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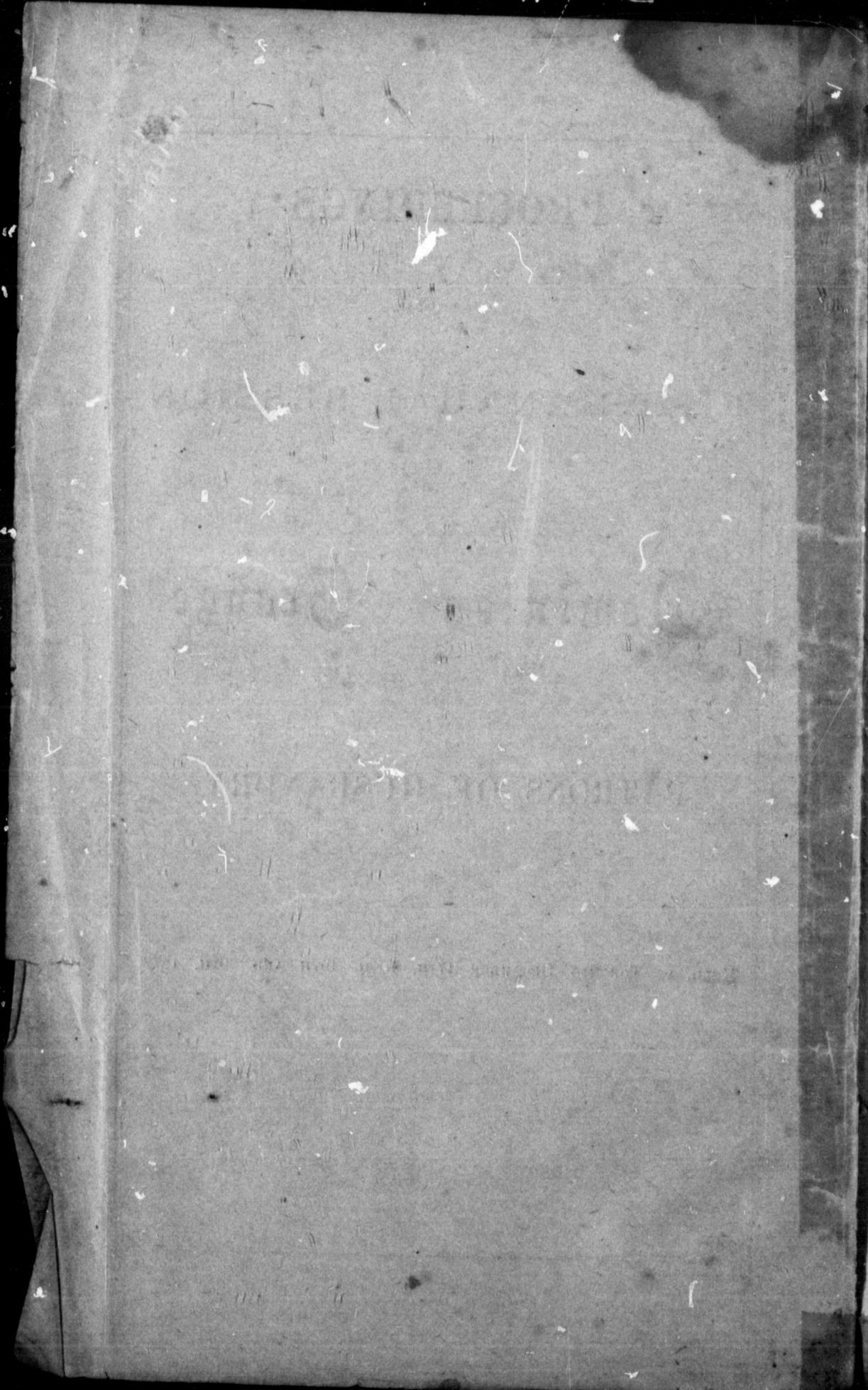
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DOMINION GRANGE.

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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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FIRST DAY.

TORONTO, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Dominion Grange met in the Fifth Annual Session in Albert Hall, No. 191 Yonge street, Worthy Master S. W. Hill, in the chair.

The ordinary routine was gone through with, and the Grange duly opened by the following remarks from the Worthy Master:

MASTER'S OPENING REMARKS.

PATRONS,—It affords me much pleasure to meet with you at this time, many of whom are old and familiar faces. It is a privilege which I enjoy to assemble here with you once a year. Since our last meeting our present staff of officers has not been broken, although some are, at present, absent. I have every reason to tender my warmest thanks for the many, many courtesies I have received at your hands, and the very liberal manner in which you have overlooked my short comings. I now take this opportunity of stating, that my duty as Master of Dominion Grange is now done, and I leave the position for some one else to fill. I have for five years gone through much hard work in behalf of the Order, and labored for its advancement incessantly, and I now have to retire, making room for my successor. The Order is steadily advancing, and extends its wings far over this vast Dominion of ours. The business is in the same ratio fast increasing, and it requires careful Officers at the helm. We meet here as Legislators, as it were, to dictate

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and make laws and rules governing us for our benefit—let it be done in such a manner that we may, one and all, be able to look back with interest and pride at the labors this time performed.

Moved by E. H. Hilborn, W. Lecturer,

Seconded by J. Robinson, No. 18,

That this Grange meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 ; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 6 ; evenings to be devoted to Committee work, except as occasion may require an evening session, this to be provided for by special resolution ; all discussions to be confined strictly to the question.

Carried.

The Worthy Master appointed the following Committee to strike Standing Committees :

Bros. Henry Palmer, J. V. Spohn and W. P. Page.

The Committee to strike the Standing Committees made a partial report, suggesting Bros. Hilborn, Hughes and Robinson, as Committee on Credentials, which was adopted by the Grange.

The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. Estabrook, from York Division No. 31, New Brunswick, as present with proper Credentials; reports also that the Brother is very efficient in the knowledge of the internal working of the Order.

On motion, Bro. Estabrook was received as Delegate to Dominion Grange.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Officers and Delegates present and entitled to vote :

OFFICERS.

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| MASTER..... | S. W. HILL..... | Ridgeville, Ont. |
| OVERSEER..... | S. WHITE..... | Charing Cross, Ont. |
| LECTURER..... | E. H. HILBORN..... | Uxbridge, Ont. |
| STEWARD..... | L. R. WHITMAN..... | Knowlton, Que. |
| ASS'T STEWARD..... | Not Present | |
| CHAPLAIN..... | J. MANNING..... | Schomberg, Ont. |
| TREASURER..... | J. P. BULL..... | Downsview, " |
| SECRETARY..... | W. P. PAGE..... | Fonthill, " |
| GATE-KEEPER..... | R PUTMAN..... | Lower Onslow, N. S. |
| CERES..... | Not Present. | |
| POMONA..... | MRS. E. H. HILBORN.... | Uxbridge, Ont. |
| FLORA..... | Not Present. | |
| L. A. STEWARD..... | Not Present. | |

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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| A. GIFFORD..... | MEAFORD. |
| A. J. HUGHES..... | SHARON. |
| S. PARSONS..... | BALTIMORE. |
| GEO. SHIRLEY..... | WATFORD. |

Auditing Committee : H. McFarlane, Glencoe ; L. Cheyne, Brantpton.

DELEGATES PRESENT—FROM DIVISION GRANGES.

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| No. 1, London, Bro. Wm. Belton, London. | No. 24, Prince Albert, Bro. R. Mc- Mordie, Kippen. |
| No. 2, Grey, H. Palmer, Straithnairn | No. 25, Ontario, Bro. W. H. Orvis, Whitby. |
| No. 3, Niagara District Division, Bros. G. A. Camp, St. Cathar- ines ; T. H. Watt, Niagara. | No. 26, Wentworth, J. V. Spohn, Hamilton. |
| No. 4, Simcoe, not arrived. | No. 27, Huron, Bros. J. W. Whit- field, Cranbrook ; Robt. Cur- rie, Wingham. |
| No. 5, Lampton, Bro. Wm. Mow- bray, Sarnia. | No. 28, Norfolk, Bro. J. Austin, Port Dover. |
| No. 6, Halton, Bro. Andrew Robert- son, Oakville. | No. 29, Waterloo, |
| No. 7, Lucknow, Bro. Robert Lock- hart, St. Helens. | No. 30, Wellington, Bro. R. Cromar, Salem. |
| No. 8, Brantford, Bro. J. S. Thom- son, Brantford. | No. 31, York, N. B., Bro. L. Esta- brook, Prince William, N. B. |
| No. 9, York, Bro. Wm. Goulding, Newton Brook. | No. 32, North Bruce, not arrived. |
| No. 10, Peel. None present. | No. 33, Haldimand, Bro. R. Green, Attercliffe Station. |
| No. 11, Kent, Bros. R. Stokes, Oungah ; R. Wilkie, Rondeau. | No. 34, Rose Valley, Bros. Ira Argue, Woodville ; Adam Shier, Wilfrid. |
| No. 12, North Middlesex, Bro. Jno. Waters, Springbank. | No. 35, Northumberland, Bro. T. B. Carlow, Warkworth. |
| No. 13, Victoria, Bro. A. M. Driver, St. Marys. | No. 36, Essex, Bro. R. E. Dodson, Trudell. |
| No. 14, Durham, Bro. D. Kennedy, Peterborough. | No. 37, Hornings Mills, not arrived. |
| No. 15, East Lambton, Bros. Wm. Auld, Warwick ; H. McKenzie, Watford. | No. 38, Union, not arrived. |
| No. 16, Orangeville, None present. | No. 39, Colchester, N. S., Bro. Wm. M. Blair, Truro, N. S. |
| No. 17, West Middlesex, not arrived. | No. 40, North Perth, Bro. Wm. Keith, Hammond. |
| No. 18, Elgin, Bros. E. Cameron, Port Stanley ; J. Robinson, Middlemarch. | No. 41, Prince Edward, not arrived. |
| No. 19, Lennox and Addington, Bro. J. B. Aylesworth, New- burgh. | No. 42, Hastings, not arrived. |
| No. 20, Simcoe, Bros. Thomas Mc- Leod, Chas. Hyslop, Dalston. | No. 43, South Grey, Bro. Jas. Edge. |
| No. 21, Belmore, Bros. Henry Smith, Gorrie ; Alex. Drummond, Clif- ford. | No. 44, Leeds and Grenville, Bros. Geo. Brown, Jasper ; J. H. McCrea, Brockville. |
| No. 22, Oxford, not present. | No. 45, Stormont, not arrived. |
| No. 23, Beaver Valley, Bro. Neil McColman, Clarkesburgh, and Thos. B. White, | No. 46, Hants, N. S., George Creed, South Rawdon, N. S. |
| | No. 47, Kings, N. S., Thomas Tuzo, Horton Landing, N. S. |

WIVES OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES PRESENT AND ENTITLED TO VOTE :

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| Sister Mrs. Shier, of Division | 34. | Sister Mrs. Wilkie, of Division | 11. |
| " " Argue, " | 34. | " " Stokes, " | 11. |
| " " Creed, " | 46. | " " Aylesworth, " | 19. |
| " " Green, " | 33. | " " Smith, " | 21. |
| " " Blair, " | 39. | " " White, " | 11. |
| " " Tuzo, " | 47. | " " Whitman, Quebec. | |

56 Delegates, and 16 Officers, including Executive Committee, making a total Membership of 72 present, and entitled to vote. Also saying that Bro. Leet, from Quebec, is present as representative from Grange No. 4. The Committee on Credentials ask that the Grange decide as to eligibility as a Delegate.

Moved by Levi R. Whitman, Steward,

Seconded by J. H. McCrea, Division No. 44,

That Bro. Leet be admitted as a Delegate to Dominion Grange, also be paid one-fifth of his expenses.

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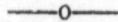
Moved by E. H. Hilborn, No. 25,

Seconded by A. J. Hughes, No. 10,

That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

Carried.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange met pursuant to adjournment.

The Worthy Master, in opening the Grange, referred to the death of Bro. D. Ferguson, who, he said, was a Charter Member of this Grange, a consistent Member of the Order, and highly respected. He hoped that a suitable resolution would be offered, showing the respect due to our deceased Brother.

(Signed,)

A. HUGHES.
E. H. HILBORN,
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Second Report of Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials made a further Report of Members present, as follows :—

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| No. 4 T. Duff, Cookstown ; and Isaiah Wilmot, Craigvale. | No. 37 Jas. Sleightholme, Horning's Mills. |
| " 7 John Taylor, Lucknow. | " 38 John Ramsay, Eden Mills. |
| " 9 John Beasley, Nobleton. | " 41 L. T. Leavens, Bloomfield. |
| " 10 E. i Crawford, and R. Hamil- ton, Brampton. | " 42 W. J. Massey, Belleville. |
| " 13 Wm. Johnston, St. Marys. | " 45 H. W. Wood, Wales. |
| " 14 J. Trull, Oshawa, and E. Hall, Orono. | Mrs. Trull, Ceres. |
| " 18 W. T. Patullo, Alton ; and W. Clark. | " Lossee, Flora. |
| " 19 A. V. Price, Newburgh. | " Massey, L. A. S. |
| " 22 A. C. Graham, Holbrook. | No. 9 Mrs. Beesley, |
| " 25 Geo. B. Miller, Uxbridge. | " 9 " Bull, |
| " 29 Robt. Cranston, Galt. | " 14 " Hall, |
| " 32 John Biggar, Burgoyne. | " 14 " Parsons, |
| | " 16 " Clark, |
| | " 25 " Miller, |
| | " 45 " Wood. |

28 Delegates, and three lady officers.

On the motion of Bro. Hilborn, W. Lecturer, the Report was adopted.

Standing Committee's Report.

The Committee on Standing Committees made their Report as follows :—

ON CREDENTIALS.

- Bros. Hughes.
- " Hilborn.
- " Robinson.

OFFICERS REPORT.

- Bros. Blair.
- " Green.
- " Drummond.

INSURANCE.

- Bros. Parsons.
- " Camp.
- " Argue.

CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES.

- Bros. Thompson.
- " Robertson.
- " Goulding.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

- Bros. Keith.
- " Tuzo.
- " Austin.

PRESS.

- Bros. Creech.
- " Wilkie.
- " Watt.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

- Bros. Whitman.
- " Spohn.
- " Shirley.

TEMPERANCE.

- Bros. Austin.
- " Aylesworth.
- " Orvis.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

- Bros. Hilborn.
- " Robinson.
- " Hall.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

- Bros. Leavens.
- " Stopes.
- " Driver.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

Bros. Spohn.
 " Whitman.
 " Estabrook.
 " Putman.

EDUCATION.

Bros. Jno. Ramsey.
 " Gifford.
 " Graham.
 " Goulding.
 " W. Johnston.

HOUSE AND HOME.

Sis. Wilkie.
 " Tuzo.
 " Argue.
 " Whitman.
 Bro. Whitman.
 " Wilkie.

LADIES' LUNCHEON IN THE GRANGE.

Sis. Green.
 " Creed.
 " Aylesworth.

RAILROADS.

Bros. Smith.
 " Trull.
 " Pattullo.

BANKING AND LOANING.

Bros. Hilborn.
 " Bull.
 " Duff.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Sis. White.
 " Hilborn.
 " Shier.
 " Blair.
 Bro. Blair.
 " E. B. Miller.

Sis. Smith.
 Bro. Manning.
 " Green.

Report adopted.

The Worthy Master next submitted his Annual Report as follows:

WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS:

Patrons and Delegates to Dominion Grange.

PATRONS,—We are gathered here for the Fifth Annual Meeting of this Grange with unbroken ranks in our staff of Officers; and in this happy re-union of Officers and Delegates, thanksgiving and devotional praise is due to the Great Author of our existence for his protecting care. We have great reason as Agriculturists, to congratulate each other, that our labors have been crowned with a liberal harvest, and while our granaries are filled, and the season of severe toil is over, let us not forget the duties devolving upon us as citizens and countrymen, for as season after season follows each other in regular order, from springtime to maturity and decay, so should the farmers turn aside from their toil in the field and devote themselves, not only to mental and social culture, but to all the business transactions of life, for our relationship to the commerce of the world has made an enlarged degree of intelligence on the part of our farmers, respecting commercial principles, essential to the successful conducting of their business, and however great our natural or acquired advantages may be, they alone will not sustain against foreign or domestic competition, but reliance must be placed also upon the intelligence and industry of the cultivators of the soil; and above all, that success in this pursuit as in all others, depends

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in a great degree upon the estimation in which this most noble and important occupation is held by themselves and the community at large.

