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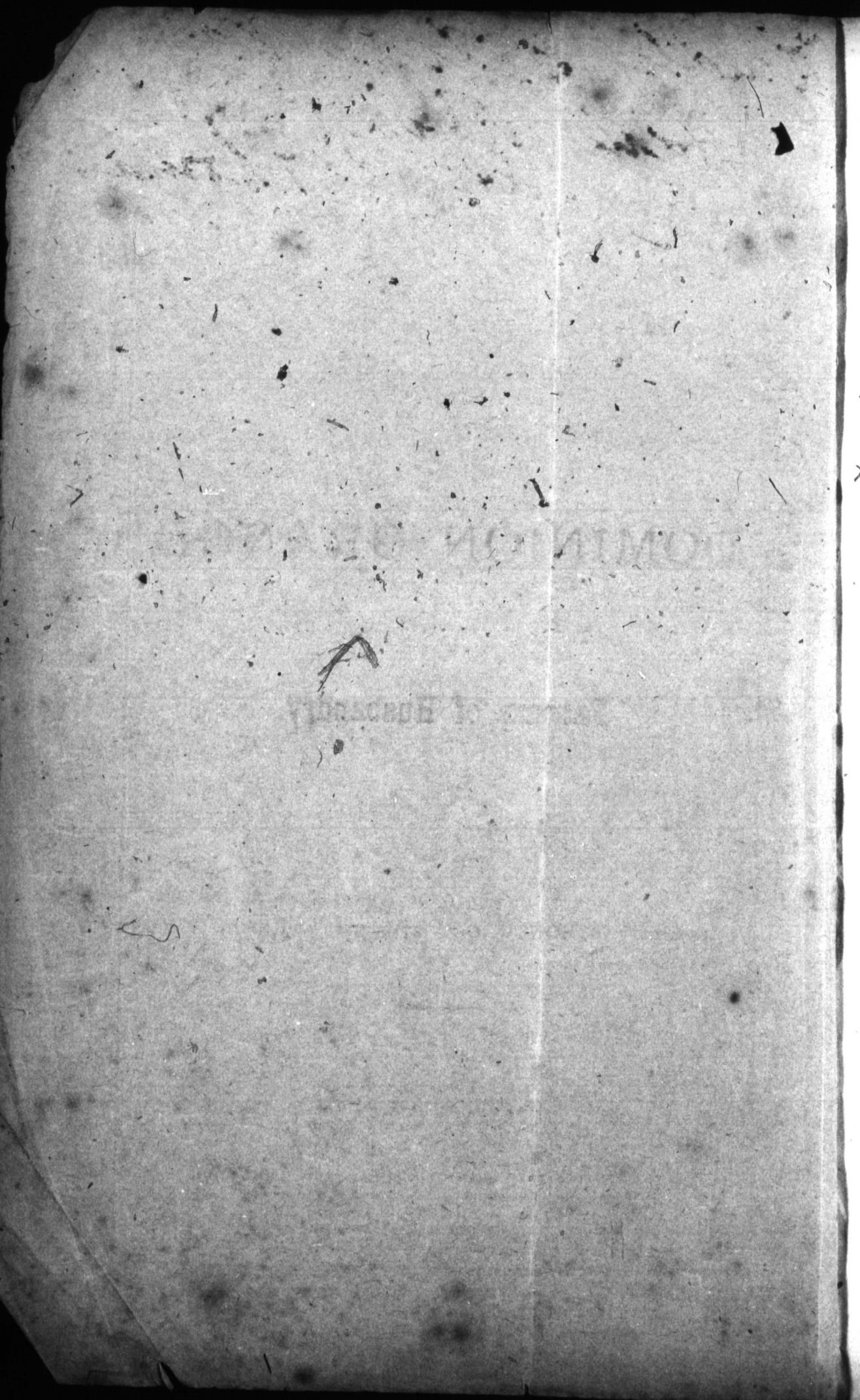
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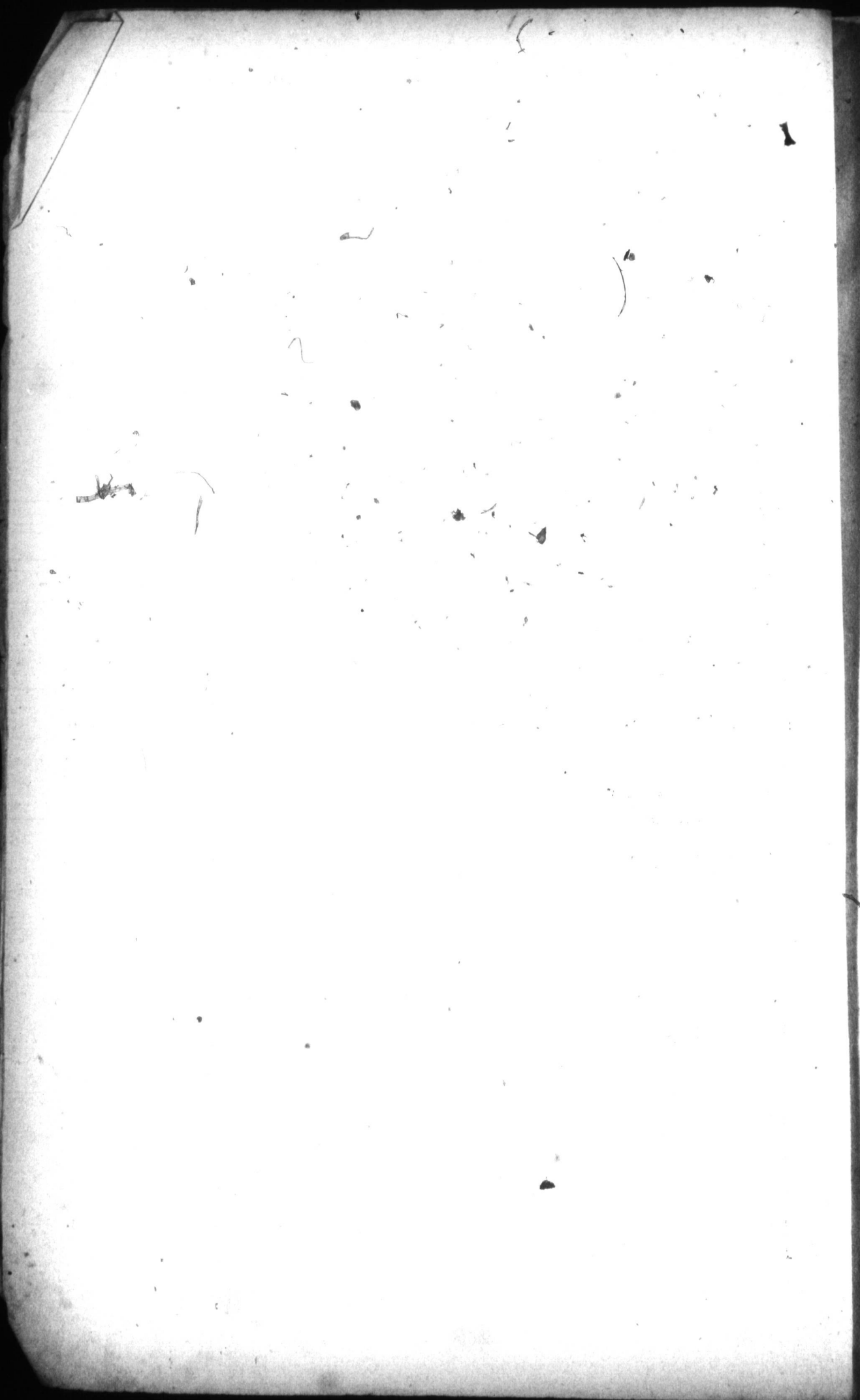
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DOMINION GRANGE.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

