

[As every Forester should take an interest in tree-planting, we hope those of our members who have time to read the reports carefully will write to Mr. Phipps and obtain copies of the Report to which he refers—Eds.].

Forestry on Prince Edward Island.

Editors FORESTER.

DEAR BROTHERS,—You will be pleased to hear of the success of our noble Order on this beautiful Island in the gulf. During the last twelve weeks, seven Courts have been established, one in each of the flourishing towns of Georgetown, Murray Harbor, Eldon, O'Leary, Crapaud, Kensington and New Glasgow. We have at the present time thirteen courts in the province; many of the courts are having a steady increase in membership, some of the courts doubling their membership within a year. The Island brethren are looking forward with interest to the first convention of the High Court in the province, which is to be held some time in August.

With best wishes, I am.

Yours in L. B. & C.,

S. C. WELLS, D.S.C.R.

Among the Courts.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,

HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

281 LANSLOWNE AVENUE, TORONTO,

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To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts in the High Court Jurisdiction of Ontario:

BRETHREN,—I desire at the earliest possible opportunity to acknowledge the high honor conferred upon me by your representatives when at the High Court of Ontario, at Barrie, on the 10th, I was elected by a unanimous vote to the first position in your gift. I assure you that I am deeply sensible of this mark of appreciation and confidence, and it shall be my constant endeavour during my term of office as High Chief Ranger of the Banner High Court in our great Order, to do all that I possibly can to justify your good opinion, and to show that I am not unmindful of the trust reposed in me.

The recent meeting of the High Court, the largest in the history of the Order, nearly 400 representatives being present, was a highly successful one, and marked by cordiality, earnestness and enthusiasm. Questions of moment were considered from all standpoints, and while in discussion different opinions were freely expressed, courtesy and mutual confidence characterized every debate.

The appearance and general conduct of your representatives excited attention, and called forth favorable comment. It would be difficult to find a body of men that would represent more fully the worth, solidity and enterprise of the community at large. Taking them as representatives of our membership generally, we can congratulate ourselves on both the fine physique and high intelligence of Independent Foresters.

The amount of new legislation enacted by the High Court is limited. A synopsis of the proceedings appears in the present number. A copy of the printed minutes will be mailed to every Court Deputy for the benefit of your Subordinate Court.

The presence of our Supreme Chief Ranger and other members of the Supreme Executive, was gratifying to the High Court, and as representatives they contributed to the success and interest of the proceedings.

The Forestric year upon which we have entered is full of promise for the growth and prosperity of our beloved Order. The best spirit prevails throughout the length and breadth of the entire jurisdiction.

Our 430 courts in Ontario are well officered, and the rank and file of our membership are becoming more and more impressed with the soundness of the principles of Forestry, the advantages connected with membership, and the efficiency with which the affairs of the Order are administered by our Supreme Executive.

I appeal to you with confidence for your earnest co-operation to assist my colleagues on the High Standing Committee, and myself, in making this the most prosperous year in the history of Independent Forestry in Ontario. I want every officer and member to realize the obligations assumed at initiation and installation to office. Mindful of our pledges, "to promote the welfare of Brother Foresters," and "to do all in our power to spread the principles of our Order," we will be mutually helpful one to another, and we will be tireless in our efforts to induce others to share with us the advantages that Independent Forestry bestows.

Let our motto for the year be "Forward!" Let us retain the members that we have—stimulate into activity dormant Courts; in active Courts, make additions to the membership at every meeting, and establish new Courts in localities where our Order is unrepresented. All this we can do in the spirit of the truest Liberty, under the impulse of an unselfish Benevolence, and for the promotion of that Concord so essential to the peace and permanence of the community.

The merits of our Order are such that in advocating its claims we need not, and I trust we shall not, disparage or belittle any sister organization. In the work of extending and building up the Order nothing tells like "days' work." At it, always at it, and all at it together; and at next High Court in Sarnia, if privileged to meet you, I have no fear, but, as a result of our united effort, we shall be able to show a record of work attempted and accomplished that will surpass that of any former year in our history.

Our High Court Inspectors, Bros. Whale and Wallace, my colleagues on the High Standing Committee, and myself, will visit as many Courts as we can during our year of office.

I shall be glad at any time to hear from you, and to receive any suggestions you may have to offer with reference to the work of the Order. Wishing for your Court accession to the membership and interest and harmony in your meetings; and for yourselves personally, health, prosperity and happiness, I remain, dear brethren, yours in

Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

Attest,

JAS. B. HALKETT,

High Secretary.

A. MACGILLIVRAY,

High Chief Ranger.