In extending my congratulations for the growth of the Order, I feel we have tided over some of the dangers that threatened our existence, for all are beginning to see the benefits of association, and the outside world is beginning to learn the Grange is not a myth, but is banding together a class of people whose interests are identical and upon whom the prosperity of the country depends. And while the great public mind is scanning our acts prior to a decision, let us be admonished as farmers and as members of the Grange, to so equip ourselves with intelligence as to merit the tribute that is sure to await us, providing we adhere to and carry out the precepts of our Order.

In Co-operation is embraced the fundamental principles of the Order, but before it can be successfully adopted as a working basis for the achievement of any great object, it will be necessary for members to educate themselves by observation and actual study, hence the necessity of our meeting together and talking together. This subject has been alluded to by members of the Grange on many occasions, both in public and private since the advent of the Grange in Canada, and some no doubt have almost come to the conclusion that we have failed in the solution and requirements necessary to its successful adoption. I do not take any such desponding view of this important part of our organization, but rather admire the progress we have made, considering the condition in which we found ourselves, and the length of time we have been organized. Confidence in each other is a great incentive to success, and confidence in our united ability to perform, are two things we should never lose sight of.

The Executive Committee, I trust, will bring before you for your consideration their action in regard to Co-operation in financial matters, and whatever legislation may be done by this Grange upon said report I hope will be characterized by wisdom and discretion. At a former session a committee was appointed on education, and I presume this Grange will see the propriety of continuing a committee of that kind. Notwithstanding it is a fact that public sentiment and the liberality of Government have made our institutions of learning to rank with the first in America—which is an honor to the country and its people—there are points, however, in the educational part, and home influences in rural districts, which perhaps a committee of this kind might reach—and on this occasion as on former occasions I wish to impress upon the members of this Grange the importance of cementing the affections of farmers' children to their homes and rural pursuits—for I believe it the palladium of our success, and a safeguard of our country's prosperity. I was much interested in reading the address of the Worthy Master of the National Grange, and as our interests are nearly identical upon this subject, I believe it would not be out of place to insert that portion of it in this address. He says :

“Throughout this church-spired land the children are always sought for to fill our Sabbath schools. The “pillars of the church” well know the sure effects of early and constant Christian training. “Ninety and nine” never stray from the Shepherd's fold.

“Now the farmers' children are needed in our ark of safety, where they may be instructed in good morals ; where they may form correct habits of thought, politeness and frugality ; where tastes for reading, discussion and

music may be cultivated ; where love for rural pursuits may be nurtured ; where home ties may be strengthened, beautified and riveted, and where faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, may be brought to light and practiced daily by a fraternal band. To some extent this necessity has already been recognized.

"Juvenile Granges have been formed; periodical meetings have been held, when the children are generally invited to come together, and in consequence of judiciously prepared schemes, the impressions created are invariably joyous, exalting and lasting.

"Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

"Make the Grange attractive to the youth and they will soon learn to love and revere its teachings, to follow its precepts, and to honor the farmer's vocation. This material must be had to build up and to perpetuate the Grange edifice.

"The places you and I fill they will soon be called upon to occupy. The destiny of our order and our country is to be placed in their hands, and we are responsible to a great degree for the manner in which they shall discharge the duties devolving upon them as Patrons and as citizens of this republic.

"I therefore solemnly enjoin upon you, the representatives of the several States here assembled, to teach and to enforce in your respective jurisdictions, by frequent repetition, the infinite importance of a speedy enlistment of the farmers' sons and daughters of to-day under the beneficent banner of our society."

A long felt necessity of a paper in the interest of agriculture and the Grange in Canada is now supplied, and it rests with the members to say whether or not it shall be sustained. The price for which it is offered places it within the reach of every family of the Order in the Dominion, and there is no way that we can better benefit each other than by a liberal support of a periodical, ably edited by a member of our own fraternity.

In the absence of information from the last session of the National Grange of the United States, I am unable to give any reliable statistics, but trust the bond of union is still preserved.

I wish to call the attention of the Grange to the propriety of noticing at this session the arrival to our shores of the Marquis of Lorne in his official capacity, as Governor of the Dominion of Canada, and his wife, the Princess Louise, and, as nearly every interest in Canada has given expression, in addresses or public demonstrations, of loyalty, the agriculturists thus far have been silent, not having an opportunity in a united capacity of expressing their patriotic loyalty to the one and their affections for the other, as the daughter of our beloved Queen. I would recommend the adoption by this Grange of a suitable address, expressive of the sentiments of the agricultural class in Canada.

This session closes my term of office, and, in retiring, allow me to express my high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by the members of the Grange everywhere, and, in a particular manner, do I appreciate the valuable assistance rendered me by the officers and members of the Dominion Grange, and I trust the members will ever bear in mind

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On motion of Bro. Bull,

The Master's Address was referred to its appropriate Committee.

Moved by J. P. Bull, W. Treasurer,

Seconded by Thos. Duff, No. 4,

That the Dominion Grange now in session assembled have learned with deep regret of the death of Bro. Ferguson, one of the Charter Members of this Order, and desire hereby to express their sincere sympathy with the members of his family, and earnestly pray that the consolations of Divine grace may be richly vouchsafed to them under their present dark cloud of sorrow,—and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.

Carried.

Bro. Daly mentioned that he and Bro. Harris had taken steps to secure samples of suitable badges for Members to wear on public occasions, and asked the Grange to make selections from them, which when done, they would have manufactured in quantities, and keep for sale to Members.

Bro. Daly also reported at some length on the Co-operative store and Dominion Grange Agency at Napanee.

The Secretary was next called upon to read an address (prepared by the Executive Committee) to the Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. The address was well received, the reading of which was followed by speeches from many delegates, full of loyalty to the British Throne and the Government under which our country has prospered.

Address to the Governor-General and Princess Louise.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir John Douglass Sutherland Campbell, K. L. K. C. M. G., the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise.

Through the medium of the Dominion Grange, the representative society of the great agricultural interest of Canada, we extend to His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise the hearty and earnest welcome of the yeomanry of this country, and desire to express our sincere wishes for your happy life amongst us, and the successful direction of the affairs of the country in the honored position you are called upon to fill. As agricultural representatives of an important industry we accept the present as a fitting opportunity to give expression

to our feelings of loyalty to the British throne, of love for her Majesty our Queen, and reverence for her late honored consort Prince Albert, whose illustrious name shines bright in the history of the agricultural interests of Great Britain, and whose examples and precepts have given an impetus to the calling of husbandry, and added dignity and honor to those engaged as tillers of the soil. We rejoice to know that amid the rural population of Canada strong feelings of fidelity to the Mother Country exist, which are now strengthened, and the bond of love drawn closer by the presence in our midst of the be-loved daughter of our noble Queen. May her lines be drawn in pleasant places, her life with us be so that in future years she may look back to this period of her life with pleasure. And to your Excellency as Governor-General of Canada, our hearts' great desire is that your reign may be marked by Canada's unparalleled prosperity, which in years to come would be a source of pride and satisfaction to you. And while we are extending our expressions of loyalty and welcome to your Excellency and her Royal Highness, we regret that amid the many welcomes and the festive scenes attending your introduction into Canada, you are so soon called upon to mourn the loss by death of one holding a strong place in your hearts' affection—the Princess Alice.

We extend to you and Her Gracious Majesty the Queen our heartfelt sympathy in this great sorrow.

With these expressions of our loyalty, our love and our sympathy we commend you to the care of Him whose divine guidance soothes all sorrow and leadeth into paths of righteousness, and if sought for will instruct you in the honorable and responsible duties of your high position.

(Signed)

S. W. HILL,
Master.

W. P. PAGE,
Secretary.

Moved by Bro. Duff, No. 4,

Seconded by Bro. Wilmot, No. 4,

That the address just read be at once forwarded as the expression of the Agriculturists of the country now represented by the Members of the Order in session assembled.

Carried.

Moved by E. H. Hilborn,

Seconded by Robert McMordie, No. 26,

That the Nomination Committee be requested to report a Committee on the care of the Hall during the sessions, who will be authorized to adopt any measures they may think expedient to secure the proper protection of our deliberations from public observation.

Carried.

Moved by J. Robinson, No. 18,

Seconded by E. Cameron, No. 18,

That none but accredited Delegates and their wives be eligible to hold office in the Dominion and Division Granges.

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Moved in amendment by R. Wilkie, No. 11,
Seconded by R. Stokes, No. 11,

That the Constitution be so amended that the Officers of this Grange be elected from properly accredited Delegates only, provided this amendment does not take effect until the next session after the passing thereof.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Charles Hyslop, No. 20,

Seconded by T. H. McLeod, No. 20,

That this question be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Carried.

The Committee on Standing Committees submitted the following names as a Committee to care for the Hall :

Bros. Hilborn, Green and Trull.

Bro. Gifford, on behalf of the Executive Committee, made the following report, viz. :

Executive Committee's Report.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report :—
In the first place we desire to congratulate the Order upon the continued success that has attended the efforts made to extend our bounds of usefulness.

During the time that has elapsed since we last met here, a considerable number (some seventy) new Granges have been formed, and though we have been unable to extend the benefits of our organization to some of the more remote parts of our country, as we then anticipated, yet we find compensation in the fact that there has been a marked improvement in the working of existing Granges.

Particularly is this the case in regard to the business feature, reports for the present year showing that a steady improvement is going on both in the amount of business done and the mode of doing it.

In the early part of the year we received several applications asking for alterations in the boundaries of existing Division Granges.

Your committee gave a careful consideration to the different cases, and wherever changes could be effected without injury to the interests of the Order, they were at once made ; but we would again suggest as was done last year, the necessity for maintaining as large Divisions as possible, believing that the interests of the Order will be best served by such.

There has been but a small increase in the number of Divisions during the year (only three.)

At the last meeting of the Dominion Grange a committee consisting of Bros. Shirley, Auld and Cole, was appointed to consider the advisability of petitioning the Parliament of Ontario to set aside a portion of the surplus funds of the Province to be loaned to farmers for the purpose of under-draining. In accordance with the report of that committee a memorial duly signed by the Worthy Master and Secretary of this Grange was addressed to the Government, which immediately took steps to comply with the petition, and at our meeting in February requested our views as to the provisions of the Bill which they had introduced to the House.

Now while your Committee would impress upon our members the necessity for availing themselves of the benefits they may obtain from the provisions of this act, and which we have no doubt they will, we desire specially to draw your attention to the fact, that it is only by availing ourselves of the Grange (that we the farming community) can make our wants known, and our influence felt in the Legislature of our country.

Finding that a considerable number of charters were on hand, and that to obtain new forms, as instructed by the last meeting of the Grange, would entail a greater expense than was anticipated, we concluded to leave the matter in abeyance until the present meeting. The wisdom of this course will, we think, be made apparent to you when we state that but one Grange has made application for the revised form of charter during the past year.

Having ascertained that the time fixed for the meeting of this Grange would conflict with that of the National Grange, thereby preventing our receiving a report from the Delegate appointed to attend the National Grange; also the sending of a Delegate from the National Grange to this meeting, your Committee decided to delay this meeting until the 10th of December. Subsequently, at the request of the Worthy Overseer, this time was changed to the 17th inst. Unfortunately, we find that the latter change (owing to its conflicting with County Council meetings) has discommoded some who were Delegates to this meeting, and we would recommend that all future meetings of the Dominion Grange be held in February of each year, commencing on a day to be named in a By-law passed by this Grange.

On one occasion during the year we have been called upon to take action in a case where a Brother had suffered loss by fire. Though sympathizing with the Brother in his misfortune, we feel it would not be wise in us to disregard the precedents set by previous Committees under similar circumstances, and therefore declined recommending any payment.

We have taken no action on the question of market fees, believing that it is a subject requiring mature deliberation, involving, as it does, a variety of interests. But we are convinced that, in a majority of cases, the present system inflicts very great injustice upon the farming community, and would recommend this meeting to give the matter a careful consideration, so as to ascertain what legislation we require, thus placing ourselves in a position to intelligently press our views upon the Government, at the next session of Parliament.

Finding that there was a strong desire for the establishment of a Loan Co., from which members could obtain money at lower rates of interest than at present prevail, we have endeavored to meet the case, and believe from the success that has attended our efforts that in a very short time those requiring assistance will be enabled to secure it at a moderate rate, while those who have put their capital into the Company will receive a fair return for their investment.

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Believing that a large number of members would attend the Provincial Exhibition, and that it was desirable that they should have a place where they could meet, exchange views, and enjoy social intercourse, your Committee made application to the Council of Agriculture and Arts, for the privilege of erecting a tent within the Exhibition grounds for this purpose. Bro. I. White, our Worthy Overseer, being a member of the Council, kindly undertook to make our request known to that body, when it was at once granted. And we would recommend that this meeting pass a resolution thanking the Council of Agriculture and Arts for the favor conferred.

At our June meeting, Bro. W. L. Brown made a proposition to hand over his paper, the *Canadian Granger*, to the Committee to be issued as a Grange organ. We did not think it advisable to enter into a work of this kind, but passed a resolution pledging our influence in behalf of any member who would undertake the enterprise. The matter has been taken up by our Worthy Secretary, in connection with another gentleman, the result being the issuing of the *CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD*, a publication which we have no hesitation in recommending to the consideration of the Order. We would also say in this connection that we look upon it as a duty that every Patron owes to himself, to his family and to his calling, to make himself acquainted with all matters relating to that occupation in which he and they are and expect to be engaged, and there is no better means of doing this than by subscribing to such Journals as the above, devoted alike to agriculture and the interests of the Grange.

An application having been received from Bro. Geo. Creed, on behalf of members in Nova Scotia, asking for the services of the Worthy Lecturer (Bro. Hilborn), we directed him to proceed to that Province, guaranteeing him his expenses, and an allowance of \$2.00 per day. The cost for this work has been \$149.30, and has resulted in the formation of a number of new Granges, with the prospect of several more at an early date, and a large increase in the membership in existing Granges.

We have also secured the organization of two Granges in Manitoulin Island.

A number of Patrons, having expressed a desire to visit the Upper Lakes, to see the country there being opened up for settlement, we concluded that it would be an advantage to such to secure a cheap excursion. With this view, we made arrangements with the Northern Transportation Company at extremely low rates. However, owing to the hard times, or that the time chosen was not convenient for many, comparatively few availed themselves of the opportunity offered, but those who did have expressed themselves highly pleased with their trip.

We have, by a resolution, adopted at a recent meeting, authorized the payment of the sum of \$60, as salary, to our Worthy Treasurer. This is somewhat less than was paid him last year, but in view of the revenues of the Grange, Bro. Bull kindly consented to accept this reduction. We have also authorized the payment to our Worthy Secretary of the same salary as last year, viz., \$500, and we would suggest that the Grange grant him a further sum of \$50, being in consideration of assistance which he has been compelled to obtain in order to efficiently discharge the duties of the office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

JAMES DALY,
A. GIFFORD,
A. J. HUGHES,
S. PARSONS,
GEO. SHIRLEY, } *Executive Committee.*

Moved by Bro. White, W. Overseer,
Seconded by Bro. Cheyne,

That the Master now call on the Delegates for any suggestions from their Divisions, calling on them in order according to number, such suggestions to be referred to the proper committees without debate.

Carried.

The Grange next proceeded to the reading of suggestions from the Division Granges, Delegates being called on according to the number of Division.

Suggestions were referred to appropriate Committees without debate.

Suggestions from Division Delegates.

From Division No. 2. Resolution :—

That this Grange cannot endorse the views of Division Grange Nos. 15 and 18, relative to the changes they propose in the Constitution, as this Grange fears that any such radical change might seriously affect the best interests of the Order. We believe that a sufficient safeguard against any fancied evil to the Grange from the present mode of representation is furnished by the provision that all Officers have to be elected annually by a vote of the Grange.

From Bro. Watt, Division No. 3,—

That in Article Seventh, Section First, Constitution Dominion Grange, the word *three* be erased, and that it read "But no Member shall be allowed to vote in a Sub-Grange, who is in arrears *six* months' dues."

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Also, that some action be taken to have the laws, with regard to Market Tolls, revised, *vide*, 36 Vic. 48, Sec. 384, (6).