TORONTO, Oct. 27, 1875.

Grange opened in due form in the 4th degree at 2 P. M.,
Worthy Master, S. W. Hill, in the chair.

Committee on Credentials was appointed, consisting of
BROS. JARVIS and PAGE.

The Committee reported the following named persons
as present and entitled to seats:

Fred Anderson	Wilton Grove	Jesse Trull.....	Oshawa
J. H. Little.....	Lambeth	J. F. Gould.....	Foley
Dr. Hanson	Hyde Park	John Dallas	Widder Station
William Hewgill.....	Heathcote	D. Ferguson	Wyoming
Robert Green.....	Attercliffe	William Clark.....	Caledon
Edward Morris	Ridgeville	Hugh Lipsett	Laurel
John McGlashan....	North Pelham	Richard Coade	Strathburn
D. Nixon	Grimsby	Hector McFarland	_____
F. Strangway.....	Penville	Stephen Wade	Union
John McManus	Schomberg	James Glenn.....	Glenworth
John Hutchinson.....	Sarnia	James Daly.....	Newberg
R. F. Marshal.....	Moore	W. Harris	Napanee
C. P. Preston	_____	Charles Drury	Barrie
Hiram Alberton.....	_____	E. Hegler	Avon
Mathew Clements.....	Trafalgar	J. Jarvis	Ingersol
William Patterson.....	Lucknow	S. W. Hill.....	Ridgeville
James Hamilton.....	Lucknow	H. Leet.....	Danville, Quebec
J. K. Wye.....	Avon	A. Gifford.....	Meaford
W. J. Beel	Brampton	S. E. Philips.....	Schomberg
J. P. Bull	Downsview	H. S. Lossee	Norwich
A. J. Hughes.....	Sharon	Adam Nichol	London
J. Duncan	Richmond Hill	T. W. Dyas.....	Toronto
Eli Crawford.....	Brampton	W. S. Campbell.....	Brantford
Luther Chyne.....	Brampton	J. Manning.....	Schomberg
John McLean.....	_____	Capt J. Burgess.....	Masonville
Stephen White.....	Charing Cross	B. Payne.....	Delaware
W. J. Anderson.....	Fernhill	W. Pemberton Page.....	Fonthill
David Brock.....	Arkona	Mrs. Dyas.....	Toronto
John Cameron.....	St. Mary's	Miss White'law	Meaford
D. Sinclair.....	Anderson	Mrs. Lossee.....	Norwich
Robert Beatty.....	Kirkton	Mrs. Philips	Schomberg

Report adopted.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of the Executive Committee :

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—

We your Executive Counsels, elected at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, to exercise a general supervision over the order, beg leave to report that we met in Session immediately after the close of the Dominion Grange, and ordered 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the meeting to be printed and distributed among the Subordinate Granges. Also 2,000 copies of Constitution and By laws, as amended to be published for distribution.

