well as others who are able to voice the opinions of members should more frequently contribute to its columns, and thus reach a larger constituency than lecturers are able to do at public gatherings of Patrons and farmers.

We recommend that ten columns of composition be paid for by the Grand Board on the condition that eight columns instead of six as heretofore be devoted without charge by Mr. Wrigley, making a total of three pages for the publication of exclusively Patron matter and selections from Press and People to keep our members thoroughly familiar with the expressions of men who are recognized as leaders of thought in the various branches of the social reform movement.

We recommend that the Sun be sent free by the Grand Board to every County and Subordinate Secretary and that the price to be paid for such papers be the Patron rate of fifty cents per year for each copy so supplied payable monthly during the pleasure of the Grand Board.

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

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

That in view of the great clover seed monopoly in this country at the present time whereby selfish and ruthless speculators have gained control of all the seed in this country for this season we recommend that this Grand Association devise some means whereby we may relieve ourselves of this odious and imposing burden and we would suggest that the Grand Board take steps at the earliest possible date for the establishment of a co-operative seed store.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

A resolution, re Political Action, was introduced by Bro. Wrigley, seconded by Bro. Kennedy, and after amendment, was adopted as follows:

"That, whereas the objects of this organization can never be fully secured until its members can be influenced to take united action in political as well as other affairs; and whereas, it is desirable that the duty of members should be indicated by this Grand Association before a general election shall again take place in the Province or Dominion; therefore, be it resolved, that it be now declared to be the duty of every County President when a general election is approaching, or when a constituency is opened for a bye-election, to call a convention of Patrons in each constituency, the representation from each Sub.-Asso. to be from three to five delegates, as may be deemed advisable in each case, to discuss the situation and determine whether or not it is advisable to place a Patron candidate in the field; that in cases where a constituency is situated in two or more counties the convention be called by the County President who presides over the greatest number of Associations, or if there be an equal number of Associations, that it be convened by the President whose Associations have the largest aggregate membership; that should it be declared advisable to nominate a Patron candidate the duty shall be to support that candidate and to use every influence in his power to secure his election."

L. A. Welch submitted an article on "Money—Its use and mode of issue."

Moved by W. Valens, seconded by J. Lockie Wilson, that the article by Bro. Welch on circulating medium be published in the Sun over his own signature if agreeable to him and that the columns of the Sun be open to the discussion of the question and that the Grand Board deal with the matter as deemed advisable. Carried.

Moved by W. Valens, seconded by J. G. Adams, that the audit of the Grand Sec.-Treas.' books and accounts be made during the months of Sept and Feb. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Valens, seconded by Bro. Wilson, that the motion moved by E. J. Pearson seconded by J. N. McCoy, in the minutes of Grand Association for 1892, referring to representation by assessment when voting for public improvement or other money expenditure be held in abeyance until the next annual meeting of Grand Association. Carried.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Grand President for the able and gentlemanly manner in which he had presided over the meeting and the affairs of the Association, also to the retiring officers and to Bro. Wrigley for the interest taken in the meeting and in the welfare of the agriculturists of the country.

The minutes of the Association were read and adopted and the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

L. A. WELCH,
Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

POLITICAL PLATFORM

(AS AMENDED),

OF THE

PATRONS OF INDUSTRY.

1st.—Maintenance of British Connection.

2nd.—The reservation of the Public Lands for the actual settler.

3rd.—Purity of Administration and absolute Independence of Parliament.

4th.—Rigid economy in every department of the public service.

5th.—Simplification of the laws and a general reduction in the machinery of the Government.

6th.—The abolition of the Canadian Senate.

N_x 7th.—A system of Civil Service Reform that will give each County power to appoint or elect all County officials paid by them except County judges.

8th.—Tariff for revenue only, and so adjusted as to fall as far as possible upon the luxuries and not upon the necessities of life.

9th.—Reciprocal trade on fair and equitable terms between Canada and the World.

10th.—Effectual legislation that will protect labor, and the results of labor from those combinations and monopolies which unduly enhance the price of the articles produced by such combinations or monopolies.

11th.—Prohibition of the bonusing of Railways by Government grants as contrary to the public interest.

12th.—Preparation of the Dominion and Provincial voters' list by the municipal officers.

13th.—Conformity of electoral districts to County boundaries, as constituted for Municipal purposes, as far as the principal of representation by population will allow.