Also submitted a resolution from Grange No. 18, asking Dominion Grange to issue to each Sub-Grange in Ontario, Blank Petitions to the Legislature, to be signed by Members, praying the Amending of that Clause in the Statutes, giving power to Cities, Towns, and Incorporated Villages, to charge Market Fees on Farm Produce.

Referred to Committee on Commercial Relations.

Also, that this Dominion Grange do pray the Dominion Government to take such active measures as they may deem necessary, to prevent the spread of that destructive and infectious disease in Peach Trees,—The Yellows.

Also, that this Dominion Grange do take into consideration the advisability of Representation in the Board of Trade.

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Also, that the Executive Committee do apply to the various Public Conveyances to grant to the Officers of Dominion Grange, and Companies under their control, the same facilities for travelling as extended to the Press.

Also, that Division Granges have a controlling power over the recommendations of Sub.-Granges for Pomona Degree.

Also, that a Fee be paid to Division Granges for the Pomona Degree.

Also, that power be given to Division Granges to meet twice a year, instead of four times, by vote of Division.

Also, that no Member of a Grange be advanced from the rank he or she holds, until a satisfactory examination has been passed in the working of that Degree.

Also, that the Dominion Grange take some action to assist in the Alteration of the Assessment Act, with regard to the Exemptions on Properties held by various bodies, both Religious and Educational.

The above were all referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

From Bro. Thomson, Division No. 8,—

That the Constitution be so amended, that none but duly Elected Delegates from Division and Sub-Granges be eligible for Office in Division and Dominion Grange, after the year 1879.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 9,—

That consider it very unwise to take any hasty action in reference to changing the Delegation composing the Dominion Grange.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 10,—

That it would be for the good of the Order to establish Provincial Granges.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 11,—

That the Constitution relating to Sub.-Granges be changed, so as to abolish the five mile limit between them.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 14.

That the Dominion Grange take such steps as will induce the Legislature to Amend the Act allowing towns and cities the right to charge Market Fees on Farm Produce.

Also, that in consideration of the large sum of money this Dominion pays annually for sugar, we would suggest the propriety of the Local Government offering some inducement for the establishing of a Beet Sugar Factory, believing that such a project would add much to our wealth and prosperity.

By Bro. Trull, Division No. 14,

That the Dominion Grange tender a vote of thanks to the publishers of the Montreal *Witness*, for their enterprise in engaging Bro. Clarke to deliver Agricultural Lectures in Ontario, which we think will be a great benefit to the Agricultural Class.

Also, that the Dominion Grange take steps forthwith, to Memorialize the Ontario Government to engage two practical farmers, who shall be recommended by the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, to go to Northern Europe, and purchase from different countries, varieties of wheat as well as other produce, believing that a change of seed would be a great benefit to the farmers of Ontario, the same to be distributed among the different Granges for trial.

The above suggestions were referred to Committee on Agriculture.

From Division No. 15,

That the Constitution be so amended, that Officers of the Dominion Grange shall only be selected from duly elected Delegates of Division Granges, and also, that the representation from Division Granges remain as at present, as we do not think the interests of the Grange would be served by reducing the number of Delegates, and we kindly ask the co-operation of all Division Granges in this matter.

From Division No. 16,

That in view of the very large representation to the Dominion Grange, necessarily causing a large outlay annually, that Ontario be laid out in districts, comprising a number of Counties, and that only one Delegate be returned to the Dominion Grange, from each District, and proportionate representation be given the other Provinces.

Also, that Subordinate and Division Granges be required to report only twice a year—the last day of June, and the last day of December, thereby lessening the labor and expense materially.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Also, that a Commercial Agent be appointed, in some central place, to grade grain, and sell it in the best available markets.

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Also, that a prize be given by the Dominion Grange for the best written Essay on Successful Farming; and also, for the best description of Farm Buildings, and the most economical method of feeding stock.

Also, that Secretaries of Subordinate Granges report what kinds of grain are sown in their respective localities, and the average yield per acre; also the quality and productiveness of any new variety they may meet with; and that the Dominion Secretary correspond with the National Grange, with a view of securing similar reports from the United States.

The above were referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Bro. Robinson, Division No. 18, supported by Bro. Cameron, submitted the following:

That Delegates only be eligible to hold offices in the Dominion and Division Granges, not allowing officers, as at present, to be eligible for office unless they are Delegates.

Also, that in the absence of the W. Master, the Grange shall have power to select its chairman.

Also, that the regular reports of the Division and Subordinate Granges be made half-yearly, instead of quarterly, as at present.

Also, that the minimum dues for Subordinate Granges, for male members, be 25c per quarter, and the dues for female members be the capitation fee to the Division Grange.

Also, that quarterly dues to Division Granges be reduced to 6c. per quarter; 3c. to be retained by Division Grange, and 3c. to be forwarded to Dominion Grange.

The above were all referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

By Bro. McLeod, Division No. 20:

That none but delegates and their wives be eligible for office; also that none but delegates and officers be allowed to vote.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 22.

That the Constitution be amended so that no person be eligible for office except those who are duly elected delegates.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Also, that the Dominion Secretary issue blank petition forms to all Subordinate Granges, requesting signatures, petitioning the Government to enact a law prohibiting stock of all kinds from running upon the highways.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

From Division No. 23.

That the Order would be materially benefitted by exempting ladies from the payment of monthly dues.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. McMordie, Division No. 24.

That no person be eligible for office who is not a delegate to Dominion Grange.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 25.

That the Executive Committee be instructed to get a limited number of copies of the 5th edition of Ritual printed, to supply each Grange with four copies, upon payment of actual cost ; also, that all boxes sent out hereafter contain four such copies.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Bro. Hilborn, Division No. 25, supported by Bro. Orvis, submitted the following :

We strongly express our objection against the change in Constitution of Dominion Grange, as recommended by Division 18, excluding present officers from re-election to office, unless they are delegates.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

By Bro. Spohn, Division No. 26.

That the law in reference to market fees be so amended that all market fees shall be appropriated to the improvement of the markets, and all markets be under the control of a joint committee composed of members of the Town or City Council and the County Council in the County in which the respective Town or City may be situated.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Bro. Currie, Division No. 27, supported by Bro. Whitfield, submitted the following :

That males be admitted to the Order by paying \$1.00, and females 50 cents each, if their guardians or one of their parents be a member.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Austin, Division No. 28.

That no change be made in the Constitution with regard to the election of officers in the Dominion Grange.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

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From Division No. 29.

That the Dominion Lecturer be requested to deliver a series of lectures within the limits of each Division during the coming winter.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Bro. Estabrook, Division No. 31.

That the formation of Provincial Granges would be for the good of the Order.

Also, request the assistance of Dominion Grange in more fully establishing the Grange order in New Brunswick.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

From Division No. 33.

That this Grange entirely disapproves of any change in the Constitution so as to prevent present officers from re-election in this Grange.

Bro. Shiers, Division No. 34.

That the Dominion Secretary furnish each Division not having received any the present year, with a certain number of Quarterly Reports.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 39.

That inasmuch as it is desirable to reduce the expenses of the Dominion Grange, and at the same time maintain the efficiency of the Order, would suggest the establishment of Provincial Granges, delegates from which will constitute the Dominion Grange.

Also, that no alteration be made in the By-laws admitting boys and girls when parents are members, at a reduced fee.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Keith, Division No. 40.

That only delegates from Division Grange shall have the power to vote in Dominion Grange.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Leavens, Division No. 41, supported by W. J. Massey, Division 42, submitted the following.

That the legitimate expenses of each Division Grange Agent be paid from the funds of the Division said Agent represents.

Also, that the delegates of the different Subordinate Granges appointed to attend their respective Division Granges be in number according to the following scale :

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Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Edge, Division 43.

1. That the Constitution be so amended as to state the time of holding annual meetings for the election of officers of Subordinate, Division and Dominion Granges respectively.

2. That the members of Division Granges be composed of delegates from Subordinate Granges and their wives, last Past Masters of Division Granges and their wives, and that only those shall be eligible to office.

3. That the members of Dominion Grange shall be composed of delegates from Division Granges and their wives, last Past Master of Dominion Grange and wife, and that only those shall be eligible to office.

4. That the duties of delegates and officers cease from the time their successors in office are elected and duly installed.

The above were all referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Brown, Division No. 44.

That this Dominion Grange amend the Constitution so as to admit clergymen and their families to the full benefits of the Order.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 46.

1. That a new and thoroughly revised edition of the manual be issued at as early a date as possible, and that great pains be taken to place correct copies before the Grange of our really beautiful Ritual.

2. That a system of visitation or inspection, by a qualified officer, be established, with a view to procuring and preserving complete uniformity in work.

3. That the formation of Provincial or District Granges be thoroughly discussed, with a view to early adoption.

The above were all referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

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Resolved, That the officers and members of the Granges in Compton County, Quebec, feel that it is but just and right, as they are allowed no representation in the Dominion Grange, and as there is not a representative allowed from the Province of Quebec, that the Dominion Grange should send the Dominion Grange Lecturer to visit us at the earliest possible date, to assist in disseminating the principles of the Order, and also to organize new Granges.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Submitted by Worthy Secretary, on behalf of Bro. Leet, of Quebec.

That as by action of last Dominion Grange, representatives were excluded from counties where no Division Grange exists, that the Constitution be now so amended as to allow such representation, with payment of expenses, in proportion to the amount of dues paid by Subordinate Grange or Granges in such County, as compared with Division Granges entitled to one delegate.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 40.

That the practice of imposing market fees on farmers is a great inconsistency, and would ask the Dominion Grange to take such steps as will bring the grievance before the proper parties, with a view of having the matter adjusted.

Also, the abolition of the Insolvency Act.

Referred to Committee on Commercial Relations.

From Division No. 45.

That the Dominion Grange take into consideration the Insolvency Act, and have a petition laid before the Dominion Parliament, asking for a repeal of said Act.

Referred to Committee on Commercial Relations.

From Division No. 44.

That the Dominion Grange take into consideration the advisability of petitioning the Local Legislature of Ontario to grant a bonus for the introduction and manufacture of sugar from the sugar beet in the Province of Ontario.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

From Division No. 42.

That the Ontario Government be petitioned to set aside a fund for the purpose of encouraging the planting of shade trees along our highways.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Also, that the Constitution respecting the election of officers of Dominion Grange remain unchanged.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

From Division No. 38.

1. That the Dominion Grange take such action as will bring the following grievances before the notice of the proper parties, asking for such legislation as will tend to do away with the present tax in the form of market fees.

2. Also certain By-Laws in Cities and Towns prohibiting farmers selling produce until after ten o'clock.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

3. That the Dominion Government be memorialized, praying for the speedy passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Referred to Committee on Temperance.

By Bro. Whitman, of Brome County, Quebec.

That the By-Laws be so changed as to admit of a right of delegation from counties where less than five Subordinate Granges exist; that such delegates be elected by the Grange or Granges therein located, and that such delegates be paid expenses in proportion to the amount contributed by such Grange or Granges, compared with the amount contributed by a Division Grange to entitle such Division to one delegate.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The following from Grange No. 194, was submitted by the Secretary.

I am requested to ask you to lay before the Dominion Grange, at its next meeting, the following suggestions relating to Article VI, Constitution. It reads: Where both parents are members of Grange, the sons may be admitted at reduced rates. We think where one male person is a member the rest of the family should be admitted (whether father or sons) on similar terms. I am sure if the above provision was made, it would greatly increase the membership of the order.

I remain, yours fraternally,

ISAAC DEVINS.

Referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

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The Committee on Standing Committees made a further report, that a Committee on Agriculture be appointed, consisting of the following :

Bros. McRae, White, Wood, Blair, Estabrook.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, of Executive Committee,
Seconded by Bro. Page, Secretary,

That a public meeting be held in this Hall to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7:30, and that Mr. W. F. Clarke be invited to deliver an address on agriculture at such meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. Bull,
Seconded by Bro. Waters,

That a Committee of two be appointed to procure a musical instrument for the use of this Grange meeting, if procured without cost.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18th.

Grange assembled at 9 o'clock.

Worthy Master in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

As a meeting of the Board of Agriculture and Arts Association met to-day, the Worthy Overseer asked leave of absence for a short time to attend such meeting, being a member of the Board.

Request granted.

Worthy Master Hill, as Delegate appointed at last meeting of Dominion Grange to visit the National Grange, stated that in consequence of sickness in his family he had been unable to attend, but that he had appointed Bro. D. T. Chase, of New Hampshire, as proxy delegate to National Grange. He also read a letter from Bro. Chase, delegate of National Grange, to the Dominion Grange, in which he stated it would be impossible to be present, on account of having important business to attend to in his State Grange.

Moved by G. A. Camp, Division No. 3,

Seconded by Wm. Belton, Division No. 1,

That the nomination for officers of the Dominion Grange be made the

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first business at the afternoon session, and that the election be the first business at the morning session of the third day.

Moved in amendment by Bro. R. McMordie, Division No. 24,

Seconded by E. H. Hilborn, W. Lecturer,

That the nominations and election of officers be postponed until the reports of all officers and the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws are submitted.

Carried.

Moved by A. Gifford, Executive Committee,
Seconded by J. B. Aylesworth, Division No. 19.

That the Secretary of this Grange be and is hereby instructed to transmit to the President and members of the Council of Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario the thanks of this Dominion Grange, for the privileges granted to the Order at their late Provincial Exhibition held in this city.

Carried.

The Secretary submitted his annual report as follows :

Secretary's Report.

Worthy Master and Member of the Dominion Grange.

In presenting my Third Annual Report I have to congratulate you upon the continued growth and prosperity of our Order. The time is past when we are to look upon the Grange as an experiment, as it is now acknowledged among the permanent institutions of this country. A work is fully begun which if rightly carried out is destined to produce a great social and material reform in the welfare of the farmers of Canada. Like other interests, the agriculturists have felt the weakening and discouraging effects of the wide spread financial depression, through which we have passed, and are passing—for we have not seen the end yet. But the fact is patent to every observing mind, that our farmers are the most substantially prosperous class of people to-day. Prosperous because independent, and there is nothing to prevent the steady and increasing prosperity of the farmers of Canada, unless it be through the combinations and devices of "designing men" who force unnatural conditions upon our markets and upon the general commercial transactions of the country. The germ of success lies at every farmers door, their business constitutes the fundamental element of success in all branches of industry. An educated, intelligent, free yeomanry, gives life and tone to society, controls trade, directs commerce, and with efforts properly guarded, stands foremost in the destinies of the nation. The Grange is designed to correct the many abuses and inconveniences we are subjected to, to combine our efforts towards mutual support and protection, and to educate and improve our minds; and we have met in this our Fifth Annual Session to consider our present condition, to note the results of our past efforts, and to devise the

means of carrying forward the work so nobly begun. As a fitting prelude to the work before us, I submit a short statistical report showing the growth and general condition of the Order as gathered from the quarterly reports received from Division and Subordinate Granges.

There have been organized since my last report 76 Subordinate Granges and 3 Division Granges; of these 53 Subordinate were formed in Ontario, 2 of these being in Manitoulin Island, 20 in Nova Scotia and 3 in Manitoba, making a total of 711 Subordinate and 47 Division Granges.

Reports received during the year, as follows, (for three quarters, March, June and September):

| | Mar. Quar. | | June Quar. | | Sept. Quar. | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|----|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Number Initiated. | 508 | 258 | 380 | 206 | 112 | 85 |
| Number Reinstated. | | | 8 | 4 | 1 | |

Total gain in Nine Months, Males, 1009; Females, 553.

| | M. | | F. | | M. | | F. | |
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| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Number Suspended. | 102 | 24 | 21 | 9 | 24 | 16 | | |
| Number Expelled. | 15 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Number Died. | 7 | 11 | 6 | | 8 | 5 | | |
| Drp'd for non-paym't Dues. | 264 | 100 | 97 | 62 | 188 | 70 | | |

Total loss in Nine Months, Males, 743; Females, 303.