Bros. Burgess and Payne, were appointed to assist the Secretary in drawing up business circulars, for distribution among the Subordinate Granges.

Bro. Eben Thomson made application to the Master for authority to organize Granges in Canada. The matter being referred to your Executive Committee, with their concurrence a commission was granted Bro. Thomson, but from what we learn very little was done by him.

The Secretary having received many letters from manufacturers and others, complaining that members of our order made known to the public generally the terms offered to us by the said manufactures, your Committee would recommend that the strictest caution and secrecy be maintained by the members in all matters pertaining to Grange relations.

Application being made by numerous parties in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for information concerning the movement, Bro. Clark was appointed a deputy, with instructions to proceed to those Provinces and establish Granges under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Grange.

It was resolved by your Committee, to pay Bro. T. W. Dyas, Sec., the sum of \$500 for expenses, and services as Secretary of your Grange, from its organization up to the present time. Also to pay the Treasurer the sum of \$75 for services to this date. Bonds were taken from both Secretary and Treasurer for the sum of \$3,000 each.

Three hundred Charters were ordered to be printed. Jewels, similar to those in use by the National Grange, U. S., were ordered to be manufactured for use of Subordinate Granges.

A statement was presented from Wales Grange, setting forth that they were organized by the Master of a Canadian Subordinate Grange, who sent their money to the National Grange, U. S., contrary to the desire of the members of the Grange.

Your Committee resolved to admit Wales Grange into the Dominion Grange without any further expense.

The Secretary was instructed to insert a notice in the *Official Gazette*, stating that the Dominion Grange would seek incorporation at the next meeting of the Dominion Parliament.

In conclusion, allow us to congratulate you all upon the unprecedented success of our order, and to thank you for the confidence reposed in us by electing us to so responsible a position.

W. S. CAMPBELL,
BENJAMIN PAYNE.

Worthy Lecturer's report was given verbally. Received and adopted.

The Worthy Master announced the following Committees:

On Constitution and By-laws—Bros. A. J. Hughes, F. Anderson and Jesse Trull.

Good of the Order—Bros. Charles Drury, Stephen White and Hiram Alberton.

Press Committee—Bros. W. Harris, W. J. Beel and J. McGlashan.

Committee on Manufactures—Bro. D. Nixon, Hector McFarland and W. J. Anderson.

On Mileage—Bros. W. Clark, D. Sinclair and R. F. Marshal.

Moved and seconded.

That representatives and Officers be paid \$2.00 per day and three cents per mile each way.

The Worthy Master announced to the Grange that Brother Chase, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Grange of the U. S., was in the City, and the Executive Committee of this Grange had decided to receive Bro. Chase this evening.

Bros. J. Manning and Mathew Clements were appointed a Committee to escort Bro. Chase to the Grange.

Grange adjourned till 7 P. M., Bro. Chase to be received at 7:30.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange met at 7 P. M. pursuant to adjournment.

Division Granges were called on in rotation, beginning at No. 1.

Bro. Hanson of Division Grange No 1, introduced a resolution concerning the establishment of a paper, to be conducted in the interests of the Grange.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order

Bro. Anderson introduced a Resolution concerning jurisdiction.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

The Steward announced that Bro. Chase was in waiting at the door in company of the Committee of Escort.

Bro. Chase was received and welcomed by the Grange,

members all standing; a formal introduction was given, and the Worthy Bro. invited to a seat beside the Master.

The Worthy Master then delivered his annual address as follows:—

WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS :

PATRONS,—We have left the busy and varied scenes of our homes, and have laid aside for a while the implements of our occupation, to congregate here in a representative capacity to legislate for the interest of our Order; and in congratulating you on the happy result of our organization in Canada, I can do no less than call your attention to the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us in life and in health as well as in basket and store; for all which the heart's deepest devotion is due to Him who can bless or blight our prospects.

In my address at our last annual meeting I called attention in an especial manner to our home surroundings, and I still wish to impress upon the members of the Grange the importance of enhancing the appearance and pleasure of their homes, for in that I believe depends many of our happy successes in life, and it is a powerful instrument placed in our hands to strengthen our attachments to our occupation and the attachment of our children to the occupation of their fathers; and if any were led by ambition or otherwise to leave their homes, their reflections would be associated with the days of their youth, and would prevent them from falling into error; for what is there a man looks back to from the scenes of struggling life with purer and holier feelings than the happy home of his childhood?

