

Court Marquette, No. 443, Portage la Prairie.

On the eve of his departure for Carberry to engage in business on his own account, Bro. Manville, our late Court Deputy, was "far-welled" by the Court. The speeches of the Chief Ranger and many members expressed deep regret at the removal of the Brother but at the same time wishing him prosperity in his new home. On behalf of the Court as a mark of its esteem and appreciation of services rendered, the P.H.C.R. presented Bro. Manville with a P. C. Ranger's Badge, which evidence of its good will the Brother feelingly acknowledged.

Court Pt. Douglass, 1015, Winnipeg.

One of those social gatherings for which this court is celebrated was held last night in the hall, 527 Main street. High Chief Ranger Thomas Waddell occupied the chair.

The meeting was held as a send-off to several of the members of the court who are leaving the city for the winter.

The programme was a good one. Mr. T. J. Scott warmed the hearts of the Scotchmen present by his songs of their native land. Messrs. Wilson Brothers and Mr. Spittalhouse in their instrumental pieces, received deserved encores. Mr. Spittalhouse's selection, "Westminster Bells," was exceptionally fine. A recitation by Miss Cornish was well rendered. Addresses were delivered by the chairman and G. H. West, H.C., both of these gentlemen having just returned from attendance at the Supreme Court in London, Eng. Their remarks were instructive and full of interest to all Foresters, or those who are considering the advisability of becoming such.

Refreshments were served during the evening. A very pleasant night was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

MANITOBA NOTES.

H. C. R. Waddell having returned from the Supreme Court, is devoting his time to looking after the interests of the Order.

Any Court in the jurisdiction wishing a visit from the members of the High Standing Committee will please drop the High Secretary a line.

Court Plum Creek 1192, held their third anniversary entertainment on 8th November. Like everything this Court takes hold of, this meeting proved a success.

Michigan.

Court Gibraltar No. 1489, Jackson.

We clip from the Jackson *Daily Patriot*: One of the cosiest of banquets was enjoyed by the members of Court Gibraltar No. 1489, I. O. F., last evening at the close of their meeting. F. W. Smith and A. J. White put their heads together to make it pleasant for the state organizer, A. A. Weeks of Grand Rapids, who was in attendance and assisted in the initiation of a class of thirteen candidates. A banquet was served at Schuhmacher's. Fifteen covers were spread and

the toasts and responses were enjoyed until a late hour. The members of Court Gibraltar are alive and competent for any emergency.

We clip the following interesting item from the *Evening Press* of Grand Rapids:

ROYCE-ALLEN.

Miss Susie Royce and James S. Allen, both of Chelsea, were married Nov. 13th, at the home of A. A. Weeks, on North Lafayette street, Rev. J. T. Husted performing the ceremony. Miss Mabel Weeks was the maid of honor, Walter E. Weeks was the groomsman, and the wedding march was played by Miss Marion E. Weeks. The wedding was solemnized under the auspices of the Foresters, all of the gentlemen present except two being members of that Order. During the ceremony the happy couple stood beneath a canopy of emblems of the Order. A poem written for the occasion by Mrs. P. McCaulay was read by R. N. Weeks, in the absence of Mrs. McCaulay. Mr. and Mrs. Allen returned to their home in Chelsea to-day.

Indiana.

Court General Milroy, Valparaiso.

The following unsolicited testimony of the worth of the I.O.F., will be read with interest. It is received from John Fitzwilliams, A.M., of the above Court:

"I have always found that the Independent Order of Foresters of the World are dealing strictly honest and promptly paying all just claims of its members from ten to twenty days after final papers were properly executed and forwarded to Head Office, Toronto, Canada. I am taking *New York Chronicle & Rough Notes* and *Inter-Ocean* of Chicago, and I can honestly say that I have to read of the first claim rejected by the Order either in Canada or the U.S., this is saying a good deal and more than I say for any one of the nine Insurance Companies represented by my agency, John Fitzwilliam & Son.

Wisconsin.

Court Racine No. 1526.

Forestry is making splendid progress in Wisconsin. Court Racine is doing its full share to bring the Order into prominence and keep it there. The second anniversary was celebrated by a brilliant entertainment, which was largely attended by members and their friends. The hall was beautifully decorated. Bro. Dr. Walter G. Haven was Master of Ceremonies, a splendid musical and literary programme was rendered. A choice supper was served by the ladies.

Among the distinguished visitors present were: Colonel B. F. Parker of Milwaukee, High Chief Ranger of Wisconsin; Col. J. F. Long, Deputy Supreme Ranger of Illinois; W. A. Van Ess, D.S.C.R., of Milwaukee; S. Samuels, D.S.C.R., and 15 others from Milwaukee.