Showing an increase over loss of 266 males and 250 females. This, with the addition of new Granges, gives an increase in membership of about 1,126 males, and 750 females.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

The following Granges have consolidated during the year:

Darlington Grange No. 30 with Maple Grove No. 142; Div. 14.
Cherrywood Grange No. 290 with Duffin's Creek No. 251; Div. 25.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

The following Granges have surrendered their charters during the year:

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| Elm Leaf, | No. 250, | of | Belmore | Division | No. 21. |
| Wheatland, | No. 418, | of | York | " | No. 9. |
| Rodgerville, | No. 241, | of | Prince Albert | " | No. 24. |
| Burford, | No. 138, | of | Brantford | " | No. 8. |
| Forest City, | No. 21, | of | London | " | No. 1. |
| Acadia, | No. 221, | of | Colchester | " | No. 39. |
| Moore Centre, | No. 75, | of | West Lambton | " | No. 5. |
| Queen of the Lake, | No. 292, | of | Belmore | " | No. 21. |

A number of Granges are behind in reports for the present year, and there are a few that have not reported for the past two years. This condition of affairs is to be regretted, and demands immediate attention.

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In the older sections where the Order was first planted, organization has nearly ceased and initiations are less frequent, the novelty and excitement of the first few months have worn off, and with this the interest in some cases has slackened. In such places the services of competent persons as lecturers can do much good towards building up, strengthening and infusing new life in Subordinate Granges.

While it is desirable to extend the Order to all parts of the Dominion, it is of greater importance that those Granges already established should receive that support and encouragement from the parent institution which would tend to strengthen and invigorate their growth and usefulness. We have placed much stress upon the rapid spread of the Grange in Canada, and while doing this have almost lost sight of the older Granges, many of which are sickening and dying for the lack of proper nourishment. Our efforts, which have heretofore been directed towards the extension of the Order, might now be wisely turned to the building up of those already established, and the way to do this the most effectually and economically, should receive the attention of our present session. "Knowledge is power," and there can be no more potent method of extending this power, than by a liberal distribution of useful reading matter through the medium of the Subordinate Granges to the members themselves, and which will have direct and animative effect upon the whole people. As an educational institution the Grange stands prominently before us in importance, offering a source of knowledge of social and intellectual improvement never before enjoyed by farmers. Through its influence we are led to read and think more, and thus a wide-spread, though silent improvement is going on, the result of which will be more forcibly seen in years to come than at present. In no way is the work of the Grange more perceptible than in the growing intelligence of farmers in the general business of the country, the laws of trade, the rules and customs that govern the same, and their influence upon the markets; and above all, the more general application of business principles to the operations of the farm. The 711 Granges scattered over the land may be aptly compared to so many schools for the education of farmers and their families, not only in that particular branch of business in which they are engaged, but in general business principles, and important questions of the day. In conclusion, then, I would say to you, and farmers everywhere, support the Grange as the one grand means by which we can insure the moral, mental, social and material advancement of our class.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| 54 Granges organized under Div. Granges at \$10...\$ | 540 00 | |
| 21 outside of Divisions at \$20..... | 420 00 | |
| 1 Grange re-organized, previously organized by National Grange, no fee..... | | |
| 76 Granges organized..... | ————— | \$960 00 |
| 3 Division Granges, Charter fee \$2..... | | 6 00 |
| Received for sale of By-laws and printed matter..... | 212 69 | |
| Received for sale of Jewels..... | 193 65 | |
| | ————— | 406 34 |
| Carried forward..... | | 1372 34 |

QUARTERLY DUES.

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| Brought forward..... | | 1372 34 |
| From Div Granges for quarter ending 30th Dec. '77 \$ | 999 91 | |
| From Sub. Granges not connected with Div. for same quarter..... | 60 06 | 1059 97 |
| From Div. Granges for quarter ending 31st March, '78 \$ | 922 83 | |
| From Sub. Granges not connected with Division for same quarter..... | 25 88 | 948 71 |
| From Division Granges for quarter ending 30th June, '78 | 641 55 | |
| From Sub. Granges not connected with Division, for same quarter..... | 16 98 | 658 53 |
| From Div. Granges for quarter ending 30th Sept. 1878 \$ | 652 51 | |
| From Sub Granges not connected with Division, for same quarter..... | 43 78 | 696 29 |
| Total receipts from Dec. 31st, 1877, to Nov. 30th, 1878 | | \$ 4,735 84 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|--------|-----------|
| Incidental Account—Stationery.....\$ | 9 43 | |
| Express..... | 43 90 | |
| Telegraphing..... | 10 74 | |
| Bank Drafts..... | 1 79 | |
| Rollers for Charters..... | 35 | |
| Boxes for packing wreaths..... | 1 70 | |
| Duty on Jewels..... | 12 25 | |
| Material for wreaths..... | 19 88 | |
| Making six set wreaths..... | 3 00 | |
| Material for Regalia..... | 12 71 | |
| Making Regalia..... | 64 20 | |
| Padlocks, half dozen..... | 60 | |
| Tin boxes, 70 at 37½c..... | 26 25 | |
| Freight on Jewels..... | 1 06 | |
| Trunk for shipping Jewels..... | 2 50 | |
| Discount on Lower Province Bills..... | 45 | |
| Bogus Bill returned, \$1.00 ; Seals, 30c..... | 1 30 | |
| Furnishing Boxes, packing and shipping Jewels..... | 18 00 | |
| Sundry expenses in connection with annual meeting of 1878 (telegrams, postage, paper. &c.)..... | 10 22 | |
| Sundries, 12c. ; Postage, \$107.52..... | 107 64 | |
| | | \$ 347 97 |

EXPENSES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

| | | |
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| For Session of Jan. 19th, 1878, at \$2 per day.....\$ | 24 00 | |
| For Session of March 2nd, 1878, at \$2.50 per day, and .06 per mile one way, as travelling expenses for each member..... | 95 95 | |
| For Session of April 6th, 1878..... | 113 59 | |
| For Sessson ending June 29th, 1878.....\$ | 103 42 | |
| For Session of Sept. 28th, 1878..... | 94 28 | |
| | | \$ 431 24 |
| Carried forward..... | | \$779 21 |

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| 1372 34 | Brought forward..... | \$779 21 |
| | A. J. Hughes, attendance at Collingwood, Re Division Granges | \$ 8 40 |
| 1059 97 | A. Gifford, expenses <i>re</i> excursion Aug 18th, 1878..... | 13 90 |
| | Nov. 1st, Commiitee to arrange for Hall, and other matters in connection with meeting of Dominion Grange | 28 10 |
| 948 71 | Travelling expenses W. P. Page, <i>re</i> Dominion Grange Trust..... | 24 73 |
| | Paid Deputies for organizing outside of Division..... | 173 90 |
| | Returned to Division..... | 6 64 |
| 658 53 | | <u>\$255 67</u> |

AMOUNT DEPOSITED WITH TREASURER.

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| | Feb. 2nd..... | \$ 505 00 |
| | March 4th..... | 225 00 |
| | April 8th..... | 591 69 |
| | May 8th..... | 299 00 |
| | June 11th..... | 393 02 |
| | July 9th..... | 153 81 |
| | August 7th..... | 251 15 |
| | Sept. 14th..... | 371 79 |
| | Nov. 8th..... | 131 10 |
| | Nov. 26th..... | 55 46 |
| | Noy. 30th..... | 723 94 |
| | | <u>3700 96</u> |

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| | TOTAL CREDITS..... | \$4,735 84 |
| | TOTAL DEBITS..... | 4,735 84 |
| | | <u>\$4,735 84</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

W. PEMBERTON PAGE,
Secretary.

Moved and seconded,

That the Secretary's Report be referred to its appropriate committee.

Carried.

Worthy Treasurer next submitted his report as follows:

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Worthy Treasurer's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange :

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office, from December 31st, 1877, to November 30th, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | | | |
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| 1878. | | | | | |
| Jan. 14, | To | Balance in hand..... | | \$3145 | 12 |
| " 30, | " | Refund from Bro Geo. Creed..... | | 12 | 83 |
| Feb'y 5, | " | Remittance from Dominion Secretary..... | | 505 | 00 |
| March 6, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 225 | 00 |
| April 12, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 591 | 69 |
| May 14, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 299 | 00 |
| June 13, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 393 | 02 |
| July 11, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 153 | 81 |
| Aug. 12, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 251 | 15 |
| Sept. 16, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 171 | 79 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 200 | 00 |
| Oct. 21, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 81 | 10 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 50 | 00 |
| Nov. 28, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 55 | 46 |
| Nov. 30, | " | " " " " " "..... | | 360 | 00 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 80 | 12 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 283 | 82 |
| | " | Interest to date..... | | 79 | 45 |

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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1878. | | | | | |
| Jan'y 17, | By | Cash paid Officers and Delegates at Annual Meeting | \$ | 1553 | 70 |
| " " | " | for use of hall..... | | 44 | 00 |
| " " | " | discount on \$53.64 of Stamps | | 5 | 36 |
| Feb'y 5, | " | Barber and Ellis, for blank books..... | | 22 | 05 |
| " " | " | Bell & Co., for printing badges and posters | | 6 | 50 |
| " " | " | C. Cliffe, for printing..... | | 3 | 50 |
| Feb'y 20, | " | Barber & Ellis, for blank books..... | | 78 | 85 |
| March 6, | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | | 100 | 00 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 75 | 00 |
| " " | " | " " " " " "..... | | 50 | 00 |
| April 12, | " | Am. Express Company, for jewels..... | | 80 | 00 |
| " " | " | R. H. Thomas, for 2,000 song books..... | | 110 | 00 |
| " " | " | J. A. Waggoner, for 2,000 copies 5th Degree Ritual..... | | 33 | 00 |
| " " | " | D. W. Page, Assistant Secretary..... | | 16 | 20 |
| " " | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | | 52 | 00 |
| " " | " | " " " " " " balance of acct..... | | 300 | 49 |
| " " | " | W. N. Harris, for regalia and padlocks... | | 26 | 28 |
| " " | " | " " " " " " discount on cheque..... | | 25 | |
| April 16, | By | cash paid W. L. Brown, London..... | | 50 | 00 |
| " " | " | " " " " " " discount on cheque..... | | 25 | |
| 27, | " | Barber & Ellis..... | | 14 | 50 |
| | | Carried forward..... | | \$2622 | 93 |

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| June 13, | " | N. B. Colcock for printing..... | 113 86 |
| " | " | American Express Company..... | 24 50 |
| " | " | R. Walker & Sons..... | 33 89 |
| July 11, | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | 103 81 |
| " | " | Geo. Baynes, desk..... | 50 00 |
| " | " | W. L. Brown, London..... | 25 00 |
| Aug. 12, | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | 126 00 |
| Aug. 20, | " | W. N. Harris, regalia material..... | 33 73 |
| " | " | Delamere, Black & Reesor..... | 16 00 |
| Sept. 16, | " | Secretary on account of salary..... | 200 00 |
| Sept. 26, | " | E. H. Hilborn, Lecturer, services in N.S. | 150 00 |
| Oct. 11, | " | A. J. Hughes, re Grange Encampment | 58 00 |
| Oct. 21, | " | W. P. Page, " " " | 6 00 |
| " | " | American Express Company for Jewels | 81 10 |
| " | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | 105 46 |
| Nov. 28, | " | Barber & Ellis, for blank books..... | 27 30 |
| Nov. 30, | " | N. B. Colcock, for printing..... | 80 12 |
| " | " | Treasurer's salary..... | 60 00 |
| " | " | Bal. of Secretary's salary..... | 300 00 |
| " | " | W. M., postage and stationery..... | 18 21 |

Nov. 30, balance on hand..... \$ 4,234 91
 2,703 45

All moneys paid in conformity with Section 1 of Article 6.

Fraternally submitted,
 J. P. BULL,
 Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

We, the undersigned Auditors, having examined the Secretary and Treasurer's Accounts, from 31st December, 1877, to 30th November, 1878, inclusive, find them correct and satisfactory, with vouchers for all moneys paid.

LUTHER CHEYNE,
 HECTOR McFARLANE, } Auditors.

TORONTO, 16th December, 1878.

Referred to its appropriate committee.

Committee on Credentials report Sis. Gifford of Division No. 2, present.

Moved by Bro. McKenzie, Division No. 15,
 Seconded by Bro. Shirley, Division No. 15,

That the accounts for printing be referred to a Printing Committee, with instructions to report as to the quantity and style of printing done; also the rates paid.

Carried.

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Worthy Lecturer submitted his report, which was referred to its appropriate Committee.

The Lecturer's Report.

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

In submitting this my Annual Report to the Dominion Grange, I feel that I can, in common with the other officers who have submitted reports, offer my congratulations for the success which has been vouchsafed to us in all our undertakings during the past year. The wheel of time in its annual revolutions, having once more brought us together in the capacity of a deliberative body, we have full confidence that the wisdom of our legislation will be such that in a few years we will be enabled to look back with pride to the records of this session of the Dominion Grange, and point to many essential pillars at this time added to the hitherto incomplete structure, which will fill important places in making up a grand perfection of organization—the object of our ambition, as the curtain is drawn between us and the outer world, securing from our view all political sectarianism or sectional dissensions. Let us, with minds clothed aright, and entirely freed from all motives of self or sectional service, consecrate our labors to the advancement of the time-honored interests of the sons of the soil. For the fifth time have we been prompted to assemble ourselves together in the capacity of a Dominion Grange, and mingle our congratulations over the success which has crowned our mutual efforts to further the interests of an industry, which feeds the nations of the earth. Notwithstanding the unprecedented growth in the numbers of Subordinate Granges, which formed so conspicuous a subject for congratulation at previous meetings, has, to some extent, as we all anticipated, relaxed, yet we have to congratulate ourselves, that the continued and ever increasing growth of interest, which becomes more and more manifest, not only in the society itself, but in all institutions connected therewith, confirms us in the opinion that our principles only require to become known to the better class of society to be appreciated. In my connection with the fraternity, during the past year, in my official capacity, I have observed a marked improvement in both a knowledge of the principles which we profess, and also in the interest manifested in the Order by the leading men throughout the country, and many of them, who were loth to take hold, or connect themselves with us at first, have become identified during the past year, and are now willing to be assigned places in our work, casting in the shade all questions of doubt as to the increasing popularity and usefulness of our beloved Order. While many defects and irregularities continue to make themselves apparent in the internal working of the Subordinate Grange, thereby causing it to lose a portion of its usefulness, we have good reason to believe that these defects are fast being corrected, as a more thorough knowledge of our principles become inculcated, and that state of efficiency which alone can render the Grange movement a success, is only a question of a little time, which time might be materially shortened by Division Granges placing their most efficient men in the position of Lecturer, and making it imperative on him to visit, at least once a year, all subordinate granges within his division, and labor with them to increase the efficiency of the internal working, thereby maintaining a kind of general superintendency which would secure uniformity in our working, diffuse a more thorough knowledge of our principles amongst our members and thereby increase the interest and efficiency of our working.

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The Divisions would of course have to expend a small portion of their funds in paying the expenses of any of such visiting officers.

But I am fully persuaded that the increase of membership resulting from the additional interest, thus induced, would more than reimburse the outlay.

I have had the pleasure of attending, during the past year, numbers of gatherings in the interest of the order, all of which have been very largely attended by those not connected with it, as well as its members, at which our principles have universally been commended and endorsed, furnishing additional evidence of the fact, that the opposition to the movement is invariably the result of ignorance on the part of our opponents respecting the opinions we hold.

I was directed by the Executive Committee to make a tour to the Province of Nova Scotia, in the interest of the society, which I have done, visiting those parts of the Province where the Order was not known, and addressing meetings in its interest. I traversed the larger portion of the Agricultural districts in the Western peninsula, advertised and addressed, in all, fourteen meetings, nearly all of which were largely attended, and the interest manifested much greater than I could possibly have anticipated, in a part of the country where the movement had scarcely been heard of previously.

The kindness and courtesy extended to me by that people, and the interest manifested by them in the cause I was seeking to advance, and the willingness on their part to embrace that cause, was, beyond doubt, an evidence of the adaptability of the Grange to their requirements. The more I see of the organization, the stronger becomes my conviction that some means of general supervision or paternal oversight will have to be adopted, if that state of efficiency and permanency, desirable to us all, is secured, and I earnestly hope that the Dominion Grange will, at the present session, turn its attention to the consideration of some measure calculated to secure that much desired end, whether it be by the means suggested in a former clause in this report, or by some other means more likely to be successful.

I cannot close this report without returning my heartfelt thanks to all kind members of the Order where it has been my lot to be called, for the reception they have given me, and the many offices of kindness rendered, which I trust will have a lasting place in my remembrance. All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed)

E. H. HILBORN.

The Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees report the following on Printing:—

Bro. GEO. SHIRLEY.

“ H. W. WOOD.