As has been stated by our worthy Secretary in his circular to Subordinate Granges, the Dominion Grange is morally, numerically and financially a success, and with his statements I can but compare the present with the past. At the last meeting of the Dominion Grange we had but forty-five Subordinate Granges in our jurisdiction; we now have two hundred and forty seven Subordinate Granges, twenty-two Division Granges, with a manifest increase of interest among the farmers throughout the country to enlist in the cause that so immediately affects their occupation. Granges have recently been established in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, thus enlisting in our jurisdiction the Grange interest of the four Provinces. The Order has now arrived at an important point in its history in this country. We will find many who are opposed to us putting forth every effort to stay our progress, and as soon as we are deemed of sufficient strength by others to be made available, we will be sought after, to gain for themselves influence and position; therefore, it becomes each member to guard every avenue of the Grange against all such intruders, where it is prompted by selfish motives, keeping in view the fact that we are banded together for a higher and holier purpose than to be the instrument in the hands of designing men. The Grange has its work to do. We shall eventually ask for the protection of our interest, equal to other interests of the country, as well as to elevate the farmer's occupation and lead his mind to a different train of thought. Many questions of importance will be brought before you, and I trust your deliberations thereon will be marked with dignity and justice, and I would call your attention to the importance of devising some plan to assist and interest Subordinate Granges, believing it to be a duty incumbent upon this Grange to extend that paternal care as far as possible. It would not only add strength to the

Order, but would beget a uniformity in sentiment and place the organization upon a sound working basis. And I would recommend to all the members of the Order a close adherence to our declaration of principles. The desire is still apparent in all our Subordinate Granges, for a recognition by the National Grange of the United States; and, as delegated members from those Granges, we acknowledge said National Grange as the parent institution, and will use all honorable means for amicable and fraternal relations. As that Grange has been successful in binding more closely the agricultural interests of the country, so fraternal union of the two Granges might be instrumental in more closely uniting the well known dependent relations existing between the two countries.

In thus reviewing the happy success of the Grange, we may rejoice in our strength, but temper it with gentleness, and a spirit of love for all mankind—a love that shall perpetuate tranquility, and leave the boundless and rapidly increasing resources of the country at liberty for its future development. Then, let no man laud his occupation above another. Still, if any one occupation or mode of life is superior to another, it is that which in its very nature furnishes the motive power that gives impetus to all others—and this one we must accord to the rural life. I admonish you to cherish the highest regard for all the other arts and sciences, as well as legitimate trade, remembering we are all parts of a great whole, weak when taken alone, strong when united in the bonds of social brotherhood. We are dependent upon each other; for, as the sons of science are now securing every heath and prairie and wilderness, to see if some new grass lies hidden in an unexplored glade, if some rude stock of the forest can offer a new fruit to the hand of culture. I speak of these things not only to assure those who are opposed to this organization, that we wage no aggressive warfare upon their interests, but to incite an interest in the members of the Grange, as well as the farmers of Canada, to a better protection of their rural life; in itself peaceful and happy—free from the corroding cares and anxieties of trade and commerce, free from the harrassing toils of professional life—conductive in itself to virtue and religion, containing in itself the germ of usefulness, that gives an impulse to all other interests. Shall we not then strive to elevate it to the high position to which its merits entitle it? How shall it be done? I answer, by adhering to our principles, “and laboring to develop a better and higher manhood ourselves. To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes, and strengthen our attachments to our pursuits, to foster mutual understand and co-operation.” We may meet with difficulties and disappointments. These are but impediments thrown in the pathway of life. Let none despond, but toil on; and as we gain knowledge, we will gain power to triumph over the physical difficulties that lie in our path.

Pause not in fear;
Preach no desponding servile view—
Whate'er thou will'st thy will may do!
Strengthen each manly nerve to bend
Truth's bow and bid its shaft ascend!

Toil on!

Be firm of heart;
By fusion of unnumbered years,
A Continent its vastness rears!
A drop, 'tis said through flint will wear;
Toil on and Nature's conquest share;
Toil on!

Bro. Chase then addressed the meeting in an able manner, setting forth the advantages to be derived from an organization of this kind, and enjoining members to be faithful to the precepts of the order.

A vote of thanks was given Bro. Chase, for his able address.

Division Grange, No. 3, introduced a resolution concerning adoption of the present Ritual.

Referred to Committee on Ritual.

Also a suggestion concerning Patron's Monitor.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

No. 8.—Resolution on Ritual.

Referred to Committee on Ritual.

Also Resolution on Life Insurance and Tariff.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

No. 10.—Resolution on Fire Insurance.

Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Bros. E. Morris, Stephen Wade and Richard Code.

