

Title:	Broadside for Good Templars' Strawberry Festival, 1869		
Creator:	Frontier Lodge no. 740		
Dates of Material:	1869	Record Group Number:	RG 782
Summary of Contents:	<p>A broadside advertising the Good Templars Strawberry Festival and Social Entertainment at Colt's Hall, Suspension Bridge, N.Y. on July 2, 1869. The social is hosted by Frontier Lodge no. 740 of the Independent Order of Good Templars. The broadside reads "<i>this festival will probably be the last and is pledged to be the best of the season! A number of very beautiful tableaux will be put upon the stage during the evening. Select music will be provided and everything done to make the entertainment one of social enjoyment. A committee of reception will be waiting to introduce strangers and to make all who attend this Festival feel themselves at home. The members of the Lodge extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to 'Come, Taste and See', that their strawberries are the sweetest and their ice cream the coldest that have been placed before them the present season</i>". Admission is 15 cents and the broadside is dated at Suspension Bridge, June 28, 1869.</p> <p>A note at the bottom of the broadside reads "<i>In fulfilling the mission of Good Templars, Frontier Lodge has since its organization offered to the citizens of Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Clifton, and the surrounding country frequent FREE entertainments, and the opportunity—which they are rejoiced to know has been freely availed of—of listening to some of the most talented speakers in the country. This has not been without expense to the Lodge, and having fitted up a hall at great cost it has now a small debt which it is desirable to liquidate, and solicits the patronage of the public to the accomplishment of this end</i>".</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	1 broadside (39 cm x 58 cm)		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	The Independent Order of Good Templars was a temperance organization founded in 1851. They advocated for total abstinence and accepted both men and women as members, with many women holding elected offices with the organization. In 1906 the group changed its name to the International Order of Good Templars.		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:			
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