

and if so to place said amount at the disposal of the High Standing Committee of this Court.

I would also suggest that a Foresters' Booth be arranged for (on the same lines as we had in the autumn of 1897) at the Provincial Exhibition to be held in Charlottetown this autumn.

HOSPITAL.

The new P.E.I. Hospital was not ready for the public use until late in the High Court year, and



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as your Committee was unable to obtain a ward on the exact terms that were given us at our last session we have deemed it best to leave the whole question for you to decide now.

Our finances I leave to the proper officers to report on, and I feel satisfied you will be pleased to learn that they are all that could be desired and in good shape. Our increase in membership is far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Before closing this short report I must thank the High Standing Committee, one and all, for the many kindnesses shown me during my term of office. No presiding officer ever had a more faithful and energetic executive, and I trust my successor may be as fortunate.

I thank you again for the high honor conferred upon me, and if I can lay down my gavel, feeling I have wounded no heart nor given pain to any one, and have in any way been privileged to help some brother, I shall be gratified.

And now may the great High Chief of the Universe guide us in our deliberations, and may we all seek each other's good, and our conclusions conduce to the best interests of our Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.

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The report of J. H. Bell, High Treasurer, was then read, which showed: Cash on hand from last year, \$501.95; receipts during the year, \$987.34; expenditure, \$1,018.00; cash on hand and in bank, \$371.29.

The Auditor's Report was read by H. D. McEwen, and also referred to the Committee on Distribution.

After the Committee had reported the Court adjourned to meet at 9.30 this morning.

The public meeting in the evening was very largely attended, many being unable to obtain admission to the hall. Dr. Robertson, H.C.R., presided. Mr. J. J. Hughes, President of the Board of Trade, read an address of welcome.

Charles Murphy, High Counsellor, replied on behalf of the High Court to the address of the Board of Trade in a brilliant address. A number of the leading members of the High Court declare that the High Counsellor's speech was the best address on Forestry they had ever listened to.

The other speakers were: Rev. J. M. Withycombe, J. E. Birch, M.L.A., and H. B. Huestis.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The High Court opened at 9.45 a.m.

The reports of a number of the different committees were read and discussed. An account was placed in the estimates for a booth in the Exhibition building during the Provincial Exhibition of 1900. The matter of a separate Forester ward in the P.E.I. hospital was brought up and discussed at length. An amendment carried to furnish a trained nurse for two weeks at the Foresters' home. Upon the recommendation of the High Court Physician, \$200 was placed at the disposal of the High Standing Committee to pay for the same. The High Chief Ranger was handed a despatch by *The Guardian's* representative, chairman of the Press



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Committee, stating that the Allies had entered Peking. The members of the Court immediately rose to their feet and enthusiastically sang "God Save the Queen."

Upon motion of Rev. E. Gillies, High Orator, seconded by Dr. A. E. Douglas, High Physician, the following telegram was sent to Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters: