

ship are received at nearly all of our meetings. The court meetings, which are held the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Orange Hall, are very well attended, there being an average attendance of from twenty-five to thirty members at each meeting.

I am glad to say that our worthy Court Physician Dr. McCurdy, who was so ill some time ago of typhoid fever, is now quite restored to health, and back in his accustomed place once more.

Notwithstanding the various hinderances and drawbacks that have been met with, this Court is in a most flourishing condition, and there is every prospect of greater prosperity for it in the coming year.

With best wishes for the prosperity of our noble Order,

I remain,  
Yours fraternally, in L. B. & C.,  
F. A. PLANCHE.

Sawyerville, Dec. 1st, 1891.

LEARNED PLAINS, Dec. 12th, 1891.

To the Editor of the Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the evening of Dec. 9th Court Island Brook spent a very enjoyable evening, it being the occasion of an official visit from our High Secretary, Bro. John Stocks. We had one candidate for initiation. After he had been duly admitted into our Forestry Circle, Bro. Stocks gave us a very interesting address, explaining the work of the Order, and also speaking words of encouragement and cheer. This Court has been laboring under difficulties, but we hope the crisis is past and that brighter days are coming. Bro. Stocks is the right man in the right place and is doing grand work for our noble Order.

Yours in L. B. and C.,  
A. F. BOWEN, C.D.H.C.R.

#### A Brilliant Event.

STE. CUNÉGONDE, 18th Dec., 1891.

To the Editor of the Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 30th of Nov. last Court St. Roch, No. 701, held its first anniversary banquet in its new hall, No. 128 Vinet-street, St. Cunégonde, which it inaugurated for the circumstance. The banquet was a great success, the menu was excellent, the musical programme good, and the attendance surpassed our hopes. Amongst our distinguished guests were L. H. Henault, Mayor of the City of Cunégonde; Rev. Alp. Seguin, Parish Priest of St. Cunégonde; John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, Toronto; Peter Strathearn, H.C.R., High Court of Quebec; V. Morin, High Treas., High Court of Quebec; the Officers of Sister Courts of Montreal; Representatives of sister societies; the aldermen of St. Cunégonde and many friends from Montreal. After the menu had been honored the Secretary, L. Laurin, read letters of congratulations and excuses from Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.; T. Millman, S. Physician; T. Davey, S. Treas.; J. W. Stocks; H. Sec., High Court of Quebec, and others, for not being able to attend. Addresses were delivered by Bro. G. N. Ducharme, of Court St. Roch, No. 701, and Sec. Treas. of the city of St. Cunégonde; L. H. Henault; Rev. Alp. Seguin, who in brief and appropriate terms congratulated the members of Court St. Roch and his parishioners on their good move in providing for the future of their families by joining and propagating the advance of Benefit Societies, and in particular of *L'Ordre Independent de Forestiers*, and urged upon

the members of Court St. Roch to keep hard at work and induce their friends to join the Independent Order of Foresters; John A. McGillivray, S. Sec., whose talents and sentiments are well known to the members of the Order; V. Morin, High Treas.; P. Strathearn, H.C.R.; Ls. Fortin, C.D.H.C.R. of Court St. Roch; the Representatives of Sister Courts; F. X. Dupuis; U. Plourde, Advocate, M. I. A. Dorval, N.P.; Albert Leblanc, Advocate, and the President, Dr. Theo Cypriot, C.R. of Court St. Roch. The party adjourned at a late hour, feeling "strong and hearty" after having enjoyed a few hours of Forestry.

In L. B. and C.,  
L. LAURIN, R.S.

#### Nova Scotia.

"The Order is making satisfactory progress in the Maritime Provinces. In December no less than 5 new courts were established in Nova Scotia. Shubenacadie, Stewiacke, Windsor, Wolfville and Little River, being the places organized. Messrs Campbell and Barker, Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers, have rendered valuable assistance to the High Standing-Committee of Nova Scotia.

#### Winnipeg.

##### Concert at Kildonan.

KILDONAN LODGE I. O. F. HAVE AN EVENING WITH THEIR FRIENDS—MR WADDELL'S ADDRESS.

The school-house in Kildonan was crowded to the doors last night with an intelligent audience, that had gathered to enjoy the first tea and concert given by Court Kildonan, No. 465, of the Independent Order of Foresters. After partaking of a bountiful repast consisting of the good things of the season, the Rev. Mr. McDonald, Presbyterian pastor, took the chair and called the audience to order and in his opening address congratulated the Order on the grand work it was doing for humanity, and wished it every success in Kildonan, after which Miss Skead delighted the audience with instrumental music on the piano. Mr. Fred White, of Winnipeg, sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," as a solo, with such effect that a hearty encore was given, which was gracefully and creditably rendered. Miss Pattinson gave a recitation entitled "My First Beau," which was well received. Miss L. Kauffman sang a solo and was encored. Mr. H. H. Smith followed with a fine recitation, and as an encore gave a reading, after which "The Boys" gave a chorus, which was wildly encored which brought forth a glee.

Bro. W. F. Waddell, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, delivered the oration of the evening and sketched in a graphic and humorous manner the history and growth of the Order from its inception until the present, and advised the young ladies present to marry no man who used liquor, tobacco, or who refused to protect her interests with at least one thousand dollars of insurance on his life. The address was listened to with marked attention and was highly appreciated by all.

Mr. Joyal, of the city, gave some very entertaining music on the concertina and responded to several encores, also singing a song in French. Bro.