Also Resolution concerning dues for ladies.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

No. 11.—Resolution concerning election of delegates to Dominion Grange.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

No. 14—Resolution concerning Circulars from Dominion Grange to Division and Subordinate Granges.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

No. 15.—Resolution concerning the division of quarterly dues from Subordinate Granges, between Dominion and Division Granges.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Also concerning charters and seals.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

No. 17.—Resolution referring to the Section of Constitution concerning membership.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

No. 18.—Resolution concerning duty on coal oil.

Referred to Special Committee.

No. 19.—Resolution concerning Regalia, &c.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

No. 21.—Resolution concerning reduction of Initiation fees.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By laws.

Also in reference to making the use of portions of the Ritual optional.

Referred to Committee on Ritual.

Grange adjourned to 2:30 P. M., Thursday, Oct. 28.

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SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Oct. 28.

Grange opened in due form.

Worthy Master in chair.

Moved and seconded,

That no Member be allowed to speak longer than ten minutes at one time.

Moved in amendment,

That five minutes be substituted for ten.

Amendment carried.

Roll called, and sixty-one members answered to their names.

Worthy Master, Bro. Hill, gave a full report of his visit and reception at the National Grange, United States:

The thanks of the Grange were tendered the Worthy Master, for the satisfactory manner in which he represented the Dominion at the National Grange.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS
EMBODIED IN REPORT OF AUDIT-
ING COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last Report.....	\$ 70 67
Interest received.....	21 12
201 Granges \$15 each.....	3015 00
Dues.....	1037 73
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	518 42
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	\$ 4662 94

The Committee on Ritual, submitted their report as follows :

WORTHY MASTER,—Your Committee appointed at the meeting of the Dominion Grange, 1874, to consider the advisability of making some change in the Ritual and Song Books now in use, beg to report, that in regard to the Ritual we have given the matter our earnest consideration; that we have consulted with, and taken the advice of parties interested and able to judge of the matter, and furthermore that we have examined the Resolutions from the different Division Granges, which were referred to us, and have come to the conclusion, that it would be a serious if not fatal injury to our Order, to make any change in the Ritual at present; that it is of the most vital importance that there should be a fixed system of order and discipline in all Societies. That the teachings and lessons contained in our Ritual are of a good and elevating character. We therefore recommend that the present Ritual be adopted by the Dominion Grange as the one to be used by our Division and Subordinate Granges, and that Masters of all Granges be requested to conduct their meetings strictly in accordance with the said Ritual.

With regard to the Song Books, we find contained in them some songs that are not strictly suitable to our wants, being prepared for the use of Granges in the U. S., but as they can be purchased cheaper than anything suitable could be prepared, and there are many excellent songs contained in them, we think it advisable to continue their use for the present, and as the pleasing effects of singing are acknowledged by all, we recommend Granges to supply themselves with books and use them frequently in their meetings.

W. S. CAMPBELL,
W. PEMBERTON PAGE.

On motion the report was adopted with the following amendment :

That the last clause in the opening prayer contained in the Ritual be changed to read thus—we ask all in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Grange adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29.

Grange opened at 9 A. M.

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

After amendments the report was adopted as follows :

WORTHY MASTER AND PATRONS—Your Committee having given the subjects brought before them careful consideration, beg to report. With

regard to Grange paper, we are of opinion that such paper devoted to the interest of the Order would be of great service and should receive encouragement and support from members,

In regard to correspondence between secretaries of the Dominion, Division, and Subordinate Granges, your committee are of opinion that such communications are highly necessary, and would recommend that circulars be issued quarterly from Dominion Grange, giving such information as may be of interest to members. In view of the numerous and important changes in the constitution now suggested, and likely to take place, we cannot recommend the incurring of such expense as issuing a Patron's Monitor.

In the matter of Mutual Life Insurance, we are of opinion that it is not advisable to enter upon such a scheme at present.

In regard to a protective tariff, your committee recommend that the matter be referred to Committee on Tariff. We are of opinion that it would not be advisable to secure the services of a Lecturer at the present time, useless free of expense to the Grange; also, that we cannot recommend supplying Seals to Subordinate Granges free of charge. Your committee are asked to report in the matter of conformity to the Ritual, but consider it not necessary as that matter has been placed in the hands of the Committee on Ritual. In the matter of procuring and using the implements and badges of the Order, we strongly urge the wisdom and propriety of doing so in all cases where it is possible.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the strictest economy and prudence in the management of the finances of the Dominion Grange, and that no large sums be paid out except ordered by the Executive Committee.

CHARLES DRURY,
STEPHEN WHITE.

Report of Committee on Deputies ordered to be laid on the table until after report of committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Bro. Clark submitted the report of the Committee on Per-diem and Mileage, stating the miles travelled, and the day's service of each member, and recommend that in future meetings of this Grange delegates be required to insert in their credentials the number of miles actually travelled by them.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved and seconded,

That two lady members present, who had acted as Officers, and two Bros. who came a great distance for the sake of gaining information, be paid expenses in same proportions as delegates.

