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" WM. BROCK, Adelaide, Ont.	S.
" M. CARLYLE, Dunbar, Ont.	A. S.
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# DOMINION GRANGE.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, February 9th, 1881.

Grange met in Seventh Annual Session: in Temperance Hall, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Worthy Master E. H. Hilborn in the chair.

The Steward, Assistant Steward and Gate-keeper being absent, their places were filled by the following brothers, pro tem:—Bros. Lethbridge, Carlyle and Wilkie. Also the lady officers, Pomona and Flora, being absent, Sisters Wilkie and Ault kindly took their places.

The Worthy Master appointed as a Committee on Credentials Bros. Robinson, Blair and McMordie.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates present:—Jesse Trull, Oshawa; R. J. Doyle, Owen Sound; A. J. Hughes, Sharon; J. Robinson, Middlemarch; Wm Brock, Adelaide; R. McGuffin, Thorndale; T. S. McLeod, Dalston; M. Carlyle, Dunbar; Geo. Lethbridge, Strachburn; R. Wilkie, Rondeau; E. H. Hilborn, Uxbridge; E. McMordie, Kippin; S. McCall, Victoria; Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise, N.S.; W. M. Blair, M. P. P., Truro, N.S.; Levi R. Whitman, Knowlton, Que.; O. C. S. Ault, Cornwall Centre; D. Kennedy, Peterboro'; S. W. Hill, Past Master, Ridgeville. Sister Delegates—Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. Lethbridge, Mrs. Wilkie, Mrs. McMordie, Mrs. Starratt, Mrs. Ault, Mrs. Trull and Mrs. McCrean.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Doyle, Hughes and Starratt a Committee to Strike Standing Committees.

Moved by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge, that the minutes of last annual meeting be not read by the Secretary.

Moved, in amendment, by Bro. Doyle, seconded by Bro. McCall, that they be read, leaving out the reports.

—Amendment Carried.

The Secretary, in accordance with the resolution, then read the last annual proceedings of the Dominion Grange, omitting reports, which upon resolution, were adopted.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. W. E. Starratt, that a Committee be appointed to fix the salaries of officers for the coming year.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes, that a Committee be appointed to consider the advisability of publishing THE CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD under the control of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hughes, that all matters brought before this Grange meeting be submitted in writing, read by the mover, and handed to the Master before they shall be considered by the Grange.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. J. P. Bull, that the sessions of this meeting of Dominion Grange be from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m., and the evenings devoted to Committee work, unless otherwise ordered by the Grange.—Carried.

The Grange then adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, on motion, Bro. Blair was called to the chair in the Master's absence. Bro. Gifford was voted to the Overseer's seat and Bro. Robinson elected Gate Keeper pro tem.

Before any business was done, however, the Worthy Master came in and took the chair, also the Overseer and Gate Keeper took their places.

Worthy Master, Bro. Hilborn, submitted his annual address.

### WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS.

*To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange Patrons of Husbandry:*

**BROTHER AND SISTER PATRONS.**—Another year is past and its record is before us. Gathered to day in the seventh annual session of Dominion Grange, it is to be hoped that the knowledge and experience gleaned from the past, will aid us in our deliberations. In obedience to our laws you have assembled as the Legislative body of the Order, and the prosperity of our cause depends largely upon the wisdom of that legislation.

A careful review of our history will enable us to detect errors, if any have been committed, and if such errors have resulted in injury to our cause, then by judicious legislation let us provide a remedy for the evil by enacting such laws as will best conduce to the welfare of our whole organization, and develop its grand possibilities of usefulness to the votaries of agriculture throughout the Dominion; a broad and promising field opens to our view, where cultivation has been much neglected, and all the power and energy that can be called into requisition by both brain and muscle, are necessary to revive and stimulate this, the greatest of all industrial pursuits which is evidently not keeping pace with the progress of the age.

The Grange differs from all other organizations, having a broader field of operations, represents a larger class, comes into more direct contact with all other interests, and lives, moves and works with the members in all their operations to a greater degree than any others, it finds no place for drones, but requires active work by all its members.

The exigencies of the times demand more intelligence in the management of the farm, a greater exhibition of brain power by the farmer, a better system of protecting ourselves and our interests and how we can best elevate and dignify our calling, hence we must impress upon the minds of our people that ours is the most important vocation in the country, that the success of all others is depending upon it, and that it should be represented by as much brain power and mental culture as are called into requisition by any other class, no matter what the calling may be, some of which are making giant strides for the ascendancy.

### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Did we but realize the extent to which, as a people, we overlook the importance of a thorough knowledge of our profession, the demand for the scientific and industrial education adapted to the farm would be both universal and increasing, until provision was made by which the elements of scientific agriculture would be taught in our public schools, especially in the rural districts, thus implanting in the young minds a disposition to follow the profession of their fathers, and a desire to excel in a knowledge of that profession. The undoubted result would be an increased industrial, as well as scientific, education among the agricultural classes, enabling us to retain the brightest intellects upon the farm, instead of allowing them to drift upon the popular tide into town and city vocations, upon the principle that early impressions are not easily removed. Thus educate a child in the profession of his father, and his thirst for a greater knowledge of that profession will grow with his years; in the same ratio that the establishment of High Schools throughout the country swells the number of applicants for admission to our professional colleges. Would the teaching of elementary agriculture in our public schools increase the number of applicants

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for admission to our agricultural colleges? If the value and importance of a country is to be estimated by the intelligence of its citizens, then by all means educate the masses; if the wealth of a country is in proportion to the skill and proficiency of its artisans and wealth producers, then any movement to improve that knowledge and skill should be hailed by all loyal citizens, no matter what their calling may be. Let it not be forgotten that the grand object of our noble organization, that the crowning glory of all our work as an Order, is to educate and elevate the farmers of Canada.

#### LEGISLATION.

Our success in the past warrants us in the belief that if our efforts are judiciously directed, that our influence is sufficient to enable us to secure many wholesome and needed reforms; legislation is but the combined wish of the people clothed with authority, and all that our legislators requires is to know the united requirements of the people, and they have ever shown themselves ready to make that required law. Their ambition is to so legislate as to promote the general welfare of the country, and one great difficulty under which they labor is to ascertain the united wants of the people. Our Subordinate Granges, composed of men from the best element of society, are located in almost every neighborhood throughout the length and breadth of the land, and through their representatives their voice is heard in this body, and when our people have a grievance it is for us to make use of the opportunities which our organization affords to make that grievance known to the law-making bodies of the land. We have just cause to be proud of the consideration which our memorials have received at the hands of the Governments of the day; and while acknowledging our gratitude for the consideration these memorials have received at the hands of the Legislatures, it is not for us to fold our hands and sit quietly down under the delusion that we have done all that can be done for the furtherance of our interests. Many such needed reforms are still waiting our action, which will require all the efforts and all the influence that our united energies can bring to bear.

The growing power of the railway monopoly is a matter that in the near future will require not only the combined efforts of the farmers, but all other industrial organizations, to hold them in reasonable check. Experience has shown that the corporate powers which give them existence and enable them to manage these necessary artificial highways is rapacious; it is marked by encroachments, and usurpations, it assumes rights that belongs to the people, forgetful of the fact that its first duty is obedience to the power from whence it emanated. It taxes the products of labor at will and usurps the power to do so, and with astonishing effrontery it warns the people against attempts to recover the rights they have innocently yielded.

#### AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

In the early part of last year a commission of practical and representative farmers from different sections of Ontario, was appointed by the Government, with the Minister of Agriculture at its head, to institute an inquiry into all matters affecting the agricultural interests of the Province. They have held sessions in various parts of the country, summoned numerous experts of undoubted ability and skill in the different branches of agriculture, and taken their evidence as to improved modes of conducting the various operations of the farm, such as grain growing in all its aspects, stock raising in every department, cultivation, fertilization, fruit culture, bee farming, insects and forestry, the progress and condition of husbandry in every part of the Province, agricultural book-keeping, and agricultural education, labor and labor-saving appliances, and all cognate subjects, which evidence was taken down by shorthand reporters and the substance condensed into a report, which will in a few days be laid before Parliament and placed in the hands of the public. I need not enlarge upon the benefits likely to accrue to the Canadian farmer from such an enquiry, as it is apparent to every one that the experience of men high up in the profession, men who have devoted a life-time of study and practice to any par-

particular branch of industry must be in a position to give valuable information upon that particular subject. I would strongly recommend every member of our Order to secure and carefully peruse that report, which I have no hesitation in saying will be found invaluable to every farmer in the country. I must, before leaving this subject, congratulate the Dominion Grange upon the consideration given to its importance by the Government in appointing two members of our Executive Committee upon that Commission.

**SOCIAL FEATURES.**

The social features of our society are matters not to be overlooked or undervalued. When the Grange first found its way into Canada, many of our people were living isolated and in an unsocial condition, each striving for himself against the shrewdness and tact of those who live upon the labor of others, families living within comparatively short distance of each other scarcely being acquainted. Those families have been brought together in the Grange, numerous intimacies have been formed and a higher degree of sociality cultivated through the instrumentality of Grange meetings, Grange socials, pic-nics, oyster suppers, re-unions and other social gatherings of the connection, all being members of one great brotherhood, linked by the great fraternal bond, working together for the common good and the furtherance of our united interests. Who could glance over the rural districts of our young Dominion and not observe the improved social condition of our people, the improvement in their business relations, witness the increased beauty and attraction of their homes, the growing demand for agricultural reading, the increased disposition to become masters of our profession, and, above all, the disposition to think and act for themselves in all business relations, and then say that the Grange is not valuable to the farmer?

**FALLING OFF IN MEMBERSHIP.**

Since our last annual meeting there has been a slight falling off in membership. It is for us to take into consideration whether the falling off is real, or whether the new restrictions upon our system of reporting have caused a pruning out of all the lifeless branches, showing none but live and working members. This is a question that we should consider before settling down in the conclusion that our noble Order has reached its zenith and began the descent. My firm convictions are that our living membership is on the increase, and that our Subordinate Granges have only been doing their duty by weeding out the tares and eradicating that weed crop of useless drones that have baffled and tormented us. In either case it becomes the duty of the Dominion Grange to turn its attention to some more tangible means of resuscitating and stimulating to a healthier growth our Order in every part of the Dominion. An old adage says that there are times when a judicious expenditure is economy, and I am inclined to the belief that that period in our history has arrived. We have now in existence a number of auxiliary institutions under the wing of the Grange, and by a continuation of effort on the part of the Dominion Grange with these auxiliaries and a few good men put into the field in our interest, I think there can be no two opinions as to the result, and the expense to each but trifling. I would suggest the propriety of the matter being referred to a committee to be considered and reported upon.

