

by having signed my name in the presence of proper witness at the Mayor's office here, on the Endowment Certificate, and surrendered same to respective holders, no further claim whatsoever shall be made against anyone on account of said Endowment Certificate.

As witness KONGSBERG, 30th May, 1899.

(Signed)

(Signed)

EDWARD SCHONBERG

GRETIE LEE.

Attorney at Mayor's Office at Kongsberg.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

CARD OF THANKS.

COURT EDMONTON, I.O.F., No. 1346.

To the Chief Ranger:

I wish hereby to gratefully acknowledge receipt of \$500 in full of my late husband's insurance in the Independent Order of Foresters. I also desire to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Court Edmonton, No. 1346, of the Independent Order of Foresters for their prompt payment of the amount, the death claim for which only went away on the 28th of April, and for which a cheque was received on the 10th of May.

Very gratefully yours,
MRS. DOUGLAS PETRIE.

NOVA SCOTIA.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., June 21st, 1899.

DAN A. ROSE, Temple Building, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Court Archimedes, No. 1668, of Independent Order of Foresters, celebrated the 25th anniversary by parade to New St. Andrew's Church, where they were addressed by Rev. Wm. McC. Thompson.

The brothers turned out well and made a fine appearance with their new sashes and badges, headed by New Glasgow band.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
D. A. MACLELLAN, R.S.

OHIO.

The Courts at Canton held at Nimisilla Park, Tuesday evening, June 27th, one of the most successful festivals in the history of the Order in this jurisdiction. The Foresters engaged the Grand Army band as a special attraction, and the crowd is said by Superintendent Brother Reed, of the park, to have been the largest crowd that ever assembled there on any previous occasion. It was the most orderly that had ever visited the park, though the small boy at times broke loose. The tables spread by the ladies were filled throughout the evening and the Courts realized a very nice sum. The band programme was all that could be expected or desired. It was a popular programme, and the general applause Director Reinkendorff and his excellent musicians received demonstrated that it was appreciated, as encores were frequent.

Ct. Brokensword, No. 859, has more than doubled its membership since February last, the result of visit of High Chief Ranger Sorg and Supreme Deputy Brother Philip. The members were so inspired by these brethren's eloquent addresses, setting forth the principles and benefits derived

from membership in the Order, that they all agreed to take hold, with the above result. They did not only interest themselves, but the ladies as well, as news just received indicates the institution of Companion Court Liberty, by D.D.H.C.R. Cora E. Smith, on July 7th.

A number of members of Court Lima, No. 560, in company with Supreme Deputy Brother Philip, went to Ada recently to attend a meeting for the purpose of assisting in the initiation of one of Court Ada's candidates and helping him keep stride the "goat." The manner of transmission of news between these two towns was a little too handy and the candidate learned of the Lima boys coming. As they could not carry out the surprise they intended, their goat was left in the stable with the team they came over in. All enjoyed the very pleasant meeting, however, after which they retired to an adjoining dining-room, where a spread, prepared by Brother Geo. August, was partaken of. Speeches were next in order, and it goes without saying that Brother Philip let loose, as it was 2.30 before the Lima boys were ready to start for home.

CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, July 7th, 1899.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R. Toronto, Canada:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I desire to have it mentioned in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER that Court Pickaway, No. 1406, of Circleville, Ohio, has passed the one hundred mark and still we feel that we have a good prospect for further growth. We have now set the stake at one hundred and fifty.

Last night we initiated fourteen men, "good and true," into our Court; we had a very good time; altogether the occasion was one which will not soon be forgotten. About one hundred Foresters and their ladies partook of ice cream and cake after the work of the Court was completed. Bro. Evison, D.S.C.R., has worked very hard and had it not been in the very middle of harvest and thrashing, we would have had more than double the number. We have quite a goodly number of applications already signed, some of whom have already been examined. We expect to have ten or fifteen to initiate at our first August meeting.

Court Pickaway, No. 1406, is a model Court. She is now nearing her sixth anniversary. She has had no deaths, lost very few members by suspension. Her business is done like clockwork, and the remittances to the Supreme and High Courts are sent promptly and on time. She provides for her members a sick benefit of \$3.00 per week with a funeral benefit of \$30.00. She exacts an initiation fee of \$5.00 and 50 cents a month Court dues.

We find that it is good policy not to cheapen our Court, but to make the cost such that it will be appreciated. In the six years of our history we have been exceedingly favored. It has cost the Court very little over \$100 for benefits.

We hope no one will think this partaking of boastfulness, for we are of the opinion that if one doesn't "blow his own horn it will not be blown."

We feel like using the same prayer which was used by the Grand Chaplain of the Good Templars upon closing a rather stormy session of the Grand Lodge of that body, which was as follows: "O Lord, we thank Thee that we have done as well as we have done, and we think we have done pretty well."

In L., B. and C., RALPH MORDEN.