Moved in amendment,

That the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

Amendment carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

After amendment, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted as follows, and ordered to come into effect the first day of January, 1876:

CONSTITUTION OF THE **Dominion Grange.**

The Patrons of Husbandry consist of the following

ORGANIZATION :

SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

- First Degree*—Laborer (man), Maid (woman).
Second Degree—Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman).
Third Degree—Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman).
Fourth Degree—Husbandman (man), Matron (woman).

DIVISION GRANGE.

Fifth Degree—Pomona (Hope). [Composed of Masters, two delegates and their wives, who are Matrons from each Subordinate Grange within its jurisdiction. Past Masters and their wives, if Matrons, shall be honorary members eligible to office, but not entitled to vote. The jurisdiction of each Division Grange, shall extend at least over one county, unless otherwise directed by Executive Committee of Dominion Grange.]

DOMINION GRANGE.

Sixth Degree—Flora (Charity). [Composed of delegates from Division Granges, in proportion of one delegate to each five Subordinate Granges, composing the Division and officers of Dominion Grange, and wives of both delegates and officers, if Matrons.]

Seventh Degree—Ceres (Faith). [Members of the Dominion Grange who have served one year therein, may become members of this degree upon application and election. It shall have charge of the secret work of the Order, and shall be a court of impeachment of all officers of the Dominion Grange.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of Subordinate, Division and Dominion Granges shall consist of and rank as follows:—Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward,

SEC. 2. *How Chosen.*—In all Granges they shall be chosen annually. All elections to be by ballot.

Vacancies by death or resignation to be filled at a special election at the next regular meeting thereof—officers so chosen to serve until the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. The Master of the Dominion Grange, may upon recommendation of Division Granges, appoint Deputies whose duties it shall be to organize new Granges in his Division, and he shall be vigilant that no disorder shall obtain in the Granges in his jurisdiction and shall promptly report any such to the Master of Division Grange, who, if satisfaction is not rendered by the offending party or parties, shall forward to the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, notice of the same, together with the evidence in the case.

SEC. 4. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, consisting of five members, who shall be elected annually.

SEC. 5. The officers of the respective Granges shall be addressed as "WORTHY."

ARTICLE II.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month. All business meetings are confined to the Fourth Degree.

SEC. 2. Division Granges shall meet at such time and place as they shall from time to time determine.

SEC. 3. The Dominion Grange shall meet annually at such time and place as the Grange may from year to year determine. Should the Dominion Grange adjourn without selecting the place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the place and notify the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, who shall give at least thirty days notice to Secretary of each Division Grange, and all others entitled to a voice in proceedings of Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE III.—LAWS.

The Dominion Grange, at its annual session, shall frame, amend or repeal such laws as the good of the Order may require. All laws of Division and Subordinate Granges must conform to this Constitution and the laws adopted by the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE IV.—RITUAL.

The Ritual adopted by the Dominion Grange shall be used in all Subordinate Granges, and any desired alteration in the same must be submitted to, and receive the sanction of, the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE V.—MEMBERSHIP

Any person DIRECTLY interested in agricultural pursuits, and having no interests conflicting with our purpose, of the age of sixteen years (female,) and eighteen years (male), duly proposed, elected and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and the benefit of the Degrees taken. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership. If rejected, the money will be refunded. Applications must be certified by members, and balloted for at a subsequent meeting. It shall require three negative votes to reject an applicant.

ARTICLE VI.—FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange, shall be, for men, three dollars, and for women, fifty cents for the four degrees.

ARTICLE VII.—DUES.

SEC. 1. The minimum of regular monthly dues shall be ten cents from each member and each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the Division Grange the names of all persons initiated or passed to higher degrees, and pay to the said Secretary the sum of seventy-five cents for each man, and thirty-seven for each woman, initiated during that quarter; also, a quarterly due of six cents for each member.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Division Grange shall pay quarterly to the Secretary of Dominion Grange the sum of twenty-five cents for each man, and twelve cents for each woman, so reported to him as admitted into the Order, and a further sum of two cents per quarter for each member of the Order within jurisdiction of such Grange. He shall also give a condensed report of the business transactions of the Grange, stating the articles procured, the price and amount of each, and the name of the party furnishing the same.

SEC. 4. All Subordinate Granges within (20) twenty miles of the established boundary of any Division Grange, shall pay regular quarterly dues to such Division Grange, even if not affiliated with the same, unless united to some other Division Grange.

SEC. 5. Any and all Subordinate Granges not connected with any Division Grange, and distant more than twenty miles from the established boundary of same, shall report quarterly to Secretary of Dominion Grange, paying the sum of twenty-five cents for each man, and twelve cents for each woman, admitted into the order during the quarter, and a further quarterly due of (6) six cents per member; and shall also give a report of business transactions in same manner as Division Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.—REQUIREMENTS.

SEC. 1. Reports from Subordinate Granges relative to crops, implements, stock, or any other matters called for by the Dominion Grange, must be certified to the Master and Secretary, and under seal of the Grange giving the same.

SEC. 2. All printed matter, on whatever subject, and all information issued by the Dominion or Division to Subordinate Granges, shall be made known to the members without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 3. If any brothers or sisters of the order are sick, it shall be the duty of the Patrons to visit them, and see they are well provided with all things needful.