**NATIONAL GRANGE.**

Since our last meeting and in accordance with your instructions, I attended the national Grange at its fourteenth annual session, in the city of Washington, D. C., as your delegate, and as such was accorded a most flattering reception by that body, and judging by many exhibitions of friendship on the part of the members, and the deep interest manifested by them in the welfare of the Order in Canada, I must come to the conclusion that there is no politics in the Grange. Their labors are in the same groove with ours, their grievances are similar to ours, and their efforts to obtain redress are upon the same principle as ours. The meeting was much the largest and most interesting that has ever been held, very

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nearly every State and Territory where the Grange exists being represented, there being some fifty voting members present, (with but one delegate from each State), and a large number of visitors, many coming five or six hundred miles at their own expense. The character of the work done, as evinced by the journal of proceedings, the legislative ability and statesmanship manifested by the members showed the composition of the National Grange to be no ordinary element, many of the ablest Congressmen and members of the State Legislature being among its members.

**DOMINION GRANGE INCORPORATION.**

In accordance with the new constitution and your instructions, applications was made to the House of Commons for an Act of Incorporation providing for a number of requirements which the original Act did not give us, and we are glad to be able to say that our petition was granted in full, and the copy of Bill as prepared by us was enacted without any change.

E. H. HILBORN,

Master.

Moved by Bro. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Anderson, that the Master's address be submitted to the proper Committee.—Carried.

Bro. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials, submitted a further report of officers present, as follows:—Master, E. H. Hilborn, Uxbridge, Ont.; Overseer, S. White, Charing Cross, Ont.; Lecturer, Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise, N. S.; Steward, W. J. Massey, Belleville, Ont., not present; Assistant Steward, D. Sculley, Downeyville, Ont., not present; Chaplain, O. C. S. Ault, Cornwall Centre, Ont.; Treasurer, J. P. Bull, Downsview, Ont.; Secretary, W. P. Page, Toronto, Ont.; Gate Keeper, L. R. Whitman, Knowlton, Que.; Ceres, Sister Mrs. Starratt, Paradise, N. S.; Pomona, Mrs. McCrae, Brockville, Ont.; Flora, Mrs. McLean, Chatham, Ont., not present; L. A. Steward, Mrs. Lethbridge, Strathburn, Ont. Executive Committee—A. Gifford, Meaford, Ont.; Chas. Drury, Crown Hill, Ont., not present; J. B. Aylesworth, Newburgh, Ont.; Wm. Anderson, Mountain View, Ont.; J. Robinson, Middlemarch, Ont. Auditors—A. J. Hughes, Sharon, Ont., and D. Kennedy, Peterboro', Ont.

Bro. Robinson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted their annual report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange:

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following report:

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

The Constitution adopted at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, giving power to Division Granges to establish one or more Provincial Granges in each Province, made it necessary for your Committee to apply to the Dominion Legislature for an Act to amend our Act of Incorporation. We are pleased to announce that we experienced but little difficulty in procuring the required legislation, the expense of which was about \$220.

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.**

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, your Committee drafted a memorial to the Ontario Legislature, praying that the Agricultural School, at Guelph, should be made a permanent institution. We are pleased to state that the Ontario Government has acted upon the suggestion of your Committee.

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.**

The Ontario Government, having desired an expression of opinion from your Committee in regard to the appointing of an Agricultural Commission, the following resolution was adopted and forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture:

That this Executive are pleased to observe that the Government has fore-shadowed, in the Speech from the Throne, the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the various matters affecting the great agricultural interests of this

country, and we have no hesitation in believing that such Commission will be of incalculable benefit to that important industry, especially in the matter of the universally acknowledged deterioration of the soil, and the most successful and economical modes of recuperation, the ravages of insect pests, the improvement of stock and other kindred objects, provided the Commission be composed of thorough practical agriculturists.

We are pleased to inform you that the inquiry has taken place, and that two members of your Committee, viz., E. H. Hilborn and J. B. Aylesworth, were appointed Commissioners, and from the well-known ability of these gentlemen and others forming that Board, we have every reason to believe that their report will be of great importance to the agriculturists of this country.

#### LECTURES.

Your Committee thought it advisable to continue the offer made last year, to give to Division Granges whenever they deemed it proper to secure the services of competent lecturers, either to resuscitate delinquent or infuse new life into Subordinate Granges, one-half of the expenses to be paid by the Dominion Grange, providing that no more than \$2 per day and travelling expenses were paid.

#### PRINTING.

Five thousand copies of the new Constitution, also two thousand copies of the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange were printed under last year's contract. Two copies were sent to each Subordinate Grange in good standing, also one copy to each Deputy. The other copies of Constitution sold at \$1 per dozen or 10 cents each. The new Rituals are to be sold at \$1.50 per set, or 12 cents per copy.

#### PRECEDENTIAL LAW.

Your Committee have confirmed the Precedential Law of the Grange, and the Master's rulings and Parliamentary guide as published in Constitution, page 48 to 62 inclusive.

The following Subordinate Granges, Nos. 385, 404, 434, 467, 468, 512, 632, formerly belonging to Simcoe Division, have been permitted to join Horning's Mills Division.

#### CROP REPORTS.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Dominion Grange, your Committee prepared and sent a circular to all Subordinate Granges, asking for a concise report of the probable result of the harvest in their locality, and other important matters. About one hundred Subordinate Granges responded, a condensed report of which was published in THE CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD.

#### PETITIONS.

A form of petition was prepared and sent to the Secretaries of Subordinate Granges and other parties, praying that the Local Legislature of Ontario would amend the Municipal Act that gave power to cities, towns and incorporated villages to levy a tax on farm produce exposed for sale therein, or remove the cause of complaint at present existing.

#### PRINTING.

Your Committee, after advertising and receiving a number of tenders for printing, finally awarded the same to Bro. N. B. Colcock, of the Canadian Farmer.

#### PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

Bro. George Creed was authorized to form Provincial Granges in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as the Division Granges there should decide.

Bro. Levi R. Whitman was deputized to form a Provincial Grange in Quebec, if the Granges there should so determine.

Delegates from the various Division Granges in Ontario met in Toronto on the 8th day of December, and decided to form one Provincial Grange for Ontario. Your Committee met at the same time for general business and assisted at the organization.

EXHIBITIONS.

From the pleasure and satisfaction given to a large number of our members last year while visiting the Industrial Exhibition and the Provincial Fair at Ottawa, we considered it expedient to extend the same advantages to members attending the Fairs held at Toronto and Hamilton this year, therefore we rented a tent and placed it under the charge of Bros. Page and Gifford at Toronto and Bros. Page and Anderson at Hamilton, at a cost of about \$80.

FORESTRY.

Your Committee sent to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, Mr. Pope, a copy of the report on claims and grievances, asking that a prize of \$100 be given for the best essay upon the influence which trees and forests exert upon the winds, snows and rains, and also their influence upon the country generally. We received a promise that due consideration should be given to the subject.

CONDOLENCE.

We adopted a resolution of condolence and regret that our country had lost so untimely one of her greatest statesmen and leading agriculturists in the person of the Hon. George Brown.

CHARTER REVOKED.

We regret to state that we have been compelled to revoke the Charter of Lennox and Addington Division No. 19, owing to no returns having been made for the past two years.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL GRANGE.

Our Worthy Master, E. H. Hilborn, Esq., was appointed a delegate to visit and extend the fraternal greetings of the Dominion Grange to the National Grange of the United States, this year held in the city of Washington, the birth-place of our Order. You will see by the report of our Worthy Master that their fellow laborers engaged in elevating the standard of the agriculturist in Her Majesty's Dominion are held in high esteem by them, and we trust that the National Grange will continue to send a delegate to visit us at our Dominion Grange meetings. And may the bonds of brotherhood at present existing between us as agriculturists never be broken, and may the same friendly spirit exist for all time to come between these two great and kindred nations.

MARKET FEES.

Your Committee, in conjunction with a Committee from the Provincial Grange, waited upon the Hon. O. Mowat and other members of the Ontario Government and presented the views of this Grange relative to the abolition of market fees. We are pleased to learn that this great injustice to farmers will soon become a thing of the past.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, organized under the auspices of the Dominion Grange, has beyond all question become the safest, cheapest, and most reliable mutual Company in the Dominion of Canada. About four and a quarter millions of dollars worth of property belonging to the Patrons of Husbandry has already been insured. The losses by fire last year amounted only to a trifle over \$2,000.

GRANGE TRUST.

The Grange Trust was instituted for the purpose of relieving our members from paying an extortionate rate of interest. Stockholders becoming borrowers will share in the profits. 19,739 shares have been subscribed at \$50 per share, amounting to \$986,950. We are pleased to learn that this Company is now prepared to do business on an extensive scale. Patrons will do well to consult the Manager of this Company before borrowing elsewhere. We may here remark that all monies loaned from the Dominion Grange for the purpose of floating these Companies have been refunded to the Dominion Grange.

CO-OPERATION.

The many advantages to be derived from the co-operative system, both in buying goods and selling produce, are patent to all. Therefore your Committee

were convinced that if Division Granges, Subordinate Granges and members of the Order would subscribe shares and form a joint stock company the principles of our Order could be better carried out. A company has been formed called the Grange Supply Company, with S. W. Hill, late W. M. of Dominion Grange, President, and W. N. Harris, Manager,—headquarters in Toronto,—and we believe they are prepared to do an unlimited amount of business, and we think it is the duty of all Patrons to patronize their own institutions as much as possible. We regret to learn that, in order to compete with other firms, the Manager of the Supply Company is compelled to adhere to the old-fashioned system of sending out agents to solicit orders. We trust the members will see the propriety of discountenancing the system that augments the price of every article, thereby decreasing our powers to purchase.

#### CANADIAN MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

Feeling that charity and mutual assistance is one of the prominent characteristics of our Order, a number of our leading members have formed an association called the Canadian Mutual Aid Association, whereby members can secure at their death a competency for their widows and orphans. Mr. Wm. Rennie is President, W. Pemberton Page, Secretary, and S. W. Hill, General Manager of this Association.

