

reached, then we had to get the endorsement of the Treasury Board, which was received in due course, and it was not till after this had been done that we were in a position to give our printers instructions to go ahead.

The delay has no doubt caused great inconvenience to our courts, and to our organizers, but we think the Order will be well repaid in now having a better Constitutions and Laws than it ever had before. From and after the 1st of October all rulings and decisions will be based on the new laws. The officers and members of the courts, and all others concerned, had therefore better study the new book of Constitutions and Laws.

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In October the fall campaign begins.

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The August record was a fairly good one—that is for August—the applications numbered 1,847. September will be better.

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Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario are about as evenly matched as Michigan and Quebec. The coming winter will witness some interesting rivalry among High Courts.

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“Our tent” in “Society row” was one of the features of the Toronto Exhibition. The number who got a cordial welcome and a “button” were legion. Hosts Whale, Parkinson and Gilmour did their work well.

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“I guess hard times are dead,” we heard a person observe at the Toronto Exhibition. Judging from the immense crowds of well dressed people that visited the city, and took in the sights, one would conclude that times are pretty good.

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We are anxious that the FORESTER should be in the hands of the members by the first of the month. We want the co-operation of our readers. All communications should be in our hands not later than the 15th of the preceding month.

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The Surplus on the 1st Sept. was \$1,848,050.83. On the same day twelve months ago it was \$1,436,350, a gain of \$411,700.83 for the year. This looks satisfactory and gives the best possible answer as to the adequacy of rates and the soundness of management.

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Bro. Wardrope, H.C.R. of Ontario, makes a suggestion in his official circular that strong courts should act on, and that is that

they should pay the expenses of the officer or representative of the High Court that gives the address at their public entertainment.

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We accept very cordially the greeting of the “banner court of the world,” Los Angeles, No. 422. The members know a good thing when they say “The FORESTER is the brightest and best fraternal magazine in print.” We have no difficulty in believing them. Court Los Angeles deserves to have 582 members.

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Some High Courts, indeed the majority, are in the habit of reporting arrears of dues and for supplies on the part of Subordinate Courts. New York this year shows an absolutely clean sheet, not a single court being in arrears. Of course there is a surplus in the Treasury. We commend the example to other High Courts.

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Every court should have a public meeting of some kind during the coming months. We want to let the public know what the Order is, and what it is doing. A short, bright programme, with a prominent place for a telling address on the I.O.F., will instruct, and entertain, and secure members for the best fraternal society in the world.

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The banner court in Ontario is ORON-HYATEKHA, No. 23, Hamilton, with 227 members. It ought to be the banner court of the Order. It has a dozen to displace, with membership ranging from 250 up to 582. But then, Hamilton is the Ambitious City—and Chief Wardrope, of old Ontario, resides there.—What is to prevent Hamilton from having the banner court of the Order?

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Three are better than one. Ontario's three High Courts give Ontario three sets of able, experienced, zealous officers. The Order is looking for three times the work. The “Chiefs” and their colleagues can make more visits with a less expenditure of time and money than their predecessors. In the more compact jurisdictions distances are less and so time and money in travelling will be saved.

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New York has won the blue ribbon for August. The Empire State leads among the thirty-two jurisdictions with accepted applications, the number being 186. Michigan is only 4 behind. Illinois comes third with 175, while Ontario is fourth with 147. But then the High Court of Ontario met in August,