SEC. 4. Any member found guilty of wanton cruelty to animals, excessive use of intoxicating liquors, or whose interests are inimical to the best interest of the Order, shall be expelled from the Order by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. (Vote to be taken by ballot.)

SEC. 5. The officers of Subordinate Granges shall be on the alert in divising means by which the interests of the whole Order may be advanced.

ARTICLE IX.—CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 1. All charters and dispensations issue directly from the Dominion Grange upon application of Division Granges, or direction of Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, and shall contain names of parties who applied for same.

SEC. 2. Nine men and four women, having received the four-Subordinate degrees, may receive a dispensation to organize a Subordinate Grange.

SEC. 3. Applications for dispensation must be signed by persons applying for same, accompanied by a fee of (\$20) twenty dollars, and shall be made to Secretary of Division Grange nearest adjacent, if within twenty miles of the boundary, but if exceeding that distance application to be made direct to Dominion Secretary with the accompanying \$20. The Secretary of any Division Grange, upon receiving an application for dispensation, shall immediately forward the same to Dominion Secretary, enclosing a fee of (\$10) ten dollars.

SEC. 4. Deputies organizing Subordinate Granges, shall receive due compensation for such service from Division Grange with which they are connected, or to which return of organization is made, unless acting under instructions of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, when they shall be remunerated from Dominion Grange Treasury upon order of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5. Charter members are those whose names are upon the application, the fees being paid at organization. Charters shall be issued to Subordinate Granges by the Dominion Grange after three months good standing upon application of the Division Grange to which they are attached or connected; but in case of no such connection it shall be governed by action of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange.

SEC. 6. Five Subordinate Granges not connected with any Division Grange, may unite and form a Division Grange; and any Subordinate Grange or Granges may withdraw from any Division Grange or Granges, and either form a new Division Grange or unite with others already formed whenever the interests of each and all will be best served by such action, but such action must, at all times, receive sanction of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, otherwise to be void.

ARTICLE X.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the Officers of the Dominion, Division and Subordinate Granges, shall be prescribed by the laws of the same.

ARTICLE XI.—SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SEC. 1. The Secretaries and Treasurers of the Dominion, Division and Subordinate Granges shall give bonds for the fulfilment of their duties, said bonds to be approved by Officers or Executive Committees of their respective Granges.

SEC. 2. In all Granges bills must be approved by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary before the Treasurer can pay the same.

ARTICLE XII.—RESTRICTIONS.

Religious or political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussion in the work of the Order, and no political or religious tests for membership shall be applied.

ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the Dominion Grange, at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

DOMINION GRANGE.

ARTICLE I.

The second day of June, the birthday of the Dominion Grange, shall be celebrated as the anniversary of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

At the annual meeting of each Subordinate Grange, the members shall elect two delegates besides the Master, to represent them in Division Grange, and at the annual meeting of each Division Grange the members shall elect one or more delegates to represent them in Dominion Grange in proportion of one delegate to every five Subordinate Granges composing such Division Grange. Provided that in counties where there are less than five Subordinate Granges that do not belong to Division Granges, such Grange or Granges may elect one delegate to represent them in the Dominion Grange and shall report such action, duly certified immediately to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE III.

Questions of Administration and jurisprudence arising in and between Division Granges and appeals from the action and decision thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, whose decision shall be respected and obeyed until overruled by action of the Dominion Grange.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE IV.

Master.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at meetings of the Dominion Grange; to see that all officers and members of Committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Dominion Grange, and the usages of the Order, are observed and obeyed, draw all orders upon the Treasurer, subject to instructions of Executive Committee, and generally to perform all duties pertaining to his office.

ARTICLE V.

Secretary.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of the Dominion Grange; to keep a just and true account of all moneys received by him, and hand the same over to the Treasurer monthly, and take his receipt therefor, and to make a full report of all transactions to the Dominion Grange at each annual session; he shall also prepare and issue a quarterly circular containing the reports from each Division Grange, and all other matters of interest to the Order, and address one or more copies to each Secretary of Subordinate and Division Granges, and shall further conduct correspondence of the Grange, and perform all duties appertaining to his office as required by Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Treasurer.—SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Master, countersigned by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall present to the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange a detailed account of all moneys received and paid out, with balance on hand; and shall at any time deliver up all moneys, books, papers, etc., pertaining to his office or in his possession, upon order of the Master under direction of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

Executive Committee.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Dominion Grange is not in session; may appoint deputies as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all moneys from Dominion Treasury, and shall present a detailed account of all their acts to the Dominion Grange on the first day of its Annual Session.

The Master and Secretary of the Dominion Grange shall be considered ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

Such compensation for time and services shall be given to the Secretary and Treasurer as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

Whenever Deputies are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, such Deputies shall receive such compensation for time and services as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

The financial reports of the Subordinate Granges shall be made on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, and the first day of October.

ARTICLE X.