#### CANADIAN FARMER.

We are pleased to see that our paper, THE CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD, is very much improved. It is becoming a general favorite both among our members and the farming community. It stands upon its own merits, and much credit is due to the managers. It is another evidence of what perseverance can accomplish. We are informed that the circulation is not as large as it ought to be, considering the wealth and intelligence of those whose views it represents. We would recommend that each Division Grange be requested to appoint committees to assist in extending its circulation, believing it to be the best medium through which our principles can become known.

#### COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

We are pleased to learn that some of our Division and Subordinate Granges have succeeded in extending our commercial relations beyond the sea. Potatoes, apples and other produce have been shipped direct to Liverpool, and the returns have given great satisfaction. We believe it would materially assist the interest of our Order if the producer and consumer could be brought in direct communication. Therefore it is necessary that an effort should be made to establish a direct trade between the members of our Order and the various co-operative societies and the large firms in Great Britain. We would suggest that a committee be appointed to correspond with reliable firms and Boards of Trade or other parties, and obtain all the necessary information bearing on the subject, and issue a circular giving names of all reliable parties anxious to receive our produce, and also the best mode of procedure to secure so desirable an object.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Your Committee feel that they cannot too strongly urge the importance of Division Granges uniting for public demonstrations, to explain the principles of our Order to the farming community.

#### EXTENDING THE ORDER.

We believe it is the duty of every patron to make an effort to extend the benefits of our noble Order to every farmer in our land. By thoroughly educating our sons and daughters to the occupation they are to follow in after life we shall strengthen their attachment to our homes and our profession.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, your Committee believe that on education alone we must build our hopes. Through it the farmers of this Dominion can look forward to that glorious triumph of civilization, of social and intellectual elevation to which we aspire, and which will secure to us the higher development of our

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JABEL ROBINSON,

WM. ANDERSON,

J. B. AYLESWORTH,

A. GIFFORD,

Toronto, February 9th, 1881.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. Anderson, that the report of the Executive Committee be referred to its proper Committee.

Moved and seconded that we now proceed with other business and leave officers' reports until to-morrow.

Moved by Bro. Anderson, seconded by Bro. McCall, in amendment, that the officers now proceed to submit their reports.

—Amendment Carried.

Bro. W. P. Page then submitted the Secretary's Annual Report.

### SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange now in session brings many subjects of importance before you not the least of which is the consideration of the condition of the Order viewed in respect to its numerical strength, the general interest and confidence shown by members, and its influence upon questions of agricultural and other interests, as also the estimation in which it is now being held by the general public. Referring to numbers of Subordinate Granges and their membership we find 759 now in working order, 21 having surrendered Charters since last annual meeting. Of these there has been quite a large falling off in membership, due not to any lack of confidence in the principles of the Order, but to a lack of interest in the Subordinate Grange meetings, and consequent diffidence among the members. Against this falling off, however, we have the addition of 51 new Granges, with an average membership of 25, making an aggregate of 1,276, together with a number of old Granges revived that have been before reported as not working, making a total additional membership of about 1,500, or a grand total membership of 28,000. While the membership at this time is a little less than that reported a year ago, we have to remember that the loss has been of members whose general indifference made them of little value to the Order, while those still remaining are the bone and sinew of the Grange, members whose confidence remains unshaken and who believe upon them rests a duty, an important work, that of elevating the condition of farmers and their families, and strengthening their attachment to the pursuit of agriculture. The influence the Grange exerts, due to the effect of concerted action and a more general knowledge of questions of agricultural interest gained by contact of experience, and mind with mind, is no small amount. The time has been when the voice of the agricultural community was scarcely heard except in grumbling and fault-finding with their condition, a very unsatisfactory manner of correcting wrongs, but what is the result to-day? Questions of public and special interest are being discussed in every Grange Hall in the Dominion, some eight hundred of which are scattered over the length and breadth of the country. Can any one deny that this will have a beneficial effect upon our condition? Will any one deny that a great power lies in this organization for good if rightly directed? Upon you who are here assembled, representatives from the different Provinces of the Dominion, representatives of the agricultural population of these Provinces rests the directing of the affairs of the Grange for the coming year. Watching as I have done the workings of the Order in all its branches, the tendencies of its members, I have been pleased to see the general progress made in the direction of a better and more enlightened system of business practices among farmers, a more general propensity to study and discuss subjects of agricultural

as well as public and general interest; but, with all this, there still exists that following of the old customs and the theory, if theory it may be called, that hard work and toil are the farmer's lot. It is a fact all are ready to admit that the prosperity of the country depends upon the farmers' prosperity, that with an intelligent, prosperous yeomanry, business of all branches catches the effect of their success. The Order under which we have met to-day has a grand object in view, and in the carrying out of this object every member has something to do. We have gone on organizing for the past seven years, and our efforts have been directed towards the addition of numbers of Granges and members, important it is true, but not so important as the keeping together of the Granges already formed, and keeping up the interest among members by showing, in a practical manner, what there is to be gained, and how to gain the benefits we desire. We are proud of our institution and the work it is doing, but we may rest assured that with all its good principles before us but little will ever be accomplished unless practically applied, and applied in a public spirited way.

The Dominion Grange, as the head, has the work to lay out, the Subordinate Granges to carry this work into effect, hence there should be a confidence established and a near relation kept up between these sections of the body, and to do this will be promoting the one principal feature of the Grange, viz., establishing a means of concerted and united action among the agriculturists of Canada. Presuming these are questions of special importance to us as farmers it follows that no class can better attend to these interests than ourselves, and in no better way can this be done than by the establishment of a general system of societies with one head to which all will centre and through which mutual understanding may be had and co-operative effort obtained. We have these societies, and now comes the business of putting into practical operation the work just alluded to. Men are naturally selfish and inclined to confine their efforts towards their own individual advantage, and liable to be suspicious of their neighbors. This feeling or characteristic exists more forcibly in those whose contact with their fellow-men is limited. Farmers possess this peculiarity in a marked degree, their natural isolation being conducive to it, hence the difficulty encountered in our work, and which will require time and patient labor to overcome. That the Grange is now in a critical condition we must acknowledge, and only with a steady hand and public-spirited effort can it be sustained. I would suggest that a more intimate relation be established and kept up between the Subordinates and Dominion Grange, through the medium of printed matter, correspondence, and the visiting of all available sections by those in whom for the time is vested the management of its affairs. It is a certain fact that no society or institution, however good its objects may be, will remain active without a live interest being kept up through the means of special efforts on the part of leading and honored members. This will not only revive interest but brings in closer unity the subordinate with the head institution, such relationship creating confidence, binding more firmly together the ties of brotherhood, hence I say let those be placed in office for the coming year who are willing to devote time to the work and capable of advocating with effect the principles of the Grange.

Co-operation is a mighty lever giving power equal to almost any occasion. It lies within the reach and is available for use through the medium of the Grange. Co-operation has been the means by which all great results have been accomplished. Without this the world would have been to-day in a condition far behind what it is, both in arts and sciences. The vast forests which but a short time since covered the land would still be standing, instead of giving place as they have to beautiful cultivated fields. Without co-operation and thought we would still be using the implements of our forefathers, the scythe and the flail, instead of the improved machinery which now makes farm work a pleasure and enables us to cultivate and gather an area of crops we otherwise could not. We want more of this co-operative effort, this unity of action, and above all an intelligent application of this to make our farms pay and the wilderness blossom as the rose. Union is strength. Apply yourselves unitedly,

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farmers, and intelligently to your work, put more brain power in it, shake off the feeling of suspicion you have in your neighbors, read, study, think, act, and act together.

The principle of co operation has become so generally adopted in all branches of business and among all classes that farmers also must take advantage of its help. Through the Grange it can be done; then let members renew their pledges, step boldly to the front, grasp with a steady hand and a ready purpose this lever that is to raise them to that higher position socially and intellectually. But do not stop to reap great benefits from the little effort put forth to cheapen the price of your dry goods, groceries, etc., let it be a grander effort, to ennoble the mind, to elevate the social and intellectual standing of our class, an effort that will commend itself to the world and remove that odium cast upon us of seeking only our own advantage, and that in the small matter of the purchase of goods. Let us make a name for the Grange that will be honorable, a society that will be respected, and one taking a place among the institutions of the country, being a representative society of the great agricultural interests of Canada, and let it be such in fact as well as name, let it apply its strength towards the elevation of mankind, by the adoption and carrying into effect the great principles of education, for it is this feature in our Order that is calculated to elevate and guard our interests and give us place among the honored of the land?

W. PEMBERTON PAGE,

Secretary.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary's address be referred to the proper Committee.

Bro. J. P. Bull then submitted his Sixth Annual report as Treasurer.