“ GEO. BROWN.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, Division No. 18,
Seconded by Bro. Wm. Belton, Division No. 1.

That, whereas seven-tenths of the people of this Province of Ontario are directly interested in Agricultural pursuits, and the prosperity of our country depends chiefly on their success, and whereas it would be better for all classes if a scientific knowledge of Agriculture was more generally diffused among the farming community, and that principles under the condition of our climate should be more clearly discovered by carefully conducted experiments, therefore we are of opinion that the establishment of the School of Agriculture by the Ontario Government was a step in the right direction, believing it to be worthy of our most cordial support and encouragement, and hope that the Legislature may not only provide for its yearly maintenance, but make such an endowment as in their wisdom may be deemed proper in order to place it upon a permanent basis as one of the most important of our Provincial Educational Institutions.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Thos. White, Division No. 23,

Seconded by Bro. R. Green, Division No. 33,

That this Grange views with satisfaction and pleasure the establishing of an Experimental Model Farm, and believe it is a move in the right direction for opening up better facilities for giving our sons that practical information which as farmers' sons they require.

The resolution and amendment were supported by appropriate remarks from mover and seconder and others, commendatory of the Ontario Agricultural College in the good work it was accomplishing. The clause, however, in original motion relating to endowment was pretty generally objected to, and called forth the amendment, which, being submitted, was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Jno. S. Thomson, Division No. 8,
Seconded by Bro. H. Palmer, Division No. 2,

That when Subordinate Granges do not meet for the transaction of business at least once in three months, and some members in the meantime wishing to get Dimit Cards for the purpose of joining some other Granges, therefore be it resolved that Division Granges over said Subordinate Granges have power to grant Dimits to said parties on presentation of receipt from Secretary of said Subordinate Grange of good standing up to last meeting of said Subordinate Grange.

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Moved by Bro. H. McFarlane, Division No. 17,
Seconded by Bro. John Walters, Division No. 12,

That the Chairmen of the several committees of this Grange do

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Moved by Bro. R. Green, Division No. 33,

Seconded by Bro. A. C. Graham, Division No. 22,

That no member be allowed more than five minutes to speak upon any one subject; also to speak but once on the same subject.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. H. Palmer, Division No. 2,

Seconded by Bro. J. S. Thomson, Division No. 8,

That the Executive Committee be required to explain the reason why proper security was not taken from Chapman & Son, Commission Merchants, as they had recommended the above firm, and had led the Grange generally to believe security had been taken.

After some discussion it was

Resolved, that the resolution be laid on the table until afternoon, and that the Secretary be then asked to give full explanation on the matter.

Carried.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

The Worthy Secretary being called on, read extracts from circulars relating to Chapman & Son, commission and produce merchants:—

Extract from Circular No. 16, under date of October 10th, 1876:

The firm of Chapman & Co., Commission and Shipping Merchants, whose propositions were favorably reported on by Committee on Commercial Relations, have received the attention of Executive Committee, who, after making necessary enquiries concerning the standing and business capacity of said firm, feel prepared to say they believe them to be reliable men, and in a position to do the business proposed by them in a

satisfactory manner. Circulars will be sent out by them immediately, giving full particulars regarding their business; also instructions about shipping and forwarding grain, &c., to them.

Extract from Circular No. 17, under date of November 22nd, 1876 :

Circulars have been sent out by Messrs. Chapman & Co., Commission and Shipping Merchants, Toronto, which have called forth numerous enquiries of me, as to the standing and reliability of the firm, and the safety of produce consigned to them. Although the Executive Committee had made enquiries into their standing, and believed them to be reliable men (as stated in circular No. 16), yet it was deemed advisable, in view of the importance of their position, and the extensive business likely to be placed in their hands, that some course should be adopted whereby members might feel secure in sending grain, &c., to them. Provisions have therefore been made for shipping all produce to the order of the Dominion Bank, thus making the Bank responsible for all shipments, which will at once be understood as making consigners perfectly safe. Patrons will therefore see the necessity of being very careful in filling out shipping bills to make them to the order of Dominion Bank, as per sample.

Extract from Circular No. 19, under date of June 22nd, 1877.

Messrs. Chapman & Co., Commission and Shipping Merchants, Toronto, (mentioned in circular No. 17) having styled themselves agents by special appointment of Dominion Grange, I am instructed by Executive Committee to say that while they had sufficient confidence in them to bring their names before you as suitable parties with whom to deal in their line, they do not take the responsibility of endorsing their claim as special agents for Dominion Grange, but that if all business with them be conducted as directed in circular No. 17 (shipments made to order of Dominion Bank), you may feel safe and will no doubt be benefitted by their aid in the sale of your produce, as well as in purchasing produce, seed, grain, &c., when required.

Extract from Circular No. 23, under date of November 1st, 1878 :

The shipping of grain and produce is being so generally adopted by many Granges, that some action should be taken whereby we can feel safe, and confident of being honorably dealt with. It is the intention of the Committee, at as early a date as possible, to arrange with some firm for this business, taking ample security for the proper fulfillment of their duties.

Messrs. N. Weatherston & Co., and Messrs. Chapman & Co., Commission men, have done considerable business with the Grange, shipping grain, &c., and with general satisfaction.

While the names of these firms are both mentioned as considered reliable, being at present in good standing, the committee does not take the responsibility of guaranteeing their reliability; this, it is desirable, should be understood by members.

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We shall, however, be always ready to look after your interests in this respect, and any dissatisfaction arising should be promptly reported to us, that steps may be taken to investigate and correct if possible any unsatisfactory issues.

The Secretary stated the above to be all the recommendation the Executive Committee had given the firm by circular (and which subsequent examination has proved correct). Also said that the Executive Committee had taken every precaution practicable, making frequent enquiries into the standing of the firm and investigating complaints against them as far as in their power; also that at a meeting of Executive Committee in September last, Messrs. Chapman & Co. had been invited to meet the Committee with explanations of complaints at that time before the Committee, which explanation was but partially satisfactory, they being further requested to make and produce a written report of all transactions with the Granges. This, however, was not complied with, as promised by them, and a further personal request was made in October, and subsequently by letter, for a statement of these transactions wherein complaint was made, but up to the present no such report has been produced. He said that while he believed the Executive Committee had done all that could be expected of them, he believed it necessary that members should now be informed by circular of the numerous complaints made against the firm, and advised against entrusting any more business in their hands, as their refusal to comply with the request of the Executive Committee for a statement of business, has displaced all confidence in them.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the subject, taken part in by Bros. Gifford, Daly, Orvis, Parsons, Palmer, McLeod, Shirley and others.

Moved by Bro. J. Biggar, Division No. 32,
Seconded by Bro. T. Tuzo, Division No. 47,

That a return be submitted, showing the amounts and nature of securities held by Dominion Grange from the officers and agents thereof, and that said returns be published in the minutes of this Grange.

Carried.

Report in accordance with the above showed the amount of security given by the

Secretary, \$3,000.
Treasurer, \$3,000.
Dominion Grange Purchasing Agent, \$20,000.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Massey, Division No. 42,
Seconded by Bro. T. B. White, Division No. 23,

That the Nominating Committee be instructed to name a special committee to investigate the transactions of Chapman & Son, in relation to their dealings with the Grange.

Carried.

Moved by J. Waters, Division No. 12,
Seconded by Wm. Auld, Div. No. 15,

That the Executive Committee be instructed to devise and mature a scheme for the shipment of grain and stock to the old country and United States' Markets, and that they bring in report of such scheme before the Dominion Grange at its next annual meeting, and that before such annual meeting a copy of such report be forwarded to each Division Grange.

Carried.

Moved and seconded,

That Bro. Leet, of Quebec, shall be accepted as delegate to the meeting and \$15 of his expenses be allowed, but he not have privilege to vote.

Motion lost.

On motion, the resolution of Bro. Waters, re shipment of grain, &c., was ordered reconsidered

The following amendment was submitted :

Moved by S. Parsons, of Executive Committee,
Seconded by T. Carlow, Division 35,

That whereas the time has come that the members of this Grange organization are shipping large quantities of grain through Commission Agents, and as there has already been considerable loss from dealing with parties not responsible; be it therefore resolved, that this Dominion Grange, at its earliest opportunity, select a responsible agent, who shall be required to furnish sufficient bonds to secure members from further loss from this cause, and place him at some central point for sale of grain, stock and all other commodities, and the purchase of supplies, and to report to every meeting of Executive Committee, which reports shall be laid before the Dominion Grange.

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Bro. Whitman submitted suggestions, which were referred to their appropriate committee.

Moved by D. Kennedy, Div. No. 14,

Seconded by H. McFarlane, Div. No. 17,

That a committee consisting of the Committee on Banking and the mover, be a Committee to wait upon the Dominion Bank, Toronto, and ascertain what arrangements they are willing to make with our organization in reference to shipping grain, and making advances upon the same, and report to this Dominion Grange as soon as possible.

Moved by A. Gifford,

Seconded by A. J. Hughes,

That the Committee on Standing Committees be requested to name a Committee in accordance with recommendation of Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to devise a plan for separating the present Dominion Grange into Provincial or District Granges, and fixing the representation from such Granges to the Dominion Grange; such committee to report immediately after noon to-morrow.

Carried.

Auditing Committee submitted their report as follows.

Report of Auditing Committee.

To the worthy Master Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange,

We the undersigned Auditors appointed at the last annual meeting of Dominion Grange beg leave to submit our report of the various accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, which have come under our notice for the past year, and after having given them our most careful examination have found them perfectly correct.

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| Receipts as per Treasurer's accounts..... | \$6,938 36 |
| Disbursements as per Treasurer's accounts..... | 4,234 91 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands..... | \$2,703 45 |
| 30th November, 1878. | |

For further details of receipts and expenditures, we refer you to Secretary and Treasurer's reports, all of which is respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CHEYNE, }
HECTOR MCFARLANE, } Auditors.

On motion report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report :

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

Your committee having carefully considered the subject matter of the suggestions laid before them, would beg to report :

That the use of intoxicating drink is the greatest curse we have to contend with, and does more to drag down to misery and crime the fair sons and daughters of Canada; desolates and destroys more homes and the happiness of the family circle than all other evils combined. But, however much we feel to deplore the great misery caused by the use of strong drink, we could not recommend memorializing the Dominion Government to pass a prohibitory liquor law at present, believing that such action would be premature, until we see what effect the late Bill passed by the Legislature will have on the traffic. In consideration of our numbers, the influence we exert, and the interest we have in the welfare of the country, and in consideration of the temperance principles advocated and taught in the Grange, it becomes us as a body to use all lawful means in our power to pave the way for and educate the minds of the people to receive a prohibitory liquor law at no very distant future, when the manufacturing of intoxicating drinks as well as the sale thereof, shall be entirely abolished from this fair Dominion of ours. In conclusion, your committee would recommend that every Patron of Husbandry adhere strictly to the principles of our noble Order with regard to the use of intoxicating liquors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC AUSTIN,
J. B. AYLESWORTH,
WM. H. ORVIS.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Standing Committees suggested the following on securities, Re Chapman & Co.

Bros. J. Wilmot, R. Lockhart and L. Cheyne.

Moved by John Whitfield, Division No. 27,

Seconded by Robert Currie, Division No. 27,

That the Committee on Credentials be requested to state how many members are or have been present at this meeting of the Dominion Grange as delegates; also number of visiting members, and report as soon as possible.

Carried.

Moved by Geo. Creed, Div. No 46,

Seconded by R. Wilkie, Div. No 11,

That during this session sufficient time be devoted to an exposition, by some qualified member, of the whole unwritten work of the first four degrees.

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The Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees, report as Committee on Organization,

Bros. Blair, Whitman, Hughes, Robinson, Spohn.

Committee on Good of the Order submitted their report, which elicited considerable discussion in respect to market fees, when it was

Moved by J. Biggar, Division No 32,

Seconded by J. McKenzie, Division No 15,

That the report of the Committee on Good of the Order be adopted, except that portion relating to market fees.

Carried.

Report then read as follows, when adopted.

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

WORTHY MASTER :—We, your committee appointed to offer suggestions for the good of the Order, after careful attention and consideration of all the documents referred to us, beg leave to report :

1st. We think it advisable to obtain copies of the Ritual belonging to the 5th degree, as requested by Division 25.

2nd. We would recommend that an officer be appointed by each Division Grange to visit subordinate Granges within their jurisdiction once or twice in each year, and report to said Division Grange the working condition of each subordinate Grange.

3rd. Your committee believe the success of our noble Order would be greatly benefitted by having a series of lectures delivered throughout the different Division Granges during the present winter, by some competent brother, who will require to correspond with the Division before delivering his lecture, as the Division Grange should be required to bear expenses when requiring his services.

4th. In reference to information asked for as to the right of the Treasurer or Secretary of Subordinate Granges to hold the books and seal of Grange until remunerated for past services, we consider the information required already contained in the Constitution and by-laws of Dominion Grange.

5th. We would suggest the propriety of this Dominion Grange taking measures at as early a date as possible to establish Provincial Granges, as we believe it would tend to increase the prosperity of our Order.

6th. Your committee would further recommend that the Secretary of each subordinate Grange report to the Secretary of each Division the average of the crop of cereals, &c., as soon as could be ascertained, and that the

Secretary of the Division Grange send the report to the Dominion Secretary as well as an account of the amount of cash paid for goods procured through the Grange said report to be published in CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD, whereby we as members of the Order, and the general public may be made acquainted with our business transactions throughout the Dominion.

7th. We would also advise the masters of the various Granges to give occasional lessons on the Ritual to their members, as well as to be careful to give thorough instruction at the initiation of members, as we have reason to believe, that many are careless in observing our ritual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. T. LEAVENS, Chairman.

Bro: Robinson, Chairman of Committee on Credentials, reported 65 Delegates, 19 wives of Delegates, 12 Officers, 5 Members, of Executive Committee, 2 Auditors, present.

Moved by G. B. Miller, Division No 25,
Seconded by J. Robinson, Division No 18,

That the Dominion Grange recommend to all Division and Subordinate Granges the propriety of visiting the Agricultural College and Model Farm at Guelph, by excursion during the coming season, giving notice to the Principal, Mr. Johnson, a few days previous, who, it is expected, will offer every facility to such excursions for inspecting the various matters of interest connected with the institution.

Carried.

By permission of the Grange, Bro. Leet came forward and made explanation of the nature of his visit and his position towards the Dominion Grange.

Moved by J. P. Bull, Worthy Treasurer,
Seconded by J. V. Spohn, Division No 26,

Whereas Bro. Leet, of Quebec, appears before this Grange under circumstances that preclude his recognition as a Delegate; resolved, that the sum of \$20 be paid him to assist in defraying expenses.

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Committee on Agriculture submitted their report as follows.

Report of Committee on Agriculture.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Agriculture, in submitting their report did not deem it necessary to enter into any argument to show the necessity and advantage of a higher state of cultivation to advance the agricultural interests of our country, it being one of the aims and objects of our Order.

We heartily endorse the suggestion of Division No. 14, that the Executive Committee request the Local Governments of each Province to procure different varieties of wheat and other grains from Northern Europe, for trial in this country, and each Local Government be requested to advance the necessary funds, and the grain, when imported, to be parceled and sold to the several agricultural societies in each Province, at its net cost.

And Secondly, That the Sec'y of each Division Grange be requested to gather from the Subordinate Granges statistical reports of the most profitable and prolific grains grown in their several localities, and report the same to the Dominion Secretary, with a view of informing the Patrons where the best seed can be procured.

Third. The Executive Committee be requested to obtain the foreign prices current of cheese and butter, and insert the same weekly in the *Canadian Farmer*.

Fourth. Your Committee believe the running at large of cattle or stock of any kind to be a public nuisance, and advise our Executive Committee to pray the Legislature to enact laws prohibiting the same, and to encourage the planting of shade-trees along the public highways, and otherwise beautifying them.

Fifth. That a more extended course of agricultural education be taught in our common schools.

Sixth. We, your Committee, considering the large sums of money this Dominion pays out annually for sugar, and as we are by climate and soil capable of producing that commodity within ourselves, we request the Executive Committee to pray the Local Legislature to grant a bonus to assist in establishing sugar-beet factories, as we deem that it would be a great source of wealth to the Dominion of Canada.

F. H. MCCREA,
H. W. WOOD,
L. ESTABROOK.

Moved by Bro. McLeod,
Seconded by Charles Hislop.

