

Some had come in on Friday evening. On leaving the train they were immediately escorted to Foresters' Island, where a fine repast awaited them. After dinner the interest centered in the aquatic sports.

The races for yachts and skiffs were well contested. In the skiff race the Trilby finished first in 35 minutes, and the Viva manœuvring around the stakeboat 10 minutes later. A silver berry dish adorns the locker of the Trilby, while Commodore Naylor rejoices in the possession of a beautiful silver bake dish.

In the race for yachts, 25 feet and over, the starters were the Dauntless, Vera and Orpha. The Madge started over the course when the preparatory gun was fired, consequently was not in the race. The Dauntless led all the way around, and could have won easily had her skipper not made a mistake and run for the upper buoy instead of finishing at the stakeboat. The Vera won the race in 1 hour and 11 minutes, the Orpha finishing 9 minutes later. The first prize was a fine silver set of three pieces, the second a silver water pitcher.

In the 3 mile race for yachts and skiffs the entries were the Unorna, Viva, Star, Lark and Satisfaction. In this event the Unorna led all the way around, with the Star close behind as far as the second buoy. The Viva made a bad start, but finished second. She had a fierce struggle with the elements as to the proper side of the second buoy, but Commodore Naylor stuck grimly to the helm, and brought her up to the stakeboat in time to win the second prize. The Unorna covered the course in 35 minutes, and the Viva in 38 minutes. The prizes were: First, a silver cheese dish; second, a silver butter dish.

The prizes for the races were of the finest nature and a credit both to the donor and the winners of them.

In the log rolling contest, Alfred Martin took first prize and Arthur Joyce second.

The slippery pole walk was a source of merriment to the spectators. Over-confidence sent several contestants helter-skelter into the cool water of the bay. Arthur Martin secured first place, while Arthur Joyce made a good second.

In the plank race Jack Scrimshaw won first money and Elmer Luck was lucky enough to be second.

THE CONCERT.

The entertainment at Naylor's Opera House on Saturday evening was a decided success. The opening number was a comedietta, "A Cup of Tea," in which Mrs Acland Oronhyatekha took the leading part. Mutual mistakes and recriminations kept the audience in good humor until the curtain was rung down on a scene of domestic felicity. Miss Oronhyatekha sang a number in charming style to the accompaniment of Miss Dalton. An encore brought forth a ballad, in which the singer's voice was heard to good advantage. Wilbert Woodstock favored the audience with selections on the mandolin in a masterly manner. The evening's programme wound up with "Nan, or a Good-for Nothing," a one-act farce. Nan and her two guardians are in dire distress over a past due rent bill, but a way is found to circumvent this peace-destroyer, and the audience fled out in good humor, thankful to Mrs. Acland Oronhyatekha and her supporting players for the good time provided.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The island on Sunday afternoon was thronged with people. The steamer Merritt brought a

large delegation from Belleville; the Ella Ross brought in from Picton about all the people she could hold, and the Deseronto came in from Napanee with a full cargo of human freight. The Reindeer also brought in a good crowd from Belleville. Both the Ella Ross and Deseronto made trips from the steamboat dock to the island at frequent intervals during the afternoon. It is estimated that about 2,500 people were on the island.

The anniversary services were held in the pavilion. The music was furnished by the Mohawk choir. Instrumental music was furnished by Miss Oronhyatekha and the choir was led by Miss Charlotte Loft. Rev. W. H. Quartermaine, of Renfrew, High Chaplain of the Order, for Eastern Ontario, conducted the religious services.

An eloquent sermon on the objects and aims of Independent Forestry was delivered by Archdeacon Davis, Past Supreme Chaplain, of London. He chose for his text a portion of the 16th verse of the 17th chapter of St. Luke—"Giving thanks."

He rejoiced in being permitted to meet with such an audience on such an occasion. When we look into the motives of those who constitute the executive and are in command of the Order we admire the prudence and forethought of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Executive Committee. We are here to-day not as pleasure-seekers, but for a specific purpose, to give thanks to God.

The speaker said he was called upon to talk especially of thankfulness in the Order to which so many of his hearers belonged. The Order has been in existence 25 years, and in that time has done grand work for the widow and orphan. A quarter of a century ago the Independent Foresters had but 369 members, but this handful were prepared to face all difficulties. Claims to the amount of \$4,000 were outstanding, and these men who were brave enough to hold the helm at that time will surely meet their reward. God has prospered the Order, and should we not to-day give thanks to Him for the benefits He has conferred upon the Order?

Another matter for thankfulness was the loyalty of the local Courts. God made man a social being; man cannot live independently of his fellows. We are all brethren and as such should live together in unity. At the bedside of many a sick brother I have given thanks for the Order. We should all give thanks for the sick benefits that have been conferred during these 25 years. During this period there has been distributed to the sick and needy \$6,945,000, to the relief of 4,500 widows and 10,000 or 12,000 children. The Supreme Chief Ranger would have been derelict to his duty had he failed to call the members together to thank God for these benefits.

To those who become permanently disabled, one-half of the entire amount for which they are insured is granted. When a member reaches the age of 70 one-tenth of his insurance is turned over to him to enable him to retain in his old age the home which sheltered him in his more active days. In old age, when the days of labor are gone, this beneficent act on the part of the Order has enabled many worthy members to live in comfort which could not be otherwise obtained. Our Order is the Order of the wife and children, and we should value it for their sakes. We have a reserve fund of nearly three millions with which to carry on our grand work.

At the last meeting of the Supreme Council the