**WORTHY TREASURER'S REPORT.**

To the Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange of Canada :

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following Report of the transactions of his office for the fourteen months ending Jan. 31st, 1881:

**RECEIPTS.**

Dr.			
1879.			\$1897 06
Dec. 9,	To	Balance on hand.....	28 00
1880.	"	Amount from Dom. Secretary.....	248 06
Febry. 4,	"	" " " ".....	100 00
" 19,	"	Cash Refunded from "Grange Trust".....	234 54
March 15,	"	Amount from Dom. Secretary.....	93 61
April 9,	"	" " " ".....	120 25
May 8,	"	" " " ".....	546 82
June 18,	"	" " " ".....	83 75
July 6,	"	" " " ".....	219 45
Aug. 1,	"	" " " ".....	117 48
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Sept. 25,	"	Cash Refunded from "Grange Trust".....	31 00
Oct. 22,	"	Amount from Dom. Secretary.....	18 50
Nov. 27,	"	" " " ".....	103 90
Oct. 21,	"	" " " ".....	158 05
Dec. 18,	"	" " " ".....	177 98
Nov. 18,	"	Draft " " " ".....	
1881.			137 00
Janry. 15,	"	Do " " " ".....	88 00
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" 31,	"	Interest.....	938 66
" 31,	"	Cash from Dom. Secretary.....	7 00
" 31,	"	Balance from Secretary.....	
			\$5538 70
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Balance.....			\$1697 67

# PAYMENTS.

1899.	Ca.			
Dec. 12,	By Cash paid	Members attending the Annual Meeting.....	\$1287 41	
"	"	W. M. E. H. Hilborn.....	100 00	
"	"	Executive Committee.....	87 50	
"	"	For use of Hall.....	40 00	
"	"	Caretaker of Hall.....	4 00	
"	"	Members of Niagara D. G. conferring 5th Degree.....	39 09	
"	"	Discount on \$43.17 of stamps.....	4 30	
"	"	Cash paid J. Cleghorn & Son for fruit, &c., for feast in 5th Degree.....	7 10	
"	"	Cash paid E. H. Hilborn and W. P. Page for writing up changes in constitution after D. G. and travelling expenses.....	6 70	
"	"	Cash paid Ex. Committee for work after session of Grange.....	14 70	
"	"	Bell & Co., for printing badges.....	15 00	
1880.				
Jan. 7,	"	A. Hogarth, attendance at Dora Grange.....	8 98	
Feb. 4,	"	Barber & Ellis for Blank Books.....	17 75	
"	"	D. W. Page Assistant Secretary.....	15 00	
"	"	Six Sub-Granges and 3 Division Granges for advance made by them in central agency returned.....	45 00	
"	"	paid Ex. Committee.....	100 00	
"	"	Amending Act of Incorporation.....	15 00	
"	"	Discount on Grange Trust Cheque.....	25	
March 15,	"	A. Gifford Lecturing in Belmore Division.....	16 94	
"	"	Charles Drury, for Lecturing in Ontario Division Grange.....	13 55	
"	"	L. McCallum, M.P., for amendment of Act of Incorporation.....	904 05	
"	"	Sister A. H. Pettit, attendance at Dominion Grange.....	3 90	
"	"	J. Robinson for Lecturing.....	15 00	
March 27,	"	Bro. E. H. Hilborn, for Lecturing in P. E. County.....	17 00	
April 19,	"	A. D. Ferley, Sec Div. Grange No. 8, expenses of J. Robinson's Lectures.....	7 00	
May 20,	"	paid G. B. Miller, bal. for Bro. Drury's Lectures.....	3 12 1/2	
" 25,	"	N. B. Colecock for Printing.....	412 68	
"	"	Executive Committee.....	93 00	
"	"	Bal. for Act of Incorporation.....	13 88	
July 1901,	"	N. B. Colecock, for Printing.....	44 64	
"	"	W. N. Harris, Regalia for New Granges.....	6 50	
Sept. 18,	"	A. Gifford, 7 days attendance at Toronto Exhibition.....	19 41	
"	"	W. P. Page, for ditto.....	20 45	
"	"	For incidentals at Exhibition.....	7 09	
"	"	I. Houlgrave, for use of tent at Toronto and Hamilton.....	30 00	
Oct. 1,	"	I. Houlgrave, for use of tent at Toronto and Hamilton.....	16 75	
"	"	Bro. Anderson, attendance at Hamilton Exhibition.....	14 50	
"	"	W. P. Page for ditto.....	2 87	
"	"	For incidentals, &c.,.....	20 00	
" 16,	"	Barber & Ellis for Ball Books.....	11 00	
" 12,	"	Executive Committee at Hamilton.....	12 50	
Nov. 1,	"	W. P. Page, Lecturing in Essex.....	6 00	
" 27,	"	Oshawa Cabinet Co.....	68 00	
Dec. 13,	"	E. H. Hilborn, attending N. Grange.....	90 00	
" 18,	"	Executive Committee.....	103 90	
"	"	America Express for Jewels.....	7 00	
Nov. 1,	"	W. N. Harris, Regalia for Samples.....	3 00	
"	"	Postage Stamps.....	3 00	
Feb. 1,	"	Secretary's Salary up to 1st inst., one year and two months.....	468 66	
" 1,	"	Treasurer's " " ".....	58 33	
" 1,	"	Cash paid N. B. Colecock for Printing.....	130 17	
" 1,	"	E. H. Hilborn, for Postage, Stationery, &c.....	100 00	
			\$3840 09	
		Balance, 1899.....	1698 67	
			\$5538 70	

TORONTO, February 8th, 1881.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer's Office, and find the same correct and satisfactory, showing a balance on hand to next account of \$1,698 67.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. HUGHES, } Auditors.  
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SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Table of receipts including 29 Granges organized under Division Granges at \$10, 22 Granges organized outside of Divisions at \$20, 51 Granges organized, 3 Division Granges Charter Fee, Received for Sale of By-laws and Printed Matter, Received for Sale of Jewels.

QUARTERLY DUES.

Table of quarterly dues showing balance September quarter, 1879, and quarters ending December, 1879, March, 1880, June, 1880, September, 1880, and December, 1880.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table of disbursements including incidental account, stationery, tin cases, express, bank drafts, sundries, padlocks, regalia, copying pads, telegraphing, discount, expenses in connection with annual meeting, advertisement in 'C. Gazette', legal advice re revising incorporated act, making boxes and shipping jewels, books for ex. com, postage.

ORGANIZATION.

Table of organization showing Pd. Deputies and Refunds to Div. Granges, Pd. Treasurer.

TORONTO, February 8th, 1881.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary of Dominion Grange, and find the above statement of Receipts and Disbursements to be correct and satisfactory.

A. J. HUGHES, D. KENNEDY, Auditors.

Moved by Bro. Doyle, seconded by Bro. McMordie, that 100 copies of Secretary's and Treasurer's Financial Reports be printed and distributed among members not later than noon to-morrow, 10th.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Ault, that the 8th order of business shall be "call of Roll of Members" instead of "Divisions."—Carried.

Bro. Hughes on behalf of committee on Standing Committees made the following report :

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—**

Robinson,  
Blair,  
McMordie.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE—**

Doyle,  
Hughes,  
Starratt.

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE—**

Hilborn,  
Gifford,  
Carlyle,  
Lethbridge,

**COMMERCIAL RELATIONS—**

Whitman,  
Blair,  
McCall,  
Kennedy,  
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**CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES—**

Robinson,  
Doyle,  
White,  
McCall,  
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**TEMPERANCE AND GOOD OF THE ORDER—**

Ault,  
Bull,  
Kennedy,  
Robinson,  
Sisters Hilborn,  
Doyle,  
Lethbridge.

**HOUSE AND HOME—**

Sisters Starratt,  
Ault,  
McMordie,  
McLeod and Wilkie.

**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—**

Starratt,  
Aylesworth,  
McLeod,  
White,  
Ault,  
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**OFFICERS' REPORTS—**

Hughes,  
Starratt,  
McGuffin,  
Brock.

**PRESS COMMITTEE—**

Robinson,  
Gifford,  
Wilkie.

**INSURANCE, BANKING AND LOANING—**

Doyle,  
Trull,  
Anderson.

**ORGAN OF THE GRANGE—**

Hughes,  
Starratt,  
White,  
Aylesworth,  
Carlyle.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS—**

Blair,  
Lethbridge,  
McMordie,  
McLeod,  
Trull & Whitman.

**MUSIC AND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT—**

Sisters McCrae,  
Kennedy,  
Trull,  
Page,  
Bro. Page.

**EDUCATION—**

Blair,  
Gifford,  
Anderson,  
Doyle,  
McGuffin.

**OFFICERS' SALARIES—**

Blair,  
Trull,  
Anderson,  
McMordie,  
Kennedy,  
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Moved by Bro. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Starratt, that the report of committee for recommending Standing Committees be received, adopted and engrossed in the minutes.—Carried.

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Bro. Bull stated to the Grange that Bro. Ward, a member of Islington Grange, which Grange had not been in working order for some time, was at the door and desired admittance to make some statements before the Grange. On motion it was Resolved to hear Bro. Ward, who made the following statement and suggestions: That at present no person can legally demand a receipt for money paid, and believing this to be an injustice, suggests that the Grange enquire into the facts and urge the advisability upon the proper authorities of a change to the effect, that a person paying a debt in full can claim a receipt.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Doyle, that this matter of receipts be referred to a special committee composed of Bros. Bull, Page, Hughes and Doyle.—Carried.

Bro. Ward further stated in respect to Islington Grange not working, he believed it might be resuscitated by a visit from some members of Dominion Grange.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Anderson, that the thanks of this Grange are due and hereby tendered to Bro. Ward for his suggestions.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Doyle, that Bros. Bull, Hughes and Page be requested to visit and assist Bro. Ward to resuscitate Islington Grange in the County of York.

Bro. Doyle stated that he believed the Government desired a deputation to meet them to-morrow at 2 o'clock on the subject of Market Fees. In answer to this Bro. Page said he had had no notice from the Government that they would expect such a deputation. Bros. McCall, Kennedy, and others, spoke strongly in favor of a deputation, and to the effect that the present law granting the privilege to cities, towns and incorporated villages, to charge Market Fees, should be obliterated from our Statute Books, that no half and half measure be accepted.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Kennedy, that a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to wait on the members of the Government to urge the total removal from the Statute of the clause empowering municipalities to impose Market Fees: Bros. Hilborn, Hughes, Trull, Robinson, Brock, McGuffin, McLeod, Carlyle, Lethbridge, Wilkie, McMordie, McCall, Bull, Doyle, Ault, White, Gifford, Aylesworth, Anderson and Kennedy.—Carried.

Call of Roll of members for suggestions to be laid before the Grange was next proceeded with, which suggestions were referred to their appropriate committees without debate.

At the hour of six o'clock the Grange adjourned.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

FEBRUARY 10th, 1881.

Grange assembled in due form. Worthy Master in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Bro. Hilborn, Worthy Master, read a letter from Bro. C. L. Whitney, Lecturer of Michigan State Grange, and delegate from the National Grange to Dominion Grange, stating that sickness in his family would prevent his attending.

The call of the roll of members for suggestions was next proceeded with.

Bro. Starratt gave notice of motion for amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, Section 12, Article 2, making all fourth degree members eligible to office.

Bro. Gifford submitted suggestions, also Bro. McMordie, which were referred to their proper committee.

Moved by Bro. R. McMordie, seconded by Bro. J. Trull, that in the opinion of this Dominion Grange it would be in the interest of our Order that a lecturer be appointed to lecture in the interest of the Dominion Grange, Dominion Fire Insurance Company, Grange Trust, Mutual Aid, and Grange Supply Company, and that he shall receive such remuneration as this Grange shall determine, an equal proportion of the expenses to be borne by each.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Doyle, that the committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees name a Committee on Legislation.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Carlyle, that the resolution respecting the appointment of a Lecturer be referred to a Special Committee composed of Bros. Doyle, Hill, Trull, Anderson, and Page, to report at the earliest possible time.—Carried.