Special meetings of the Dominion Grange shall be called by the Master upon the application of the Masters of twenty Division Granges, one month's notice of such meeting being given to all members of the Dominion Grange. No alterations or amendments to the By-Laws or Ritual shall be made at any special meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

Upon the demand of five members, the ayes and noes may be called upon any question, and when so called shall be entered by the Secretary upon his minutes.

ARTICLE XII.

Past-Masters are Masters who have been elected and installed, and who have served out the term for which they were elected, and they shall be eligible and empowered to install officers of Subordinate and Division Granges whenever called upon to perform such service.

ARTICLE XIII.

Vacancies in office may be filled at any regular meeting of the Grange.

ARTICLE XIV.

Subordinate Granges may be consolidated in the mode and upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Division Granges.

ARTICLE XV.

In case satisfactory evidence shall be brought to the Master of the Dominion Grange that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws or usages of the Order, or is working in violation of its laws or usages, it shall be the duty of the Master to revoke the Charter of such offending Grange.

In case satisfactory evidence shall be brought to the Master of a Division Grange, that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws and usages of the Order, or is working in violation of the same, it shall be the duty of the Master to suspend such offending Grange, and at once to forward to the Master of the Dominion Grange notice of the same, together with the evidence in the case, who shall, if in his opinion the good of the Order requires such action, revoke the Charter of such offending Grange.

Granges whose Charters are thus revoked, may appeal to the Dominion Grange at its next session for the final action of that body.

ARTICLE XVI.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Dominion Grange, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange opened in due form.

Report of Committee on Insurance was taken up and considered.

Moved and seconded,

That the report be referred to a Special Committee, who should report their deliberations to each Division Grange.

Moved in amendment,

That the Dominion Grange recommend Division Granges to organize Mutual Fire Insurance Companies wherever practicable, as it is considered such business can be conducted much more efficiently by Division Granges.

Amendment carried.

Bro. Campbell submitted the report of Committee on Deputies:

Your Committee appointed to determine who are the proper persons to install Officers in Division and Subordinate Granges, report they can find no law giving authority to any particular persons, but, following the precedent established of allowing members of Dominion Grange, Past Masters of Division and Subordinate Granges, and Deputies to do the work, the general satisfaction given will warrant us in advising the same course for at least another year. And we will here recommend all Division Granges to have Deputies appointed whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Order generally in their jurisdiction.

W. S. CAMPBELL,
Chairman of Committee.

Bro. Gould moved,

That a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures of the Dominion Grange for the past year be published and sent to each Division Grange for their information, and in future such detailed statement be published and forwarded to Division Granges at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange.

Moved in amendment,

That the proceedings of this meeting be published by the Executive Committee with the addition of a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for the past year, and distribute the same among Subordinate Granges.

Amendment carried.

Bro. Leet moved,

That there be a Committee appointed to consider the advisability of discontinuing the use of the printed Ritual in Subordinate Granges, and report at the next annual meeting.

Carried.

Bro. Nixon, from the Committee on Manufactures reported several offers of special discounts, and recommend the Executive Committee to taken immediate and more active steps in regard to our business relations.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That this Grange recommend every Subordinate Grange to pass a By-Law imposing suspension or fine (to be fixed by the Grange) upon any member divulging the offers made by manufacturers, &c.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange opened in due form, Worthy Master Hill in the chair.

The newly elected Officers were installed by Bro. Gifford.

Bro. Glenn submitted the report of Committee on Duties, which, after amendment, was adopted as follows:—

Your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee consisting of Bros. A. J. Hughes, and J. P. Bull, to draw up a memorial and present to Government, praying them to take off the present excise duty on coal oil, and also to reduce the duty on American refined oil to five cents per gallon; that the said Committee draft petitions to be sent to Secretaries of Division Granges, to be by them forwarded to Subordinate Granges to obtain signatures of members of the order, and others interested, for the purpose of laying more forcibly before Government the necessity of this measure. In respect to stock and produce, your Committee consider the present law unjust to the farmers of Canada, in allowing American stock and produce access to our markets free of duty, while we are obliged to pay a heavy duty for the privilege of their market, and we recommend some steps be taken by this Grange in the matter, members of the order and others interested, for the purpose of carrying through the measure.

Bro. Dyas moved,

That a Committee be appointed to consider and report at next meeting of Dominion Grange upon the expediency of Life Insurance in connection with the Grange.

On motion of Sister Whitelaw, seconded by Sister Dyas,

The expenses, of Bro. H. Leet of the Province of Quebec, were ordered to be paid in full, as the per diem and mileage allowed proved insufficient to defray his actual expenses.

The Treasurer was also authorized to pay Sisters Gould and Trull the same as regular delegates.

The Worthy Master appointed the following Committees:

Committee on discontinuing printed Rituals—Bros. Nixon and Lossee.

Committee on Life Insurance—Bros. T. W. Dyas, Campbell and Beel.

Auditing Committee—Bros. J. T. Gould and S. Phillips.

The Grange closed in due form.