That the report on Agriculture, now read, be laid on the table until to-morrow morning, to be read and taken up as the first order of business.

Carried.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19th.

Grange assembled at 9 o'clock.

Worthy Master in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Bro. Shirley, Chairman of Committee on Printing, made the following report :

Report of Committee on Printing.

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

Your Special Committee on printing beg leave to report,

That we have examined all the accounts for printing for the present year and find the same correct.

Your Committee learn that the printing is performed on the basis of a tender accepted in 1876, and continued in 1877 and 1878, at a reduction of fifteen per cent. on the original contract price, without the formality of asking for further tenders. As a matter of course, your committee had no means of ascertaining if all the work performed was strictly in accordance with the tender-rates, not having all the documents before them, so as to enable them to make an estimate of the quantity of matter they contained, but such as we had before us we think correct.

Your Committee find that considerable of the expense of printing was incurred in consequence of attempting to float the Dominion Grange Trust enterprise.

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Your Committee further find that about \$350.00 worth of printed material was distributed to Subordinate Granges free of charge, and that there is printed material on hand worth \$218.

Your Committee beg leave to state that they have made full enquiry and are satisfied that the Worthy Secretary had no pecuniary interest in the establishment where the work was executed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. SHIRLEY,
GEO. BROWN,
H. W. WOOD.

Moved by T. Austin, Division No. 28,
Seconded by George Creed, Division No. 46,

That immediately before the election of officers, those present who are entitled to receive it be fully instructed in the working of the fifth degree.

On motion the report of Committee on Printing was adopted.

The chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made a partial report as follows :

Report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest that all members attending meeting of Dominion Grange be paid their actual travelling expenses to and from the meeting of Dominion Grange ; also \$2 per day during attendance at same.

Adopted.

On motion, the report on Agriculture, laid on the table last evening, was again taken up and considered clause by clause.

Clauses Nos. 1, 2 and 3 adopted ; No. 4, not adopted; No. 5, adopted ; No. 6, not adopted.

On motion, report was adopted, and reads as amended as follows :

Report of Committee on Agriculture.

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

Your Committee on Agriculture, in submitting their report, did not deem it necessary to enter into any argument to show the necessity and

advantage of a higher state of cultivation to advance the agricultural interests of the country, it being one of the aims and objects of the Order.

We heartily endorse the suggestion of Division No. 14, that the Executive Committee request the Local Governments of each Province to procure different varieties of wheat and other grains from Northern Europe for trial in this country, and each Local Government be requested to advance the necessary funds, and the grain, when imported, to be parcelled and sold to the several agricultural societies in each Province, at its net cost.

And Secondly, that the Secretary of each Division Grange be requested to gather from the Subordinate Granges statistical reports of the most profitable and prolific grains grown in their several localities, and report the same to the Dominion Secretary, with a view of informing the Patrons where the best seed can be procured.

Third. The Executive Committee be requested to obtain the foreign prices current of cheese and butter, and insert the same weekly in *Canadian Farmer*.

Fourth. That a more extended course of Agricultural education be taught in our Common Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. McCREA,
H. W. WOOD,
L. ESTABROOK.

Moved by H. McKenzie, Division No. 15,
Seconded by A. M. Driver, Division No. 13,

That we view with surprise the entire absence in the Executive Committee's Report of anything relative to agricultural implements, and think it must have originated on account of having a Dominion Agent, and would move that the Dominion Agent be called on to give explanation to this Grange what he has done in this respect.

Carried.

Moved by J. Daly, of Executive Committee,
Seconded by A. Gifford, of Executive Committee,

That Bros. Bull, Manning and Lossee be a committee for examining the various samples of clasps for Badges, presented by Bro. Daly, and report to this Grange to-morrow morning, which, if any are to be adopted, and the number be guaranteed that will be taken from the manufacturer, also any matters of interest in connection with this subject.

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By request, Bro. Harris came forward and made explanations concerning his business as Grange Agent; also submitted his report.

Report of Dominion Grange Agent.

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

In presenting my second annual report, which I intend to make as brief as possible, owing to the large amount of business before this session of the Dominion Grange, I will at once, without further introduction, give you a statement of the purchases made directly for Subordinate Granges since March 1st, at which time I may say I fairly commenced purchasing supplies outside of the requirements of the Grange Co-operative Company in Napanee. Hastily glancing over my books, I find that I have purchased and shipped as follows:

Dry Goods, \$2104.24; Groceries from Western depots, \$2359.85; from Eastern depots, \$5384.83.

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| Boots and shoes..... | \$ 1627 50 | General Hardware..... | \$ 1116 09 |
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| Platform Scales..... | 372 50 | Sewing Machines..... | 457 02 |
| Straw Cutters..... | 154 00 | Steel Plows..... | 334 00 |
| Sundry Agricultural Im- plements..... | 2100 00 | Sundry goods from store of Grange Co-operative Company..... | 3817 17 |

The commission on these purchases amounts to \$576 65, but fully one third of this amount has been consumed in expenses. I cannot say that I have received the amount of orders that I expected, but it is encouraging to know that with one or two exceptions, the goods purchased have given general satisfaction to those who have kindly entrusted me with their orders. But my experience teaches me that it would be more acceptable to the brethren to make purchases from samples exhibited in their respective Granges by members of the Order, and to receive the goods payable 30 days from date of invoice. I have opened a sample room for the purpose of exhibiting samples of some few of the lines of goods to the members attending the present session, to enable them to form an idea of the merchandise described in my catalogues and price lists, believing it would be an advantage to many of the brethren whose Granges I may not be able to visit immediately. But I am thoroughly convinced of the necessity of establishing in some city where it will best serve the interests of the Order, a wholesale supply company that can consistently carry out the principles mentioned above and insure the proper filling of orders received from Subordinate Granges, also doing away with the danger of inferior goods being substituted for those ordered, concentrating all lines of goods in one shipment, and having superior facilities for arranging special rates of freight with the different lines of Railroads to all points, besides a great many advantages not mentioned, but which you will comprehend without my taking up your valuable time by giving in detail.

All of which I most respectfully submit.

W. N. HARRIS.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

The Committee on Credentials made further report of the presence of Mrs. Cameron, of Division No. 18.

Moved by L. T. Leavens, Division No. 41,
Seconded by W. J. Massey, Division No. 42,

That the Dominion Grange Agent's Report be referred to a special committee, they to report to this meeting as early as possible.

Carried.

The Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees, suggest the names of the following Brothers as a Committee on the Grange Agent's Report :

Bros. Leavens, Cheyne, Graham.

Adopted.

Bro. Hilborn, Chairman of Committee on Organization of Provincial Granges submitted their report.

The report was taken up clause by clause, fully considered as a whole, but no definite action taken upon it.

Moved by J. Waters, Division No. 12,
Seconded by Wm. Auld, Division No. 15,

That the Executive Committee be instructed to ask for tenders for printing required by this Grange for the coming year.

Carried.

Moved by John Waters, Division No. 12,
Seconded by H. McFarlane, Division No. 17,

That a session of this Grange be held to-night, and that the election of officers be proceeded with at said session.

Carried.

Moved by H. McFarlane, Division No. 17,
Seconded by L. Cheyne, Division No. 10,

That the Secretary insert in the minutes of this Grange immediately after the Treasurer's account, a statement setting forth the amount paid by

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Bro. Blair, on behalf of Committee on Officers' Reports, submitted their report as follows :

Officers' Report.

To the Officers and members of Dominion Grange :

We, the committee appointed to take into consideration the Worthy Master's address, and reports of the officers, beg respectfully to submit the following :

1st. In reviewing the excellent address presented by our much esteemed Worthy Master, we feel incapable of doing more than simply call your attention to a few points, recommending a careful perusal of the whole.

2nd. We quite concur in the sentiments of thankfulness as expressed in that address, for the unbroken ranks in our staff of officers, and for the bountiful manner in which Providence has rewarded the labors of the Husbandman.

3rd. We would call your attention to that portion in reference to the cultivation of the mind, as well as the soil, with a view to better fitting ourselves to discharge the active duties of life.

4th. We learn with pleasure that continued prosperity marks our course as an order, and that we are fast acquiring a prominent position among the other long-established institutions of our land.

5th. We heartily endorse the sentiments of loyalty to the Throne and person of our beloved Queen, through the person of her representative, the Governor-General, and his wife, the Princess Louise, and are pleased to know that an address has already been forwarded by this Grange.

6th. We sincerely regret the determination of our much respected Worthy Master, not to again accept the position he has so honorably filled with such benefit to the fraternity for the five years of our existence, and we know we but express the sentiments of the entire Order, when we say that very much of the efficiency of our institution is due to the Master's excellent council and sound advice, and we trust that he may be long spared to his family, and to adorn positions of trust and usefulness in this his adopted country, that he is so eminently qualified to fill.

Your Committee in examining the report of the Executive Committee, express their satisfaction with the ability with which they have conducted the business the past year.

1st. We learn with pleasure the steady increase and improvement in our business relations.

2nd. And we are pleased to know that your committee were successful in obtaining from the Local Legislature a Drainage Act which we think will prove of great benefit to the farming community ; and that farmers will learn from that, that it is only in a co-operative capacity that they

can ever expect to make their wants known or their power felt in the community.

3rd. Your committee cannot agree with the recommendation as to the time for holding Dominion Grange meeting, viz., in February, but would recommend that it be held in the first part of December.

4th. We regret that your committee could not see their way clear to take some action in the matter of market fees, but were compelled to again leave the question in the hands of the Grange.

5th. We are glad to hear the recommendation of measures in regard to furnishing members with money at a low rate of interest.

6th. That the labours of the Dominion Grange Lecturer in Nova Scotia, have been productive of much good.

7th. We quite agree with the recommendation in reference to the Insolvency Law, and hope the time is not far distant when it shall either be struck from our Statutes or greatly amended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

After a review of the worthy Secretary's report, your committee are more than pleased with the many valuable suggestions and practical remarks it contains, indicating an amount of ability and devotion to our interests seldom to be met with, believing as we do that the noble structure we are fast building up in this young and growing Dominion has received many of its chief adornments from his experienced hands. We would direct the attention of the Dominion Grange to the suggestion of our worthy Brother in regard to doing something towards building up those Sub. Granges whose interest appears to be growing cold. And further while not desiring to underrate the pecuniary advantages of the Order, we would urge upon the various Sub. Granges the necessity for cultivating all the educational advantages our Order is well calculated to convey, and would urge upon Secretaries of Sub. and Division Granges to be more punctual in forwarding quarterly reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In examining the Treasurer's Report your committee are glad to find that the duties of the office have been discharged with evident care and attention; and further, that our finances are in a healthy condition.

LECTURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, in considering the Worthy Lecturer's report, quite agree with him in the necessity of excluding from our deliberations all political sectarianism or sectional dissensions, believing that the drift of our legislation should be on a broad and liberal basis, characteristic of the interests we represent, as will be becoming to the growing intelligence of the farmers of Canada; and in conclusion, would commend the advisability of

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Moved by W. J. Massey, Division No. 42,
Seconded by L. T. Leavens, Division No. 41,

That the report of Committee on Officers' Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by A. M. Driver, Division No. 13,
Seconded by Wm. Johnston, Division No. 13.

That the words "two hundred dollars" be struck out of report, and one hundred be inserted in lieu thereof, and that the report, as amended, be adopted.

Moved in amendment to amendment by H. Palmer,
Division No. 2.

Seconded by E. Crawford, Division No. 10,

That the sum of \$200 in report be struck out, and \$300 be inserted in lieu thereof

Lost.

Amendment was then submitted and rejected.

The original motion, for the adoption of the report, was then carried by a large majority.

Committee on Sociability in the Hall and Home Circle submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on Sociability in Hall and Home Circle.

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

The Committee on Sociability and Entertainment in the Hall and Home Circle beg leave to report as follows :—

1st. We would suggest to all subordinate granges the propriety of having their halls or places of meeting made pleasant, attractive and desirable, by being kept in a clean and comfortable state, and beautified by decorations and mottoes of the Order, and that the cultivation of music be made one of the leading features of the Order.

2nd. That, with a view to carrying out the educational precepts of the Order, the young members be encouraged to take part in debates, and prepare essays and papers to read to the Grange, bearing on every-day life, on the farm and in the home circle.

3rd. That a regular course of monthly addresses by members of the Order be established in each Grange; each member qualified deeming it not only a duty, but a pleasure, in preparing something interesting and instructive, and in order to place the brothers and sisters in a position to carry out to advantage and profit the last two suggestions, we would strongly recommend the establishment by each Grange at an early day, of a library, composed of standard agricultural works and periodicals, notably among the latter should stand the organ of the Order, the CANADIAN FARMER.

4th. We would urge upon all good matrons the desirability of a punctual attendance at our regular meetings, and by their presence and assistance encourage the brothers, and thereby exemplify their willingness to be helpers indeed in this good cause.

5th. Last, though not least, is the home circle, where the destinies of nations are moulded. The cultivation of flowers and the beautifying and adorning our surroundings by planting trees and shrubs, and the introduction of pleasant amusements for the young, not forgetting domestic economy put thoroughly into practice, and the cultivation of those virtues, which alone can be inculcated in the home circle, and which lie at the very foundation of the success of our nation; all these should receive closest attention, for just in proportion as those qualities are developed do we rise in eminence and are qualified honorably to fill places of responsibility, importance and trust in our common country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| | SIS. WHITE, | } | COMMITTEE. |
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| | Bro. MILLER, | | |
| | " BLAIR, | | |

On motion report was adopted.

Mrs. Creed, on behalf of Committee on Ladies' Duties in the Grange, submitted their report as follows:

Report of Committee on Ladies' Duties in the Grange,

READ BY SISTER MRS. CREED.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange.

Your Committee on Ladies' Duties in the Grange would earnestly press on the attention of the sisters the great necessity for doing all they can to make the hours spent within the gates more profitable to the mind.

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This necessity is more prominent at the present time from the fact of the great and important changes which have now taken place (very much due to the action taken by our Order). Our financial affairs have assumed a new shape, and the time heretofore devoted to that subject can now be more profitably employed.

They would therefore suggest that the younger members of both sexes should be aided and encouraged by example to get up musical entertainments, vocal and instrumental, the reading of nice selected pieces, recitations, with *punctuation and emphasis*.

They would also call the attention of officers to *this* point.

Sociability and neighborliness will go hand in hand, if taken up in the proper spirit, and one grange will stimulate another to aim to higher attainments.

We cannot expect a general diffusion of any good, if kept too much within our own circumscribed limits. We should ask our neighbors' aid outside the gates. They will then see that we have more noble ideas than they give us credit for, and will soon add their names to our muster roll.

By some such action we may hope to keep our families about us, and by allowing those innocent amusements that youth calls for, the allurements and excitements of city life will be avoided.

The care and culture of flowers to decorate the granges and homes is for your consideration, as well as the study of Botany, a most interesting occupation.

All of which we humbly submit for your consideration.

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| SIS. GREEN, | } COMMITTEE. |
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| " SMITH, | |
| BRO. R. GREEN, | |
| " J. MANNING, | |

On motion report was adopted.

Moved by Thomas S. McLeod, Division No. 20,

Seconded by Charles Hislop, Division No. 20,

That as we understand a large proportion of the accounts for printing appears to have been incurred by the Insurance and Loan Companies, we request these Companies to reimburse the Dominion Grange for the expenditure incurred on their behalf.

Carried.

The Secretary here explained that the expenses of organization of Insurance Company had been reimbursed by the Company.

Moved by W. T. Pattullo, Division No. 16,
Seconded by Wm. Clark, Division No. 16,

That the report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be not read entire, but clause by clause, be considered and adopted, or rejected.

Carried.

Moved by W. H. Orvis, Division No. 25,
Seconded by L. R. Whitman, Worthy Steward,

That the last resolution passed referring to Committee's Report on Constitution and By-Laws, be reconsidered.

Carried.

The amendments to By-laws were upon motion, read as a whole, and then taken up clause by clause.

Moved by S. White, Worthy Overseer,
Seconded by J. B. Aylesworth, Division No. 19,

That the report be referred back to the Committee for amendment, so as to provide that a fraction of five Subordinate Granges over ten shall have an extra delegate, provided all dues are paid.

Carried.

Adjourned to meet at 7.30.

— EVENING SESSION.

Grange assembled at appointed time.