Suggestions from Bro. McMordie, re Wholesale Supply Company sending out agents, brought out considerable discussion. The suggestion was referred to Committee on Commercial relations.

Bro. Gifford asked for information from the delegates from Nova Scotia regarding their foreign trade.

Bro. Starratt replied by saying they had taken some steps for the sale of stock in Europe and which sale proved very satisfactory. They proposed to form a Company among themselves, to sell directly in the old country market instead of leaving all their profits in the hands of forwarders who monopolize the trade. He also referred to the sale of fruit, which brought a much larger price than they could have obtained at home, the last shipment of apples bringing \$4 per barrel.

Moved by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. M. Carlyle, that in the opinion of this Grange the assessment law should be amended so that the assessors be required to take down annually on the assessment roll the number of bushels of farm produce raised the year previous, and that the Committee on Legislation prepare a petition on this matter.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Doyle, that the Executive Committee appoint some competent person to open a correspondence with the Secretaries of the various co-operative societies and large firms in Europe, with a view of shipping our produce direct.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Anderson, that the Grange adjourn, to meet at the Government Buildings at 2 o'clock for the purpose of presenting their views on the market fee question, and that all attending pledge themselves to advocate total abolition of fees on farm produce.—Carried.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Worthy Master in the chair.

The regular order of business was taken up.

Bro. Hilborn, on behalf of Committee on Railways submitted their report. After considerable discussion the report was referred back for amendments.

Bro. Robinson submitted report of Committee on Claims and Grievances.

#### Committee on Claims and Grievances.

We believe that questions of a social character should be discussed in the Provincial Grange, and matters only concerning the whole Dominion should be brought before the Dominion Grange for consideration.

Your Committee recommend that instead of encouraging the agents of the various mercantile firms travelling through the country with supplies for Patrons, that support should be given to the Grange Wholesale Supply Company and agents dispensed with as much as possible.

We are pleased to state that no claims have been brought before us.

Signed

JABEL ROBINSON,  
S. McCALL,  
WM. ANDERSON,  
R. J. DOYLE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Hughes submitted the report of Committee, on Officers' Reports.

### Report of Committee on Officers Reports.

To the W. Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the addresses of the various officers of the Grange beg respectfully to report as follows :

That it affords us much pleasure to bear testimony to the ability shown as well as faithfulness manifested, to the interests of the Order, by all its officers, and we would hereby express our hearty approval of the general statements set forth in their addresses, and would commend the same to the careful consideration of the members of the Order, but would desire to call particular attention to the following points :

#### MASTER'S ADDRESS.

- 1st. More attention to the "agricultural education" of our children, by making that branch a regular study in our schools.
- 2nd. An earnest and united effort to lessen the power of "Railway monopolies" to prevent the unjust exactions made upon the producing classes.
- 3rd. The appointment of the Agricultural Commission as evincing a deeper interest on the part of the Government, and the recognition thereby extended to our Order as being truly representative of the agricultural interests.
- 4th. The great advantages of the social features of our organization as an educational power.
- 5th. The very fraternal greeting extended to our W. M. by the National Grange—our parent body—and our earnest desire that those kindred feelings of a "true fraternity" may ever continue to exist.

#### SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

- 1st. The organization of 51 new Granges and the revival of others show a truly great interest and power exerted by the Grange, notwithstanding the reaction resultant upon so rapid a formation as our order experienced.
- 2nd. The great reforms that may be obtained by the united efforts of our organization with its already established means of ready communication, whereby the individual exertions and influences may be combined in a grand whole through the medium of the central organization.
- 3rd. That each member should feel that it is of more moment to the Order to elevate the social and mutual standing of the agricultural community than the saving of a few dollars in our purchases by which valuable time is too frequently wasted.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ADDRESS.

- 1st. While approving of the principle of having a place for our members to meet during the annual exhibition, would now, since the establishment of Provincial Granges, recommend that such matters be left to the control of the Provinces more particularly interested.
- 2nd. The resolution of condolence passed upon the death of the Hon. Geo. Brown was an act expressive of our appreciation of the labors of so eminent a man in the cause of agriculture, and one whereby the members of the Order were afforded an opportunity of extending their sympathy with the community in general.
- 3rd. We endorse the opinion expressed in reference to the GRANGE RECORD, and trust the Grange will not overlook the recommendation therein made, believing that the true success of the Grange is dependant upon the intelligence of its members. We would also urge that earnest attention be given to the successful establishing of a medium whereby our produce may be disposed of to the best advantage, and strongly commend the suggestion of the committee in regard thereto.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

From the examination of this report we are pleased to find that all monies loaned the Grange Trust have been repaid; the Treasurer's receipts from all sources for the term of 14 months being \$5538.70, and the disbursements for the same period, \$3840.03, showing a balance on hand of \$1698.67

We would also recommend the adoption of the reports of the various officers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed

A. J. HUGHES,  
WILLIAM BROCK,  
ROBERT MCGUFFIN,  
W. E. STARRATT.

Moved by Bro. R. McGuffin, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brock, and resolved, that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be laid on the table.

Nominating Committee made further report of Committee on Legislature as follows: Bros. Blair, Robinson, McMordie, Page and Brock.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge, that an evening session be held, to commence at 8 o'clock, for hearing the report of Bro. Harris, and conferring the higher degrees.—Carried.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Worthy Master called the meeting to order at 9.15.

There being very few members present, it was suggested by W. Master to adjourn without hearing Bro. Harris, for whom the meeting was principally called.

Bro. Harris explained he would be much pleased to submit his report, but would like to do so to a larger meeting; he would hold himself in readiness to be called upon for his address at any time to-morrow, if the members present would excuse him till then.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Robinson, that Bro. Harris' report and explanation be made a special order at 9 o'clock to-morrow.—Carried.

At the suggestion of the W. M., Bro. Hughes was asked to entertain the meeting with music, assisted by Sister Hilborn.

In compliance with the wish of the Grange, Sister Hilborn favored them with the song, "The Old Log Cabin in the Dell," Bro. Hughes presiding at the organ.

Bro. Harris was asked to exemplify or explain the working of the first 4 degrees, and complied therewith.

Adjourned.

#### FRIDAY MORNING:

February 11, 1881.

Worthy Master opened the Grange in due form at 9:30.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

Agreeably to the special order of last evening, Bro. Harris submitted his report.

#### Dominion Grange Agent's Report.

WORTHY MASTER,—In presenting my fourth annual report for your consideration, I desire to express my deep gratitude for the kind assistance and courtesy received from all directions in my labors for the interest of the Order. During the period that I have been engaged in purchasing the requirements of our members, at no time has my work been so pleasant as during the last year, owing largely to the good will, kind appreciation, and the deep interest of our co-workers. The first three years I worked under great disadvantage, but since you have established the Grange Wholesale Supply Co. with its constantly increasing facilities, we are fast gathering together a Grange business that is commanding the attention and respect of the commercial world, and if increasing at the same ratio during the coming year, will become among the largest, if not the largest commercial business in this great city.

We regret that there is an instance where our people have heretofore been doing a business of an amicable nature, and which was an advantage to us at a time when we purchased our requirements at a reduction to what we had been previously paying, but which heaped wealth upon the party supplying us, and yet this party has seen fit to use his best endeavors to ridicule our Order, to create discord and a want of confidence in the representatives of our people with

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the selfish object—solely, of preventing us from further co-operation, knowing that we are getting beyond his reach, and his only hope, disunion. Instead of gratitude, disrespect is cast at the officers of the Dominion Grange which should cause indignation in the breast of every honest Granger, when he knows that the sole cause is because we are building up a business of our own, preferring to own and work our own farm, to being compelled to work another man's on shares that he may see fit to give us.

In looking over the term of my stewardship as Dominion Grange Agent, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to report in the discharge of my duties, that I have always been guarded and awake to the responsibilities entrusted to me, and am pleased to say, although, from the nature of my appointment the Dominion Grange was responsible for my business relations, or as many as I saw fit to transact in the name of the Dominion Grange, that though my transactions have amounted to thousands of dollars, never has the Grange been called upon to pay a single cent, nor has its credit been the least impaired by me. I think four years of active business as your agent, should be some guide for the future. However, I trust it will be wholly unnecessary for the Dominion Grange to assume further responsibility from the fact that the Grange Wholesale Supply Co. will assume such responsibility, and through its every day increasing facilities will accomplish much more than we have ever been able to do heretofore. But to make a decided success of this purely Grange undertaking, it will be necessary for this Dominion Grange to lend every assistance in its power, not by money or credit, but by impressing upon the individual members of the Order the necessity of co-operation. This is our foundation—If we can co-operate successfully in purchasing our supplies, we know that we can co-operate successfully in disposing of our produce. Co-operation is not a new thing among mechanics, clergymen, post office officials, and some other classes of employees. I am informed that members of co-operative societies in Great Britain number over 400,000, therefore it must be a success there, and if so, why not here.

W. N. HARRIS,

Manager Wholesale Supply Co.

This report brought out a general discussion taken part in by Bros. Blair, McCall, McGuffin, and others, questions being submitted to Bro. Harris which were satisfactorily answered.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Doyle submitted report on Lectures, which was on motion unanimously adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Lectures.

To the Worthy Master and Officers of Dominion Grange:

Your committee on Lectures beg to report as follows:

That the subject has occupied our best attention, and we approve of the suggestion made to send Lecturers into the field, and recommend that the Executive Committee of this Grange be instructed to correspond officially with the Secretaries of the Insurance Company, the Grange Trust, the Wholesale Supply Co., and the Mutual Aid Association, with the view of carrying the propositions into effect, believing that the tendency will be to promote the best interests of and strengthen the Grange, and secure more general patronage of the various institutions organized under its authority.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. J. DOYLE,  
S. W. HILL,  
JESSE TRULL,  
W. P. PAGE,  
WM. ANDERSON.

Bro. Doyle further submitted report of committee on Banking, Loaning and Insurance.

