

Prince Edward Island.

Office of High Chief Ranger,
CHARLOTTETOWN, August 17th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

At the annual meeting of the High Court of P. E. Island, held in Summerside on the 12th and 13th of this month, I was elected to the office of High Chief Ranger, and I take this occasion to express my thanks to the brethren, through their representatives, for the honor conferred upon me.

Realizing fully the responsibilities of this high office, it will be my aim at all times to consolidate and build up our beloved Order throughout this province, wherever possible to do so, and by the time of next High Court meeting I fully expect to meet it with one thousand five hundred Foresters in good standing on P. E. Island.

In order to do this, brethren, it will be necessary for each individual member to set himself to work and get in at least one new member during the coming year. It only requires a little effort on the part of the membership, and in order to make the work interesting, and to assist in building up courts already in existence, I have decided to offer as a prize to the court that initiates the largest number of members between now and July 1st, 1898, a Cabinet Organ (made by the Dominion Organ Co.), suitable for lodge purposes. The courts competing to send a list of the new members initiated (to be at least ten), certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the respective courts; the said list to agree with the High Court returns.

I will be glad to correspond with Court Deputies in regard to the work of their courts, and shall also endeavor to visit as many courts as possible during my term of office, and render any assistance it may be in my power to give.

Hoping that the membership will join together and decide that their court is not going to be behind in this prize competition, and that each court will, now that the fall is approaching, meet regularly and practice fully the signs and unwritten work of the Order—always keeping in view the fact that there is a vast power for good in a well-conducted meeting of the brethren—I anticipate for us all a happy and prosperous year, one that will place P. E. Island in the front rank of Forestry, where she rightly belongs.

I am yours in L., B. and C.,

FRANK S. JOST,
High Chief Ranger.

The Foresters' booth in the Exhibition Building during the days of the Provincial Fair, Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24, was a decided success, although the exhibition was somewhat of a failure.

A great many Foresters called and registered. Among them were: Hon. George Forbes, Court Balnagowan; A. P. Prowse, Court Murray Harbor; Uriah Matthew, Court St. John; Chas. R. Rogers, Court Onaway; Dr. Campbell, Court Wallace; J. E. B. McCready, Court La Tour, St. John, N.B.; J. D. Seamans, Court Avondale; John S. McNeill, Court Silvan.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Perly C. Walsh, of Court Avondale, a young man of great promise. He having been ill for two years past, the court had made application to have him placed in the disability class. This is the first loss by death for Court Avondale.

Bro. L. W. Fowler, H.S., has been engaged by the Supreme Executive to devote all his time to the work of the Order. Bro. Fowler is a capable and zealous officer. He has entered upon his fall campaign, and a boom in P.E.I. is looked for.

Illinois.

High Court Meeting at Peoria—100 Representatives Present.

The first biennial session of the High Court of Illinois was held in Peoria on the 24th and 25th September. The pleasant weather, large attendance, the welcome of the citizens of Peoria, the encouraging reports of High officers, and the presence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, all combined to make the meeting an enjoyable and successful one.

The report of the Credential Committee showed 100 delegates to be in attendance.

CIVIC WELCOME.

The Mayor of Peoria gave the delegates and officers of the High Court a very hearty welcome to the city of Peoria, and stated to them that everything in sight was placed at their disposal. A. E. Stevenson, High Chief Ranger, responded to the welcome in a few happy and well-chosen words.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

Shortly after the opening of the afternoon session, the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, was announced, and amidst the greatest enthusiasm was conducted to the platform, and by request of the High Chief Ranger took the chair and conducted the further business of the meeting. A short time after this Mayor Koch, of Bloomington, was introduced to the members present, and on invitation of the Supreme Chief Ranger gave a short address to the members of the High Court.

Mayor Koch is a member of the Order in his own city, and he gave a very glowing account of the prospects and success of Court Evergreen City, No. 3250.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

From the reports of the officers it was gathered that the Order was in a most flourishing condition in the State. The membership on the 1st of August was **3,834**, as compared with 633 two years ago. A *six-fold* increase is an exceptional record. All the courts are in good working order. The report of the treasurer showed a satisfactory state of the finances of the High Court.

PARADE, PUBLIC MEETING AND BANQUET.

Fully 400 members of the Order, headed by a splendid band, paraded the streets on the evening of the 24th.

The scene was most inspiring and encouraging to the members of the Order. Thousands of people lined the streets on either side of the line of march, to the place of meeting.

The hall at the evening meeting was filled to overflowing and the programme was very interesting as well as instructive.

Dr. Oronhyatekha gave an address, characterized as usual by his sallies of wit and humor, and so plainly did he set forth the duties devolving upon men to protect those who are dependent upon them that no conscientious man could leave the hall uninsured, and feel that he was doing anything like