

largest attended and most successful one ever held there.

The change in the date of the Chief's meeting at San Francisco is partly due to a desire on the part of some of the delegates to meet Dr. Oronhyatekha at such meeting. This they can do, as they will then be on their way to the High Court meeting at San Jose.

COURT WESTMINSTER, No. 891, held a grand public meeting on the occasion of the visit of the H.C.R. on Aug. 24th. It was a big advertisement for the court, which has always been benefited by the annual visits of the H.C.R., as the whole country-side turns out to hear G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., talk Forestry, and tell his funny stories.

COURT CALIFORNIA, No. 4510 of Riverside, received an official visit from Bro. G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., on August 21st, when a large number of its 200 members were present to receive the High Chief, who addressed the court on the many benefits that accrue to them as Foresters. This court has increased its membership 53 during the past year, and there is no finer body of men in the state.

### Iowa.

COURT DES MOINES, No. 1059.—On August 5th, the members of this court gave their first excursion and picnic. A full ship load of Foresters and their friends enjoyed the day. Athletic sports was the chief pastime. Court Polk carried off the honors in the quoit competition. The affair was so successful that it will be made annual.

### High Court of Pennsylvania.

#### First Annual Session.

The High Court of Pennsylvania which was instituted July 13th, 1895, met in first annual session at Erie, Pa. at 11 a.m., August 17th with the following officers present:

H.C.R., G. W. Strickland, Titusville; H. V. C.R., G. W. Wickham, Erie; H. Sec., W. H. Punchard, Philadelphia; H. Treas., H. E. Crumbacher, Altoona; H. Coun., A. S. Fisher, Altoona; H. Chap., C. A. Conn, Erie; H.S.W., J. H. Langhans, Pittsburg.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the High Court degree was then conferred upon those present.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following committees:

State of the Order.—C. C. Bennett, W. S. Clark, A. S. Fisher.

Constitutions and Laws.—H. E. Crumbacher, G. W. Wickham, A. S. Fisher.

On Credentials.—W. H. Punchard, A. S. Fisher, H. E. Crumbacher.

On Finance and Auditing.—C. C. Bennett, C. W. Mingle, H. L. Smith.

On Press Report.—D. P. Robbins.

The High Secretary read his annual report which showed an increase in courts from eight to twenty, and in membership from 214

to 573. After the High Treasurer's report the session adjourned until Tuesday at 9 a.m., as a generous invitation had been extended to the High Court members to take an outing at the picnic grounds five miles from Erie at the head of Erie Bay. A grand banquet was also held from 9 to 12 p.m., at the same place, where toasts and speech making was indulged in, interspersed with orchestral music and witty recitations.

### TUESDAY.

The adjourned session convened at 9.15. Minutes of the first and special sessions held at Philadelphia were read and approved. Telegrams of fraternal greeting were sent to the High Courts of Ontario and Iowa, in session this week. Report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved, after which the election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

H.C.R., G. W. Strickland, Titusville; H. V. C.R., H. L. Smith, Altoona; H. Sec., C. W. Mingle, Philadelphia; H. Treas. W. S. Clark, Erie; H. Coun., A. S. Fisher, Altoona; H. Phy., C. B. Chidester, Erie; H. Auditors', C. A. Conn, Erie, and C. C. Bennett, Ridgeway.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following officers:

H.J.S., D. P. Robbins, Erie; H. Chap., G. W. Mickham, Erie; H.S.W., H. F. Crumbacher, Altoona; H.J.W., H. L. Punchard, Philadelphia; H. S. B., J. Barringer, North East; H.J.B., E. C. Plantz, North East; H. Mar., J. H. Langhans, Pittsburg; H. Cond., E. C. Foreman, Erie; H. Mess., J. A. Steinmetz, Erie.

After the installation, a code of by-laws was presented and adopted, and at 12.45 the High Court of Pennsylvania ended its session of 1896, and adjourned to meet in Altoona in August 1898.

### Michigan.

For August Michigan did good work. The accepted applications numbered 182, standing second to New York, that secured first place with 186.

Bro. T. G. Davey's work in Michigan is telling materially. Michigan has in Bros. Weeks, Davey, Donovan, and others, some of the best organizers in the Order.

Chief Lee Joslyn is cherishing the pardonable hope of meeting his High Court with his jurisdiction leading among the 32 High Courts of the Order. Stranger things have happened.

Michigan has a chance for first place among High Courts, now that Ontario with her 39,000 members has divided into three High Courts—the membership of the strongest of the three is about 11,000.

The race is won. At last accounts Michigan led Quebec by 8. The figures were Michigan, 10,359; Quebec, 10,312; but then another month may see positions changed. Quebec has held the lead for over a year.

COURT FRANKFORT has done its full share in bringing Michigan to the front. 35 appli-