### Report of Committee on Banking, Loaning and Insurance.

To the *Worthy Master, Officers and members of Dominion Grange.*

Your committee on Banking, Loaning and Insurance beg to report as follows:—

1st. That your committee are strongly impressed with the opinion that the establishment of a bank, owned and controlled by agriculturists, whose capital would be used solely in the interest of agriculture and to advance co-operation, would be conducive to the best interests of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, and would enable the Grange of Canada to more fully carry out the principles of co-operation, and would recommend that the Executive of this Grange be instructed to give this matter their early consideration, and that they submit the result of their labors to this Grange at its next meeting.

2nd. Your Committee have very great pleasure indeed in being able to report that the Grange Trust (limited) is now fully organized, with a substantial capital of one million dollars. That ten per cent. has been paid up and invested in first mortgages on real estate. The stock is all held by members of the Order in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba. The President of the Company is now in Europe making financial arrangements for the importation of foreign capital for investment in this country, and your committee sincerely trust that this company may be the means of reducing the rate of interest in Canada, and retaining the profits on borrowed capital in the hands of the agricultural community.

3rd. Your Committee can congratulate the Dominion Grange on the remarkable success of the Grange Mutual Insurance Association, which has now at risk nearly four and one-quarter million dollars, with a capital of one hundred and five thousand dollars and free from debt.

Your committee have considered the recommendation of North Simcoe Division Grange, presented by Bro. McLeod, and as the Members of the Insurance Company only have a right to deal with the details of the working of the Company, this Grange recommend the Directors of the Insurance Company to take this subject into their serious consideration, and deal with it, trusting the result will be satisfactory to the members of North Simcoe Division.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. J. DOYLE,  
J. TRULL,  
WM. ANDERSON.

The report was on motion adopted.  
Bro. Starratt on behalf of committee on House and Home submitted report:

### Report of Committee on House and Home.

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

Your committee on House and Home beg to submit the following:

After a free interchange of views and careful consideration of the subject entrusted to us, we have decided that there is a barrenness and lack of taste apparent in too many of our country homes, for which we can find no reasonable excuse.

We would therefore suggest that a few days in each year be cheerfully devoted to ornamentation, and that the planting of the Mountain Maple so abundant in our forests be used for the purpose of embellishing our surroundings, not only for their inviting shade in summer, but for the beauty of their autumnal tints, rendering them of surpassing beauty.

Your committee also suggest the erection of terraces and mounds, and the planting of flowers, shrubs and vines, which add a refinement all their own, to every home.

Let us add to the attractions of the homestead, and our sons and daughters in the quiet enjoyment of nature, shall have less desire for the excitement which the city affords. It is not essential to the happy home that luxury should surround it, but that order, neatness, and cheerfulness alone, makes home peaceful, loving and attractive.

Your committee are of opinion that the place of training for the young is

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pre-eminently the home, and that in the family circle those impressions are made, and that culture bestowed which more than anything else determines, under God, the character of the soul for time and eternity—and feeling the responsibility resting upon parents, would recommend that every available help be gained by consultation with each other, and from the domestic life of other countries that may further our home education.

Your committee are convinced that nothing is more neglected than the manner in which the young spend their evenings, and as a most improving means of diversion, we would recommend companionable books, those silent friends that develop new beauty at every turn, and exalt and stimulate by their perusal.

Among the many branches of home education, your committee consider music should occupy a prominent place, as it is one of the grandest avenues to the heart.

Let us encourage the use of the piano, and though its keys may seldom be struck by our firesides with the potent touch of the master, yet it lends a charm, a spell of true refinement though rendered in its most simple form.

Your committee would recommend the training of the voice, which is the best music, and the singing of our grand old songs, (so old yet ever new), and which are so refreshing after a day of mental or physical labor.

We would further suggest the practice of mutual kindness within the home circle. A kindly spoken word often calms the ruffled brow, and soothes the weary heart after a day of unceasing toil. Speak kindly to the little ones, and let there be that affectionate condescension, on the part of parents, and that dutiful reverence from children which should characterize every well ordered household.

Respectfully submitted.

SISTERS MRS. W. E. STARRATT.  
MRS. O. C. S. AULT.  
MRS. E. E. WILKIE,  
MRS. T. S. MCLEOD.  
MRS. McMORDIE.

On motion the report was adopted by a standing vote.

Bro. Bull submitted report on Temperance which upon motion was adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance ask leave to report briefly as follows :

That in view of the Legislation that is from time to time taking place designed to promote the cause of Temperance, it would be unwise to trammel the efforts of our Legislators by recommending any specific course in reference to the matter, but would, on the other hand, earnestly recommend all the members of our Order to stand shoulder to shoulder in carrying out any laws that may be enacted to abate the evil.

Your committee are pleased to learn that the Scott Act is being carried in a number of counties in the Dominion, and look forward with a ray of hope to its general adoption as the precursor to an act of total prohibition, and the banishment of the hydra headed monster from our fair Dominion.

Signed

J. P. BULL, Chairman,  
JABEL ROBINSON,  
O. C. S. AULT,  
MRS. LETHBRIDGE,  
MRS. DOYLE.

Bro. Blair submitted the report of committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

#### Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Committee on Constitution and By Laws beg to submit the following report :

That inasmuch as our duties are confined to notices of amendments to be acted on at the next meeting of Dominion Grange :

1st. We would recommend that the last word in Section 1, Article 1 of Constitution of Dominion Grange be altered to read "ten" instead of 15.

2nd, That in Section 1, Article 2, Dominion Grange Constitution, all the words after "members" be struck out.

3rd, That Section 12, Article 2, be altered to read: "Any fourth degree member in good standing shall be eligible to office in Subordinate, Division, Provincial or Dominion Grange, within whose jurisdiction such member may reside, but shall not be entitled to vote."

4th, That Section 3, Article 1, Provincial Grange read, "in Division Grange in place of the words: "sealed ballots."

5th, That all the words in Section 4, Article 1, Provincial Grange, after the words Provincial Grange, be struck out.

6th, That the word "one" in Section 1, Article 2, Provincial Grange, read "three."

7th, That all the words after the word "Grange" in Section 2, Article 2, be struck out.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Toronto, Feb. 11th, 1881.

W. M. BLAIR,  
GEO. LETHBRIDGE,  
ROBERT McMORDIE,  
JESSE TRULL,  
LEVI R. WHITMAN.

A discussion having arisen whether certain papers submitted by Bro. Starratt, of N. S., contained a legal notice of motion for change in Constitution, it was

Moved by Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. R. McMordie, that inasmuch as Bro. Starratt writes that he was of opinion that notice should be given, it is clear that no actual notice was given, and therefore this Grange considers that no notice has been given.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. W. M. Blair, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that the report of the committee on Constitution and By Laws be adopted, engrossed in the minutes, and that this report shall be considered as notice of amendment to the Constitution.

Moved by Bro. J. P. Bull, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brock, that Wm. Lukes, Esq., member of the corn exchange, be heard before this Grange for ten minutes immediately on its meeting this afternoon, to express their views in reference to Railway matters.—Lost.

Bro. Gifford submitted report of committee on Education.

On motion Grange adjourned at 12:30 to meet again at 2 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Ramsay took the chair at 1:50, and introduced Mr. Wm. Lukes, who addressed the meeting as a member from the corn exchange, of Toronto. He said he did not want to take up the time of the Grange, but considered his remarks would be of great importance to its members regarding the Railway monopoly. He read a few clauses from a Bill passed in the House of Commons introduced by Mr. McCarthy. He (Mr. Lukes) made a somewhat lengthy address, at the conclusion of which several questions were submitted to him and satisfactorily answered. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to him by the Worthy Master, who shortly before came in and took the chair.

Bro. Hilborn then called the meeting to order for the despatch of business. The first business in order was the discussion of the report submitted by Bro. Gifford on Education.

On motion it was resolved to hear Mr. Laidlaw in respect to the Industrial Exhibition. He spoke of the agricultural interests of the different provinces and thought the people of Toronto were proud to have so large and influential a body as the Grange to meet in their city. He spoke of the great North-West Territory.

Moved by Bro. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Whitman, that we are pleased to know that the different Railways have responded so readily to our request for

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reduced rates to members and visitors attending sessions of Dominion Grange, and would recommend that the thanks of this Grange be extended through our Worthy Secretary to the Managers of the different Railways, for their kindness in granting such request.—Carried.

On motion after some discussion with slight changes the report of Bro. Gifford on Education was adopted as follows :

### Report of Committee on Education.

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

We, your committee on Education beg to submit the following report :  
In dealing with this subject your committee find it necessary to pursue a different course from that adopted at previous meetings of this Grange.

Heretofore it has been customary to confine the suggestions upon this question to such changes as seemed desirable in the existing school law of the Province of Ontario, but now that Provincial Granges are established, we feel that those matters should be dealt with by the Provinces as their varied circumstances may require, while to the Dominion Grange remains the duty of dealing with the subject in its widest sense.

Our declaration of principles makes Education one of the most important features of our organization, and deservedly so, for without it we must fail to gain the objects which the Grange contemplates securing for its members.

In order to give an intelligent consideration to the question, we think it is necessary in the first place to define what education is. We know that the commonly accepted definition of the term is, the knowledge obtained from books and in schools of the different grades, but this we think is applying the term in a very limited sense. Education as your committee understands it means not only the knowledge acquired in the manner referred to, but to that obtained from observation, experience, &c., and which is much more general in its character than the first, being in fact, that upon which a very large number, especially of the agricultural class, depend for success in their calling. All education derived from whatever service obtained, should be practical in its character. That derived from observation and experience is eminently so, and to this is probably due the fact that very often men wholly illiterate so far as books are concerned, succeed better than others, possessed of what is called a first class education, and such cases are continually cited as reasons why high literary training is unnecessary to a business man, especially if his business be the cultivation of the soil.

Your committee regret that this feeling, that literary training is thrown away upon a farmer is so prevalent, and consider it is the duty of the Grange to discountenance it.

Our first object should be to inform ourselves in everything connected with our occupation. To accomplish this it is necessary our schools should give more prominence to such subjects as chemistry, botany, etc., which may be termed the elements of agriculture, and in this connection your committee would suggest that a revisal of reading books in our common schools be made and biographies of successful farmers introduced. In our estimation there is nothing that would tend to interest our young people more in our occupation than this feature. They would learn from this that all the prizes in life are not drawn by the other occupations and professions. A desire to emulate the lives of those men would be aroused, which would tend to materially elevate the agricultural class.