Worthy Master proceeded to confer the Fifth Degree, which was done in a skeleton form, the Grange not being prepared to confer it in the regular order,

Moved by A. Gifford, of Executive Committee,
Seconded by G. A. Camp, Division No. 3,

That as Bro. E. Morris, of the Fonthill Nurseries, has requested that the Grange name three brothers as a committee—whose expenses will be paid by him—to visit and inspect said nurseries, and report the result of their inspection to the Executive Committee, such report to be inserted in the next circular issued by said committee; be it therefore resolved that the following brothers be appointed: Bros. Kennedy, Wilkie, McLeod.

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The time for election of officers having arrived, it was

Moved by H. McKenzie, Division No. 15,
Seconded by H. McFarlane, Division No. 17,

That the Secretary call the names of all the delegates, and as they are called, be required to come forward and take their seats so as to avoid confusion, likewise to prevent any one but delegates voting either accidentally or otherwise during the election of Officers.

Carried.

The Master named the following Brothers as Tellers :

Bros. Hughes, Cheyne, Drummond.

Grange proceeded to elect officers, resulting as follows :

OFFICERS ELECTED.

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| MASTER..... | E. H. HILBORN..... | <i>Uxbridge, Ont.</i> |
| OVERSEER..... | WM. M. BLAIR, M.P.P..... | <i>Truro, N. S.</i> |
| LECTURER..... | S. WHITE..... | <i>Charing Cross, Ont.</i> |
| STEWARD..... | W. J. MASSEY..... | <i>Belleville, Ont.</i> |
| ASS'T STEWARD..... | D. KENNEDY..... | <i>Peterboro', Ont.</i> |
| CHAPLAIN..... | J. MANNING..... | <i>Schomberg, Ont.</i> |
| TREASURER..... | J. P. BULL..... | <i>Downsview, Ont.</i> |
| SECRETARY..... | W. P. PAGE..... | <i>Fonthill, Ont.</i> |
| GATE-KEEPER..... | J. TRULL..... | <i>Oshawa, Ont.</i> |

Moved by R. J. Doyle,
Seconded by J. Trull,

That this Grange now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow morning, when the first order of business shall be to elect the remaining officers, to be immediately followed by installation of officers.

Motion carried, and the Grange adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, December 20th, 1878.

Grange assembled at the appointed hour.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings approved.

Election of Officers again taken up, resulting in the election of

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| Mrs. L. R. WHITMAN..... | CERES |
| " A. GIFFORD..... | POMONA |
| " S. WHITE..... | FLORA |
| " W. J. MASSEY..... | L. A. STEWARD |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

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| A. GIFFORD..... | MEAFORD, ONT. |
| S. PARSONS..... | BALTIMORE, ONT. |
| J. ROBINSON..... | MIDDLEMARCH, " |
| A. J. HUGHES..... | SHARON, ONT. |
| J. B. AYLESWORTH..... | NEWBURGH, ONT. |

Moved by R. Green, Division No. 33,
Seconded by J. Trull, Division No. 14,

That this Grange desires hereby to express its kindest regards and sincere thanks to Bro. Dudley T. Chase, for the unqualified interest he has always manifested on behalf of the Dominion Grange, fully realizing that the amicable and fraternal relations now existing between the National and Dominion Granges is in a great measure due to his earnest labors.

Carried unanimously.

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Moved by Thomas Duff, Division No. 4,
Seconded by I. Wilmot, Division No. 4,

That this Grange fully endorses the action of our Worthy Master in appointing Bro. D. T. Chase, as delegate to the National Grange at its last annual session.

Carried.

Moved by T. S. McLeod, Division No. 20,
Seconded by Charles Hislop, Division No. 20,

That this Dominion Grange, feeling the obligation we are under to our Worthy Master, Bro. S. W. Hill, for his unwearied exertions in behalf of our Order, desire to tender him our most hearty thanks for the kindness and courtesy which we have experienced at his hands during his term of Office.

Carried.

Moved by L. Estabrook, Division No. 31,
Seconded by Geo. Creed, Division No. 46,

Inasmuch as Bro. S. W. Hill has acted since the organization of the Dominion Grange as its Master, and has labored faithfully for the Good of the Order; be it therefore resolved, that this Dominion Grange has much pleasure in electing Bro. Hill to Honorary Life Membership, with all the rights and privileges of ordinary members of the Dominion Grange.

Carried.

The Worthy Master made suitable remarks in answer to the resolution, referring to the pleasurable connection he had had with the Grange, the kind and courteous treatment he had always received from the members, and closed by thanking them for the honor they had just conferred upon him, saying that although no longer an officer in this Grange, that his heart would always be in the work, and he hoped ever to continue to merit that respect from them which had been so forcibly shown him to-day.

Adjourned until afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled in due form.

Election of Auditors was proceeded with, resulting as follows :

Bros. Luther Cheyne, L. R. Whitman.

Committee on Credentials report John Duncan, of Division No. 9 present.

Bro. Pattullo, on behalf of Committee on Railways made the following report :

Report of Committee on Railways.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and members of the Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Railways, submit the following report : It affords us much pleasure to announce to the Dominion Grange the fact that all the Railways conferred with have at once responded to the request made by the Secretary, for a reduced fare to Delegates and memoers attending this session of the Dominion Grange—and especially gratified that the Northern Road officials have granted us reduced fares, and also that the Intercolonial has been pleased to reduce their rate to one fare for the round trip, while we appreciate the courtesy of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Hamilton and North Western, T.G. & B. and T.& Nippissing for carrying us for one and one-third fare.

We would recommend that a resolution expressive of our appreciation of their courtesy be passed by the meeting and copies of the same be transmitted by the Secretary to the Manager of each of the aforesaid railroads. We your committee would also recommend that the Secretary of the Dominion Grange request the Managers of the several railroads for a reduced rate for the Executive officers, while attending in session in the interests of this Dominion Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SMITH,
JESSE TRULL,
W. PATTULLO.

On motion report was adopted.

The installation of Officers was next proceeded with. Bro. George Creed acting as installing officer.

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Bro. Cheyne, on behalf of the Committee on Securities, submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on Securities.

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

We, your Committee appointed on Securities, respecting Messrs. Chapman & Son, Commission Merchants of this city,

Beg to report that after hearing the grievances from several brethren who have had dealings with said firm, would recommend the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange to ask or demand a statement of all sales made for Granges through said firm up to present time, and if such information is not satisfactory, that they be not recognized as agents for the Grange.

We, your committee, would further recommend that if they be continued agents for the Grange they be required to give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER CHEYNE,
ISAIAH WILLMOT,
ROBERT LOCKHART.

Toronto, 19 Dec., 1878.

On motion, report was adopted.

Bro. Spohn, on behalf of Committee on Commercial Relations, submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on Commercial Relations.

To the worthy Master Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

Your Committee on Commercial Relations, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. Judging from the many requests and suggestions from the representatives of Division Granges referred to your committee relating to the abolition of market fees in Towns and Cities, your committee are disposed to regard that portion of our municipal law, which permits and regulates a system whereby one municipality is enabled to tax the surrounding rural municipalities, beyond the requirements of the ostensible purposes for which the tax is imposed, as a reflection upon the intelligence, enterprise and spirit of the people who, having the power, do not change the law in that respect.

Your committee is of the opinion that the market fee nuisance and injustice can be abated by amending the municipal law in such a way that in all towns and cities imposing and collecting market fees, such fees shall be set apart, and applied only in improving markets, and that all markets shall be under the control and direction of a joint committee appointed by the town or city and County Council in which such town or city is situated.

In this way those who pay the fees, and are interested in the markets can have some control over the application of their money, and judging from the large sums that have been collected from market fees in the past, your committee is satisfied that with a proper application of market fees, as above pointed out in a few years the markets in our towns and cities would be a credit rather than as now, in many cases a reproach upon modern civilization.

Your committee is informed that this question was considered and reported upon at the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, and in consequence of the little or no attention paid to the matter, your committee is of the opinion that in Ontario at least the time is now at hand to test the question at the polls, and to that end your committee strongly appeal to every agriculturist and patron to use their influence, and support none except those who will use their influence and power to abate the nuisance, and that our Executive Committee be instructed to petition our Local Legislature to amend the law as desired.

2nd. The subject of the Insolvency Law, referred to your committee, is a question more intimately connected with other interests than that of agriculture, and although your committee believes there is a strong desire among agriculturists to have the present Insolvency Law abolished, yet your committee feels that it has not time at present to properly consider the subject without doing injustice to matters of more immediate importance to the agricultural interests of Canada.

3rd. From the many suggestions from delegates relating to the re-adjustment of the tariff, so as to protect the agricultural as well as other industrial interests of Canada, your committee is of the opinion it is now time that the Dominion Grange should be heard on the question, and when we take into consideration that we are the only organization of agriculturists suitable to take up the subject, your committee feels that the Dominion Grange, in justice to itself and the important interests at stake, should make known its wishes, and provide ways and means whereby those wishes may have the desired effect, and for that purpose your committee will prepare a list of articles with the duty which in its opinion should be imposed in order to give agriculture that protection its importance demands, and which list your committee will submit in a subsequent report should the above suggestions meet with the approval of this Grange.

That at the last annual convention of the Ontario Manufacturing and Industrial Association, held in Toronto, the convention appointed a committee to meet and advise with the Government in questions of tariff adjustment, and your committee now strongly recommends the same action on the part of the Dominion Grange, by appointing a committee to meet and advise with the Government on questions of tariff adjustment in the interest of agriculture.

4th. In reference to the suggestions of Bro. Whitman referred to your committee relating to the establishment of an agency in Montreal for the purpose of selling produce of members of the Order, your committee

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. V. SPOHN, Ontario,
LEVI R. WHITMAN, Quebec,
LEVERETT ESTABROOK, New Brunswick.
ROBERT PUTMAN, Nova Scotia.

Moved and seconded,

That the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by W. J. Massey,
Seconded by G. Brown,

That that part of the report on Commercial Relations referring to the adjusting of the tariff be struck out, inasmuch as it is a political question, upon which we, as members of this Dominion Grange, hold different views.

Moved in amendment to amendment by J. P. Bull,
Treasurer.

Seconded by L. Cheyne, Division No. 9,

That the report be read clause by clause without discussion, and adopted or rejected.

Carried.

Moved by A. Gifford, Executive Committee,
Seconded by J. Sleightholme, Division No. 37,

That the following be added to the clause referring to imposition of tolls, viz : That the town shall have the privilege of levying any fee upon grain offered within its limits, and that a regular number of days (in proportion to inhabitants) in each week shall be set apart as market days.

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The report was then taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 adopted ; clauses 3 and 4 rejected.

On motion, the report as amended was adopted.

Moved by L. R. Whitman,
Seconded by W. J. Massey,

That the sum of \$50 be granted from Dominion Grange to employ some competent person to lecture to all Subordinate Granges in the

Province of Quebec, believing that many dormant Granges may be re-organized, also many Granges may be greatly benefitted thereby.

Carried.

Bro. Johnston, on behalf of the Committee on Education made their report.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee beg leave to report,

1st. That we have carefully examined the School Law, and the several suggestions offered by the Division Granges. Would recommend

2nd. That the office of Minister of Education be separated from the office of Treasurer, believing that our educational interests are of such importance as not to be held subservient to any other Department of Government.

3rd. That the Minister of Education should be held responsible by the people, and should seek election after appointment as Ministers of other Departments.

4th. That the Department should furnish to Trustees, immediately after the passing thereof, a copy of all rules and regulations adopted by the Department.

5th. That the programme of studies in our public schools shall be so circumscribed as to include only the ordinary branches of reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar and geography, and that the exclusion of all other branches be imperative.

6th. That the Trustees in any section shall be the sole judges of school property required in such section.

7th. That the law relating to High Schools shall be so amended as to allow rural municipalities the full power of making arrangements with High School Trustees regarding the amounts to be paid for such school privileges.

8th. Trustees shall not be liable for payment of salary to teachers in case of sickness.

9th. Vacations should not exceed 3 weeks in summer and 1 week in winter.

10th. Examination for certificates should be uniform throughout the Province, and a teacher's certificate obtained at such examination shall not require to be endorsed by any inspector to render it valid in any county.

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12th. In conclusion your Committee would most strongly impress upon members of the Order the necessity of exercising a careful supervision of their schools, noting the advancement and progress made by their children, and by giving encouragement and countenance to both teacher and pupils, the schools would be more likely to serve the purpose for which they were designed, and more likely to realize the full advantages which the large amounts expended on education would lead us to expect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RAMSEY,
WM. JOHNSTON,
A. C. GRAHAM.

The report was then taken up and read clause by clause.

Clause 1 adopted,

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Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by W. P. Page,

That Clause 5, just read, be not adopted, but that it be struck out of the report.

Carried.

Moved and Seconded

That Clause 6 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by H. McKenzie,
Seconded by E. Cameron,

That Clause 6 be laid on the table for consideration at the next annual meeting.

Moved in amendment to amendment by A. M. Driver,
Seconded by Robt. Green,

That the Report be so amended that the Council of the Municipality shall appoint one Arbitrator, the Trustees another, the Inspector shall constitute the third, who shall decide all school improvements.

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The amendment being submitted, was carried.

Clause No. 7 adopted.

" " 8 struck out.
" " 9 adopted.
" " 10 adopted.
" " 11 struck out.
" " 12 adopted.

Moved and Seconded

That the report be adopted as amended.

Moved and Seconded in amendment

That the report be not now adopted, but that it be laid on the table indefinitely.

Carried.

Moved by J. Robinson, Div. 18,
Seconded by W. J. Massey, Div. 42.

That we adjourn, to meet again at 7.30 o'clock; also that the report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be taken into consideration immediately after assembling.

Carried.

Adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange opened in due form, Worthy Master E. H. Hilborn in the chair.

Moved by J. Robinson,
Seconded by W. J. Massey,

That the Worthy Master vacate the chair and that the Worthy Overseer occupy his place.

Carried.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was submitted.

After a lengthy discussion, taken part in by most members, the main points at issue being the consideration of delegation to Dominion Grange, and the formation of Provincial Granges, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by T. S. McLeod,
Seconded by Chas. Hislop,

That the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to enact such amendments

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Moved by R. J. Doyle,
Seconded by S. Parsons,

That the report be referred to the Committee, with instructions to recommend the establishment of District or Provincial Granges, to be composed of its officers and delegates, also their wives from Division Granges, and amending the Constitution so that this Dominion Grange will be composed of its officers, delegates and wives from said District or Provincial Granges, each District or Provincial Grange to be represented on a basis of membership in good standing. That Division Granges receive a copy of proposed scheme six months previous to next meeting of this Grange.

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Original motion carried.

Moved by J. S. Thomson, Div. 8,
Seconded by J. P. Bull, Treasurer,

That the sum of one hundred dollars be set aside to pay for lectures to be delivered in the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Moved by Geo. Creed, Div. 46,
Seconded by R. Green, Div. 33,

That the sum of one hundred dollars of the funds of this Dominion Grange be devoted to defray payment of expenses of a lecturer in the Province of Prince Edward Island.

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Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by A. Gifford,

That the thanks of this Grange be and are hereby tendered to our Worthy Brother S. White, for his kindness in securing for the Grange the privilege of a reception tent at the late Provincial Exhibition.

Carried.

Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by R. J. Doyle,

That the Executive Committee are hereby instructed to procure and furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Grange one copy of the *Canadian Farmer and Grange Record* for the year 1879, guaranteeing to the pub-

lishers the sum of 75 cents per copy on all copies for which the Subordinate Granges do not pay the sum of \$1, said paper to be kept on file in the Grange.

Carried.

Bro. Parsons, on behalf of the Committee on Fire Insurance, submitted their report.

Moved and Seconded

That the report be taken up clause by clause, and adopted or rejected.

Clauses 1 and 2 adopted.

Moved and Seconded

That Clause 3 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by J. Robinson,
Seconded by J. B. Aylesworth,

That clause 3 in regard to Life Insurance be struck out.

Carried.

Clause 4 rejected.
" 5 adopted.

Moved and Seconded

That the report as amended be adopted.

Carried.

Report of Fire Insurance Committee.

To The Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Insurance beg respectfully to report that they have had under their consideration the various documents laid before them and report as follows :

1st. As to corporations, having the Insurance Act so amended as to make companies responsible for amount insured, asked for from Division No. 5. Your committee have to report that Insurance Companies are now held responsible in such cases.

