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**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS**

**FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

**SUPREME COURT**

**CITY HA' L. OTTAWA.**

*Thursday & Friday, Aug. 27 & 28, '85*

The Fourth Annual Communication of the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters was opened in due form in the City Hall Chambers, Ottawa, at 10 o'clock, a.m., Thursday, August 28, 1885. Dr. Oronhyatekha S.C.R., presiding.

The following officers were present at the opening:

- S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, London
- P.S.C.R., E. Botterell, Ottawa.
- S.S., E. S. Cummer, Hamilton.
- S.C., J. A. McGillivray, Uxbridge
- S.J.S., A. H. Backhouse, Aylmer.

The S. C. R. made the following appointments:

- S.J.S., Thos. Lawless, Nanec.
- S.S.W., Geo. Parish, London.
- S.J.W., G. A. Proctor, Sarnia.
- S.S.B., John Finagin, Hamilton.
- S.J.B., C. C. Whale, Manotick.
- S. Ma., J. Crawford, London.
- S. Con., J. Beaumont, Glenwilliams.
- S. Mess., W. H. Bennett, Wyoming

The S.C.R. appointed the following Credentials Committee

- Bros. E. S. Cummer, T. B. Halkett, A. R. Milne.

**THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.**

The committee, after due investigation, reported the credentials of the following representatives from the High Court of Ontario correct, as follows:

Office of the High Secretary.

Ottawa, Aug. 27, 1885

*The Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters:*

WORTHY REPRESENTATIVES, — This certifies that the following members of the High Court of Ontario have been duly elected representatives to act for said High Court at the meeting of the Supreme Court to be held in the city of Ottawa, commencing on Thursday, 27th August, 1885, viz.:

Representatives—A. R. Milne, John Culbert, Geo. A. Proctor, J. A. Todd, M.D., J. Finagin, A. H. Backhouse, W. H. Henderson, M.D., B. W. Greer, S. Wright, M.D., W. Griffith, J. W. Frost, C. C. Whale, C. W. Jones, Jas. Slater, Thos. Lawless, Geo. Parish, Wm. Gerry, W. H. Bennett, Jos. Beaumont, A. Oronhyatekha, W. H. Laurie and Rev. W. Walsh.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. FITZGERALD,  
*High Chief Ranger.*

JAMES B. HALKETT,  
*High Secretary.*

The Report was adopted and thereupon the following, who were already members of the Supreme Court, took their seats:

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| A. R. Milne.     | James Slater.    |
| John Culbert.    | Geo. Parish.     |
| Geo. A. Proctor. | W. Gerry.        |
| J. A. Todd, M.D. | B. W. Greer.     |
| W. Griffith.     | A. H. Backhouse. |
| J. Finagin.      | Rev. W. Walsh.   |

After which the following members, who had not previously attended the Supreme Court, were introduced and initiated into the Supreme Court degree:

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| S. Wright, M.D.  | C. C. Whale.          |
| J. W. Frost.     | J. H. Beaumont.       |
| Thos. Lawless.   | C. W. Jones.          |
| W. H. Bennett.   | W. H. Henderson, M.D. |
| A. Oronhyatekha. | W. H. Lowrie.         |

The S.C.R. then appointed the following standing committees:

**FINANCE.**—John A. McGillivray, I. B. Halkett, B. W. Greer.

**APPEALS AND PETITIONS.**—W. W. Fitzgerald, Dr. Henderson, W. Griffith.

**CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.**—E. Botterell, A. H. Backhouse, J. W. Frost.

**STATE OF THE ORDER.**—Rev. W. Walsh, G. A. Proctor, G. Parish.

**NEW BUSINESS.**—W. Culbert, Dr. J. G. Baird, W. Gerry.

Bro. E. Botterell moved, seconded by Bro. A. H. Backhouse, that the hours of meeting be from 9 to 12 o'clock a.m., and to 6 o'clock

p.m. and 8 p.m., to adjourn at will. Carried. The reports of the Supreme Officers were presented and distributed.

**Supreme Chief Ranger's Report.**

Chambers of the Supreme Court,  
Ottawa, 27th August, 1885.

*To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Court:*

BRETHREN, — Once more I am privileged to open the Annual Session of our Supreme Court, and in doing so I desire first to ask you to unite with me in returning thanks to the Great Spirit for having spared our lives during the year past and permitting us again to assemble around our "Council Fire" under circumstances of so great favor. We have added

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of prosperity to our history, and at the close of this our fourth year, I think we can claim for Independent Forestry a foundation which is likely to endure the test of time and upon which we can rear a superstructure which will continue to grow and to prosper, and which will be scattering blessings among generations yet unborn, and long after we shall have gone to our final home. We have during the past demonstrated the capabilities of our noble and beloved order, and though only in our very infancy we have already made a name for the Independent Order of Foresters and won a place for it of which much older Societies might justly be proud.

**EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.**

I desire at the outset to place on record the great obligations under which my deputies have placed me in connection with the arduous work of extending the Order. I have great pleasure in making special mention of the names of Bros. C. W. Jones, D.S.C.R.; L. G. Jarvis, D. S. C. R.; J. Foreman, D. S. C. R.; W. Stocks, D.S.C.R., and C. C. Whale, D. S. C. R., who have rendered me so most efficient and valuable services in the field.

Shortly after the close of the last session I arranged with the Executive Council to visit Manitoba for the purpose of putting our Order in that Province on a firmer basis. Accordingly in October I left home for the far West, intending to visit Nebraska, Minnesota and Dakota en route to Manitoba. I reached Nebraska and at once began the work of planting the Order in that State. Good Courts were begun in Omaha and Lincoln, but unfortunately I was taken so ill that I was compelled to abandon the work so auspiciously begun and to return home.