One of our objects is to make our home surroundings more attractive. Your committee believe that the failure to do this is owing in more cases to the want of knowledge, how to do so, than to want of inclination, and would suggest every school house, where practicable, should have connected with it in addition to the usual play ground, a plot in which the teacher should be required to instruct the pupils in the cultivation of shrubs, flowers, and the elements of landscape gardening ; and teachers should be held responsible for keeping all the school surroundings in neatness and proper order. By this means

a taste for home adornment would be developed in the young that would result in a greatly improved appearance in country homes.

There is one matter to which your committee feel it a duty to draw the attention of this Grange, that is the enormous increase that is taking place in the distribution of sensational literature, much of which is decidedly pernicious in its character, giving the young false views of life, and unfitting them by its enervating influences from contending successfully with the stern realities of actual experience. We find that nearly all the newspapers publish more or less of this kind of literature, shewing that a strong taste has already been developed for it, among the reading classes. That correct principles and virtuous actions are often impressed upon the mind by fictions, your committee will not deny, but we believe that these can be quite as well inculcated by the recitation of actual experience, and would therefore urge upon the Grange to discountenance the circulation of such publications, and above all to exclude it from their families.

Your committee would especially urge farmers to get rid of that feeling which now so largely exists, that what is known as higher education, is undesirable in a farmer.

The Grange contemplates securing for the agriculturists a greater influence in the affairs of the country than they have hitherto possessed, but if we desire to exert this influence with credit to our class, we must first qualify ourselves to discharge the duties of the position intelligently. Other classes have hitherto monopolized those positions, not on account of superior natural ability, but from their superior education, and if we are to compete with them successfully, we must prepare ourselves to meet them with their own weapons.

Finally, your committee submit that there are three important features to be kept in view by the Grange:

1st—Industry is at the very basis of all prosperity. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings," said the wise man, and without this no prosperity can be reached by the agriculturist.

2nd—The farmer and his family must be intelligent, this includes education. The time is past when success in life can be obtained by industry alone. Our people must not only know how to work and be willing to work, but they must understand science, and be acquainted with the laws of commerce, and the principles of Government, and be qualified to take the place which their numbers entitle them to in the management of the public affairs of our country. This position can only be occupied and respectably maintained by the Educated.

3rd—There must be coupled with industry and intelligence, the principle of moral honesty. Without this our people may be industrious and intelligent, and yet fail in business, and in character, but combine the three principles and success is certain, and our Grange is safe and our farmers must and will succeed.

Signed.

WM. ANDERSON,  
W. M. BLAIR,  
R. J. DOYLE,  
ROBT. MCGUFFIN,  
A. GIFFORD.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Robinson, that this Grange hereby confirms and approves the recommendation made by the Master and Bro. Aylesworth to the Agricultural Commission in reference to the introduction of the elements of Agricultural Chemistry into our public schools.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Robinson, that Bro. J. P. Bull and Bro. W. P. Page, be appointed delegates from this Grange to the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto.—Carried.

Bro. Hughes again submitted the report of committee on Officers' Reports and addresses.

Bro. Doyle asked for explanation on some items of expense in Treasurers account which explanations were satisfactorily given.

On motion the report of committee on Officers' Reports was adopted.

Bro. Hughes submitted report of committee on the Organ of the Grange. Upon motion the report was adopted.

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**Report of Committee on Organ of the Grange.**

We your committee to whom was referred the above subject for consideration, beg respectfully to report as follows :

That we fully realize the great importance and advantages to be derived from the publication of a paper devoted to our interests in the general advancement of the agricultural community; and it is with much pleasure that we bear testimony to the enterprise of Bros. Page and Colcock in successfully establishing the GRANGE RECORD. This paper we heartily commend to the generous support of our members, believing that its extended circulation will greatly tend not only to the elevation of the farming class in general, but will also be a source of great strength to our organization. We would, therefore, most earnestly be- speak on behalf of this commendable enterprise an increased interest on the part of our members, not only as regards its circulation, but also in correspond- ence and contributions to its columns, believing that the standard of excel- lence of the exponent of our principles will indicate in a marked degree the general character of the intellectual and business capabilities of its patrons.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, A. J. HUGHES,  
W. E. STARRATT,  
J. B. AYLESWORTH,  
S. WHITE,  
M. CARLYLE.

Bro. Whitman submitted the report of committee on Commercial Relations. The report was adopted as follows :

**Report of the Committee on Commercial Relations.**

To the officers and members of the Dominion Grange :  
Your Committee on Commercial Relations beg leave to submit the follow- ing report :

That the suggestion referred to us relating to Bro Harris sending out agents should be left entirely to Bro. Harris to act in the matter as he sees fit.

That our Commercial Relations, as far as co-operation in buying of the Grange Supply Company has been, to a certain extent, successful, we are all willing to admit ; but we think it has not received the patronage it should from our Order, and we regret to say that in some Granges the object has been to find out how low any article could be bought of their agent, and then they are all ready for their local trader or travelling agent, and by the use of their knowl- edge they will be able to beat their agent a few points, for any local trader will make a small loss willingly, if by so doing they can sow the seed of suspicion and destroy confidence in those whom you have appointed to do your business. Many an advantageous trade arrangement has been revoked because the foolish Patron would allow the penny to be held so near the eye as to completely shut from sight the hundreds of shillings that lay scattered in the roadway of life before him. Much loss commercially arises from the fact that so few Patrons keep their trade secrets. Were we to get up a new ritual we would have one of the signs thus (placing the hand over the mouth) signifying a good Patron knows enough to hold his tongue. If you wish to make more out of the Grange, you must have more confidence in all connected therewith, more confidence in each other, in your officers, in those with whom you have trade arrangements, and should not allow this confidence to be weakened by the representations of those without the gates whose interest it is to deceive you. We should work together, buy together, and sell together, and we would like to see the motto of "Pull to- gether" adopted as the banner word of our organization.

The financial features of our Order are in our opinion necessary cords to bind us together, but we protest against their being considered of first conse- quence, as the benefits which the members have received both mentally, morally and socially by far exceed all others.

Transportation and selling of farm products we consider really of more im- portance than buying, as the farmer who makes his business succeed has more to sell than buy.

We are pleased to hear that the shipping of fruit to England the past season was a success financially, and think it could be made equally so in the shipping of grain and other produce, and would suggest that this Grange use every means in their power to bring the producer and consumer nearer together, and try and get a connection with the co-operative societies in Great Britain, thereby dispensing with a surplus of middlemen, whereby the farmer is deprived of his just profits. Transportation companies often charge more for a short distance than a long one, thus discriminating against places, and often higher rates are charged one individual than another, thus discriminating against persons. And we the committee are pleased to be able to state that the present Government at Ottawa have now before them a Bill that has been moved for the second reading to establish a Railway Commission to regulate rates of passenger and freight tariff, thus doing away with the discriminating system now practiced by railroads, and should the Government fail to pass the bill, we would suggest that this Grange use every legitimate means in their power to have such a Commission appointed, as we are of the opinion that the injustice we receive from Railroad Companies in the Dominion, and the Market Fees in Ontario, are some of the main features with which we have to contend commercially.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed

LEVI R. WHITMAN,  
W. M. BLAIR,  
S. MCCALL,  
D. KENNEDY,  
WILLIAM BROCK.

Bro. Starratt submitted the report of committee on Mileage and per diem. On motion the report was adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Milage and Per Diem.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

We, your Committee on Milage and Per Diem, beg leave to suggest to the Dominion Grange that all members be paid their actual travelling expenses to and from the meeting of Dominion Grange; also that members receive \$2 per day during attendance at same.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed

W. E. STARRATT, Chairman,  
WM. BROCK,  
O. C. S. AULT,  
THOS. S. MACLEOD,  
S. WHITE.

Bro. Blair submitted the report of committee on Officers' Salaries. After considerable discussion the report was adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Officers' Salaries.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Officers' Salaries, beg leave to report as follows :

That after a careful and due consideration of the subject, they find that a large proportion of the labor formerly performed by the officers of Dominion Grange is now assumed by the officers of the Provincial Granges as now constituted. And whereas it is very desirable for the welfare of the Order throughout the Dominion of Canada that the current expenses of all Granges should be reduced to the smallest possible amount, compatible with the efficient working of the institution, we would, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$50 be paid the Master in lieu of office expenses, such as stationery, postage, etc., and that the sum of \$30 be allowed the Treasurer in lieu of office expenses, etc.; and that the salary of the Secretary be \$150, with bonds for the faithful performance of the duty of Secretary and Treasurer in sureties to the amount of \$2,000 each; and that the Executive Committee and Auditors shall receive each

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All of which is respectfully submitted.  
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W. M. BLAIN,  
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WM. BROCK,  
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Bro. Whitman asked leave to retire as he wished to return to his home to-night and desired to meet the 7 p. m. train.

Bro. Page on behalf of committee on Music and Social Entertainment submitted report.

### Report of Committee on Music and Social Entertainment.

Your Committee appointed by the Dominion Grange are pleased to report that they have given the subject what consideration the time at their disposal would permit. Acknowledging the charm there is in music, and the importance of home attraction they recommend its adoption in every household, for amid the discords of life there is nothing that soothes and warms the heart like the melody of a well trained voice, or the sweet sounding notes of some instrument of music. There is something in music that charms, having a refining and elevating influence over the mind. We are aware that in most of our farmer's houses the usual routine of work takes up the time so fully, as to leave little opportunity and less desire to cultivate the musical faculties of our natures. Our minds are susceptible of culture and whatever inspires in us feelings of purity and refinement should be encouraged and sought after. God in his goodness has placed in the human heart the love of melody, and capability of culture, which if rightly trained, tends to ennoble the mind and refine the character. Among the many amusements and pastimes of the old and young, music should never be forgotten. From the remotest ages it has been a leading characteristic in peace and in war; its power we cannot describe, nor its influence fathom. It fills all space, for what in this beautiful world of ours is not filled with music, the mighty rushing waters, alike the hurricane and the soft and gentle breeze. The very stars seem to have a still, solemn, sacred music, which strikes the soul rather than the ear. The dark and bottomless ocean is ever sounding forth its notes, sometimes in its calmness and beauty, and then in its mighty grandeur, which carries all before it. The birds bursting forth in the morning freshness in songs of sweetest melody. The bees, flowers and sunshine all combine to make this earth of ours what it was intended—a place of happiness.