2nd. Your committee cannot recommend any action on suggestion from Division No. 20, as to regulating the agency system of Dominion Grange Insurance Association, as the Acts of Parliament place that matter in the hands of that Association.

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3rd. Your Committee also beg to inform you that at the close of last month the Dominion Grange Fire Association held at risk \$2,288,250, the undertaking Capital was at that date, \$67,831.40, the average amount at risk, \$1,240. We have in cash invested at interest about \$8,000, besides short date notes amounting to over \$4,000. The adjusted losses are so far this year \$658, with two other losses notified.

Your Committee have much pleasure in expressing their pleasure at the success of the Insurance Association so far.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. PARSONS,
I. ARGUE,
G. A. CAMP.

Dated this, the 21st day of Dec., 1878.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, of Executive Committee,
Seconded by Bro. Green, Division No. 33,

That the Worthy Master of this Grange, E. H. Hilborn, be elected delegate to the National Grange for the year 1879.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. Smith, Division No. 21,
Seconded by R. Lockhart, Div. No. 7,

That the members of this Grange desire to tender their thanks to Mr. Brown, Proprietor of the American Hotel, for the kind attention shown us and the reduction of rates granted the members while guests at his house during the present session.

Moved by Mrs. Hilborn.
Seconded by Mrs. Massey,

That we as members of the Dominion Grange would hereby tender our thanks to Mr. Lumbers for furnishing tea and coffee to us during the sessions of this Grange, and authorize the payment of four dollars to the caretaker as an acknowledgment for his services in preparing tea and coffee, and kind attention during this session.

Carried.

Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by Robert Green,

That we view with pleasure the establishment of a weekly paper by our Worthy Secretary, Bro. W. Pemberton Page and Bro. N. B. Colcock. We are highly pleased with the paper in every respect, wishing it success; and recommend its general support by our members, as the one great means by which to sustain and encourage the growth and usefulness of our Order. We further recommend our Patrons to become not only subscribers but contributors to its columns, giving crop reports, items of agricultural and

Grange interest; also that the lady members be requested to contribute to ladies' department, which by them can be made one of the greatest interest to its readers.

Carried.

The Committee on Grange Agent's Report submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on Grange Agent's Report.

To the worthy Master Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

Your Committee beg to report that we have carefully examined the report of the Dominion Grange Agent, and think it useless to go into detail on the matter first contained therein, as it is a plain statement of business done by him in a few words. But the latter part seems to be of a very important character, and of considerable import to the entire Order. We approve of his suggestions referring to supplying the different Subordinate Granges from samples exhibited while they are in session, payable 30 days from date of purchase. In our opinion, the most effectual way to bring about this change of system, is to form a joint-stock company; shares to be ten or twenty dollars each, and to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum; these shares to be subscribed by Dominion Grange, Division Granges and Subordinate Granges. In the event of there not being sufficient stock subscribed by the above, that members in good standing in the Order be allowed to become share-holders, but if at any time the desirable amount of stock being subscribed, any Subordinate Grange may desire stock, those individual members shall be compelled to dispose of their stock to such Grange, commencing with those individuals holding the greatest number of shares. A company of this nature can consistently supply goods at thirty days time, as it would be simply intrusting share-holders with their own goods. These goods should be furnished to the Order by merely adding an advance sufficient to pay expenses and interest on the capital invested.

If this report is adopted by the Dominion Grange, and there should not be sufficient time to draft a code of by-laws during the present session, we would recommend that the Dominion Grange Agent be appointed to draft By-laws for said Company, and submit them to the Executive Committee at its first session, and we believe that it would be expedient that the Executive Committee take such steps as will establish this plan of business as soon as possible.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

L. T. LEAVENS,
LUTHER CHEYNE,
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Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

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The Committee on House and Home submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on House and Home.

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

We, your committee on House and Home, beg to submit,

That the duties of making house and home attractive and enjoyable does not wholly devolve upon any one member of a family, but all have their respective parts and duties to perform in this connection.

That very much depends upon management of the external as well as the internal economy of household affairs.

It is, perhaps, more particularly the husband's duty to provide as well as possible the conveniences and the out-door surroundings, without which all must labor at a disadvantage more or less. the laying out of grounds, beautifying and adorning the home and farm, the planting of trees, shrubs, &c., many of which in after years may be looked upon as monuments of judgment and good taste.

The home may be made much more attractive by the planting and cultivation of plants and flowers which elevate the mind and give pleasure to the eye, which would form a pleasant occupation for the wives and daughters.

Education—which is happily within the reach of all classes in this country—is one of the great means of elevating and developing the higher and better qualities of our nature. It is highly important that this should be kept steadily in view, and the opportunities so abundantly afforded us should not be neglected.

The study and practice of music in our houses, where practicable, we would strongly recommend as one of the means of making our homes pleasant and agreeable.

A cheerful and ready obedience on the part of families is also one of many elements which materially advance the pleasures of home to all.

And lastly, a firmness, smoothness and sweetness of temper combined with sufficient amount of executive ability on the part of those in authority, are, perhaps of all personal qualifications the most important to advance and secure the pleasures of the house and home.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. E. E. WILKIE,
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 “ R. WILKIE.

On motion, the report on House and Home was adopted

Bro. Bull. on behalf of the Committee on Banking,
submitted their report

Report of Committee on Banking.

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

We, your Committee on Banking and Loaning, beg to report,

That we have taken into consideration the subject entrusted to us, and have now before us several schemes for the establishment of a bank under the auspices of the Dominion Grange, all of which we have duly considered.

The scheme which appears most feasible, upon investigation, and the most likely to recommend itself to the consideration of the Order generally, is the one known as the Real Estate Bank of Issue Scheme, by which stockholders are allowed to subscribe stock and pay up the same by depositing a trust deed or first mortgage with the Government upon their real estate, and issue bills thereon not exceeding the cash value of such real estate, to be determined by an Inspector; such deposit not prohibiting the party from occupying and enjoying all the revenues derivable from such real estate, so long as the Bank continues solvent, by which means money can be loaned at a much lower rate of interest, the stock being only held in security, which really costs nothing and any dividend to a stockholder is so much clear gain, as he occupies and enjoys his farm, and at the same time receives his dividend upon it in the same manner as if such stock were paid up in gold.

And your Committee would recommend that the Executive Committee be directed to take the scheme into consideration, and if upon investigation it appears to them as practical as it does to your Committee, that they prepare and submit to this Dominion Grange, at its next meeting a plan in detail for carrying such scheme into operation.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. H. HILBORN,
J. P. BULL,
THOMAS DUFF, } Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Financial Agents of Grange Trust submitted their report as follows :

Grange Trust Financial Agent's Report.

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

TORONTO, 19th Dec., 1878.

Previous reports have alluded to the desirability of establishing a Loan Company in connection with the Dominion Grange. The suggestions then made were submitted to and approved by successive annual meetings. Preliminary negotiations cleared the way for action, and in April of this

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year the Executive Committee passed the requisite resolutions authorizing the procuring of a charter, the opening of stock lists, the appointment of agents in various localities throughout the Province, and the appointment of the Secretary of Dominion Grange in conjunction with Messrs. N. Weatherston & Co. as joint Financial Agents to organize the scheme. The Financial Agents at once entered into active correspondence with gentlemen in Britain representing the monied interests of that country, and the result has been of the most encouraging character. The information thus obtained has been from time to time placed before the Executive Committee, and they in consequence feel thoroughly assured that the enterprise will be a complete success in so far as the raising of money in Britain is concerned, provided that the Grange generally does its part. The Secretary of Dominion Grange has taken great pains and trouble in bringing the scheme before the members of the Order, both by circular and personal address, so that its advantages might not escape the notice of any one. As the patrons are aware, the scheme represents a proposed capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into 20,000 shares, of \$50 each. Of this amount the sum of \$582,000 has been reported as taken up; of this amount, however, the very large sum of \$526,800, representing 10,536 shares has been subscribed through the zealous instrumentality of Mr. T. J. Staples, of Baltimore, county of Northumberland. The Executive Committee, recognizing the exceedingly limited amount of stock taken throughout the Province generally, with this one exceptional district, have deemed it desirable to authorize Mr. Staples to act as a general agent in conjunction with local agents with a view to securing subscriptions for the remainder of the stock, and they have every reason to believe from the representations made by Mr. Staples that the amount required will be forthcoming before the 1st of March, 1879. The Executive Committee have also deemed it prudent to make the statutory of 10 per cent (which it is confidently expected and believed will be the only call ever made in the Company,) due and payable on the 1st February, 1879. This is essential to comply in the first place with the act of incorporation, and secondly in order to show British capitalists the earnest good faith of the stockholders in the matter. It is unnecessary to enlarge on this point, for if we have to borrow nine-tenths of the money we propose to lend on mortgage from British investors, it is quite evident that they must be fully satisfied on all points connected with the Company. Advices up to the beginning of the present month have been received from financial quarters in Scotland, which confirm the belief that within six months our Company may be successfully floated on the British market, and the money thus obtained from the sale of debentures will be ready for investment.

Signed.

W. PEMBERTON PAGE.
N. WEATHERSTON & CO.,

On motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on Foreign Relations submitted their report as follows :

Report of Committee on Foreign Relations.

Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange.

We, the Committee on Foreign Relations, beg to submit the following report :

* 1st. Whereas the suggestions referred to this committee concerning the re-adjustment of the tariff, and duties on fruit, vegetables, fruit trees, &c., is referred to in the report on Commercial Relations, it is needless to make any comment thereon.

2nd. That steps be taken by the Grange Agent here to form connections with the Grange Agencies in the United States for the sale of produce.

That we regret the inability of Worthy Master Hill to attend the twelfth annual meeting of the National Grange, held at Richmond, Va., 20th November, 1878, as delegate from the Dominion Grange, but feel that our interests were safe in the hands of Bro. Chase, and trust that close relations and good will and amity may exist between members of the Order in whatever country they may exist.

LEVI R. WHITMAN,
J. V. SPOHN.

On motion, report was adopted.

After some further preliminary matters received due attention, the Fifth Annual Session of Dominion Grange was closed by Worthy Master E. H. Hilborn, to meet at the call of Executive Committee.

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The Government of the State of New York
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APPENDIX.

The following reply of the Governor-General to the address of the Dominion Grange was not received until after the close of the session, hence we insert it here.

The Governor-General's Reply.

To the Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

GENTLEMEN;—Your kind and courteous address comes at a time when sympathy is doubly grateful, and I return to you my most sincere thanks for the manner in which you have tendered to us your condolence, and have joined in the feelings of sorrow, in the grief of Her Majesty the Queen, which has been so fully shared by her people in the Dominion of Canada.

The agricultural interests of this country are so vast, and embrace so much of the industry of our population, that when you speak in their name you are the spokesmen of the majority of your fellow countrymen.

At the same time your organization, position, and knowledge enables you to show the way in the art of husbandry, and I need not say how heartily I echo your prayer that the blessing of Providence may descend upon the pursuits you foster, that your garners may be filled with every kind of store, and that prosperity and plenty may mark the coming years.

The Princess joins with me in thanking you, and in the hope expressed in your motto, "God Speed the Plough."

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Ottawa, Dec. 21st, 1878.

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Secretary's Stock Account.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

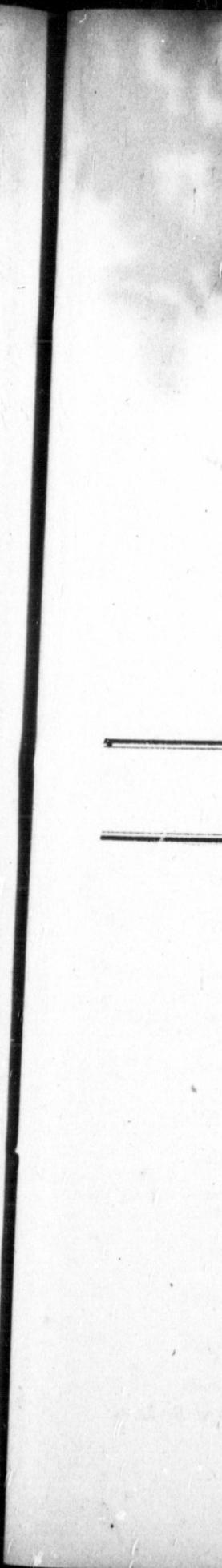
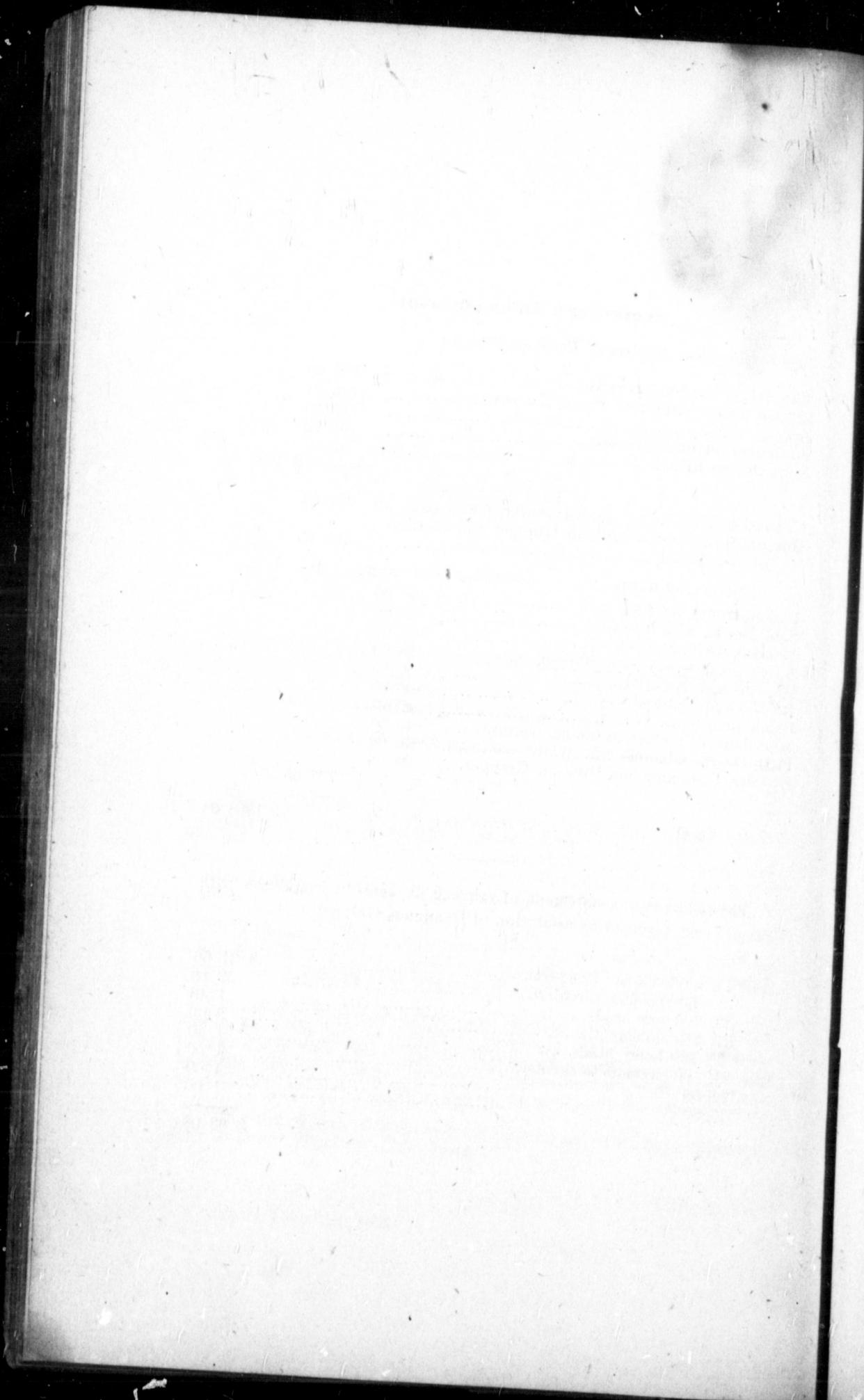
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| Parliamentary Guides..... | \$ 98 00 |
| Song Books, with music..... | 80 00 |
| Manuals, 1470, at 9½ cts..... | 139 65 |
| Jewels, 14 sets, also some broken sets..... | 126 00 |
| Wreaths and Material..... | 50 00 |
| Regalia and Material..... | 100 00 |
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