The voice of the little lisping child, of the light-hearted youth, and of those of mature years can be heard in every-day life in song,—then secure to your families the advantages of music.

Besides music, there are other means of social entertainment, innocent amusement, games, &c., can profitably be introduced into every household. The young must have entertainment, association, and with a proper appreciation of this by parents, and acting upon the fact, we will have more happy homes, more contented families when the parents enter into the pleasure and amusements of their children. Their innocent enjoyments and youthful pleasures are as natural to them as the air they breathe; it should not be suppressed, but rather encouraged and assisted by entering into it with them, and furnishing the means of general social entertainment. This tends to bind the family ties more closely and establish a freedom and interest, the parents with the children and the children with the parents.

We strongly advise social gatherings and entertainments in our Granges; entertainments that the young can attend, and thus encourage among them an interest in the Order.

In conclusion, allow us to remind you that the Grange is a social order, and

wherever it can be used towards the cultivation of this faculty in our natures, use it, and above all make home attractive, so that when the young, who have grown to manhood and womanhood in it, leave it to take their place in society they may do so feeling

Good-bye, old house, a long good-bye,  
My hand is on your gate ;  
Though tears are gathering in my eyes,  
I must not longer wait ;  
Good-bye old house, and after all  
The love which makes you dear,  
Awaits me in another home,  
By smiles made happy through the years.

Signed, MRS. F. H. MCCREA,  
" JENNIE M. GRANF,  
" JESSE TRULL,  
" D. KENNEDY,  
" ANNIE O. PAGE.

The report was unanimously adopted.  
Bro. Hilborn again submitted the report of committee on Railways.

#### Report of Committee on Railways

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your committee are of opinion that the time has come when some united action should be taken by the Grange toward the suppression of the growing power of the Railway combination, which is fast approaching a monopoly that is destined at no distant day to place the transportation interests of this country virtually under one control, to be directed by one head, and taxed by one authority. A distinguished railway authority has said that "where combination is possible, competition is impossible." There was a time when competition held this power fully in check, and to a limited extent it still exercises a restraining influence, but that restraint is daily growing weaker as the system of combination becomes better matured.

The problem of transportation is one in which every farmer in the land has the deepest interest, and between him and the railway there exists a reciprocal obligation and dependence ; he depends upon the railway to move his products; the railway depends upon him for that employment which feeds and sustains it, hence it is clear that a reciprocal interest exists between them, and as a question of political economy these relations should be so maintained that neither should be allowed to take advantage of the other, which can only be done by some equitable rule defining the obligations of each. Chief Justice Waite, Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, in rendering a decision in that Court upon this very question, says : "When one devotes his property to a use in which the public has an interest, he grants to the public an interest in that use, and must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good, to the extent of the interest he has thus created."

The alarming custom of discrimination practiced by all our railways, the favoritisms granted to persons and corporations in preferential rates and free passes, are matters that should arouse the suspicions of both individuals and corporations to the necessity for legislative action to control and regulate the obligations which are so clearly mutual in their operations. Will the farmers of Canada join in positive, earnest and determined effort to secure just protection from wrong in this mutual matter, through the peaceful medium of legislation, by which railway corporations shall be gently but firmly restrained from levying so unjust a tax upon the tillers of the soil. Could the people as a mass meet with the railway managers as a body, and arrange rates and equitable settlement in the interests of both, but that is impossible, and no course appears open in justice to both but that Parliament should deal with this matter, as they are the custodians of the public rights of the people and also of railway corporations. Your committee would therefore recommend that the Dominion Grange, Pro-

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vincial Granges, Divisions and Subordinate Granges be requested to petition the Commons of Canada for an act fixing a reasonable maximum rate for both freight and passage, which shall not be exceeded in any case. Also that no preferential rates be given to any person or corporations, and that all discriminating traffics be held as unlawful and uncollectable; that a uniform rate shall be charged per mile for freight and passage without regard to distance. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. HILBORN,  
M. CARLYLE,  
GEO. LETHBRIDGE,  
A. GIFFORD.

On motion the report was adopted.  
Moved by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. M. Carlyle, that we have an evening session to commence at 7 o'clock. The first order of business be the election of officers.—Carried.  
Moved and seconded, that the Grange adjourn to meet again at seven o'clock.—Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

W. Master opened the Grange in due form at 7:30.  
Pursuant to the special order before adjournment, the election of officers was proceeded with.  
Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Gifford, that we ballot for nominations.  
Moved and seconded in amendment, that we take open nominations.

- Amendment carried.  
The election resulted as follows:
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| Master.....         | W. M. Blair, M. P. P..... | Truro, N. S. |
| Overseer.....       | R. J. Doyle.....          | Owen Sound.  |
| Secretary.....      | W. Pemberton Page.....    | Toronto.     |
| Treasurer.....      | J. P. Bull.....           | Downsview.   |
| Lecturer.....       | S. W. Hill.....           | Ridgeville.  |
| Chaplain..          | R. McGuffin.....          | London.      |
| Steward....         | Wm. Brock.....            | Adelaide.    |
| Assistant Steward.. | M. Carlyle.....           | Dundas.      |
| Gate Keeper..       | George Lethbridge.....    | Strathburn.  |
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Executive Committee—Jesse Trull, Oshawa; R. McMordie, Kippen.  
Auditors—W. E. Starratt, Paradise, N.S.; T. S. McLeod, Dalston, Ont.  
Moved by Bro. S. W. Hill, seconded by Bro. A. Gifford that a vote of thanks be tendered the Manager of the Wa'ker House for his courteous treatment to members, and for his kindness in extending reduced rates to them.—Carried.  
Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Sister Mrs. Jesse Trull, that all members of Dominion Grange be constituted honorary members thereof so long as they are members of the order in good standing, but shall not vote or be entitled to any portion of their expenses while attending its session.—Carried.  
Moved by Bro. Carlyle, seconded by Bro. Doyle, that the next meeting of the Dominion Grange be held at Ottawa during the session of Dominion Parliament.

Moved and seconded in amendment, that this be left in the hands of the Executive Committee to report at next annual meeting.  
Amendment carried.  
Moved by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Trull, that as the W. Master elect lives a long distance from the place of the meetings of the Executive Committee he have power to appoint some person to act in his place, if he thinks proper to do so.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. W. E. Starratt, seconded by Bro. J. B. Aylesworth, that the next annual meeting of Dominion Grange convene for business at Toronto, on the 2nd Tuesday in February, 1882.—Carried.

Bro. J. Robinson submitted the report of the Committee on the "Good of the Order."

**Report of Committee on Good of the Order.**

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

We believe that our noble Order would be very much advanced if our Subordinate Granges could be induced to erect suitable places for holding their regular meetings. We also think that every Subordinate Grange should endeavor to establish a circulating library, and every inducement should be given to our members to hold special meetings for the purpose of intellectual culture.

JABEL ROBINSON,  
J. P. BULL,  
O. C. S. AULT.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Officers elect were installed by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, Past Master.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. S. W. Hill, that the Grange provide the necessary clothing to confer the higher degrees in full form at next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Doyle, seconded by Bro. McMordie, that a vote of thanks of this Grange is due and is hereby tendered to the retiring Master and officers of this Grange.—Carried.

Bros. Hilborn, Gifford, Anderson and Starratt replied each in a few remarks, thanking the Grange for their kindness, and all saying they hoped ever to be warm supporters of the Grange.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. S. McCall, that this Grange agrees to bear its proper proportion of the cost of printing the Ritual of the Sixth Degree.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. W. E. Starratt, seconded by Bro. Wm. Anderson, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Sister Mrs. Hilborn and Bro. Hughes, for their kind services in entertaining the members of this Grange with music during this session.—Carried.

Grange adjourned in due form at 11.15.

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# Notice of Motions.

## In Accordance with Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution of Dominion Grange.

I give notice that I will move at the next annual communication of Dominion Grange to amend Section 12 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Dominion Grange, by expunging that part which reads: "None but accredited delegates and their wives, if matrons," and substituting therefor, "Any Fourth Degree member in good standing." Also expunging that portion commencing after the word Division, which reads: "Except the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be filled by any Fourth Degree member in good standing," and substituting therefor, "but shall not vote on any question in such Grange unless accredited delegates."

Section 12 of Article 2 of Constitution of Dominion Grange thus amended to read: "Any Fourth Degree member in good standing shall be eligible for election to any office in any representative Grange, Dominion, Provincial or Division, but shall not vote on any question in such Grange unless accredited delegate."

Also that Article 4, Section 5 of Subordinate Grange Constitution be amended by expunging the words, (except those initiated during the quarter for whom no capitation tax shall be paid) after the word quarter, in fourth line from top of page 35.

(Signed) W. E. STARRATT.

February 9, 1881.

I hereby give notice that I will move that Section 1, Article 2, Constitution of Provincial Grange, be amended to read, "three members of the Executive Committee," and that the last clause of Section 2 be erased.

W. M. BLAIR.

February 9, 1881.

I hereby give notice that a motion will be made at next annual meeting of Dominion Grange to amend Section 5, Article 2 of the Constitution of Provincial Grange, which provides that one-half the capitation tax be paid to Dominion Grange, substituting a less amount.

Signed. THOS. MCLEOD.

February 10th, 1881.

Grange 101 gives notice of the following proposed amendment to Constitution of Dominion Grange, viz: "That where the head of the family, or one male member representing the same is a member of the Grange in good standing, other members of the family may be admitted as visiting members upon the administration of the obligation or initiation, and the payment of a nominal fee fixed by each Subordinate Grange; but said visiting members shall not be privileged to vote upon any question of finance, and shall only take such part in the other business of the Grange as may be permitted by decision of such Grange; and whenever such visiting members become the representatives of a distinct family they shall then be subject to the ordinary fees and dues."

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of Dominion Grange, for change in By laws to the effect that all reports and also representation be directly from Subordinates to Dominion Grange, thus creating a closer relationship between these sections of the Order.

(Signed)

WM. FORESTER.  
Grange 108.

Pickering, May 3rd, 1881.

Besides the above direct notices of motions, there will be found recommendations of Committee on Constitution and By-laws, (see Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws, page 23) which are to be considered as notices of motions, and to be voted upon at next annual meeting.

W. P. PAGE, Secretary.

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