

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS' CONVENTION OPENS
SIX HUNDRED DELEGATES ARE PRESENTHigh Chief Ranger Darch
Presents His Report.ORGANIZATION
IS FLOURISHINGIs Progressing Numerically and
Financially—Some Facts
Gleaned From Report.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the officers of the high court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters opened in the city hall this morning with an attendance of delegates estimated at about four hundred.

The city hall is beautifully decorated with flags and fraternal decorations symbolical of the order, and presents a most attractive appearance.

The meeting will be presided over throughout by High Chief Ranger Fred J. Darch, of London, and will be one of the most important ever held.

Beside the questions and discussion regarding the recruitment of the rates the election will take place. The candidates in the field are numerous, and are all men high up in the order, so that the election will be most keenly contested.

The Candidates.

They are as follows:
High Chief Ranger—Robert Foster, Hamilton.
Vice High Chief Ranger—Rev. Dean Davis, London.
High Secretary—Dr. W. A. Henderson, Sarnia; Harry Hamby, London; M. J. Wigle, Essex.
High Treasurer—Frank Adams, London; R. D. Cameron, Lucknow; W. McAndrews, Hamilton.
High Counsellor—John Porter, Simcoe; W. E. Fitzgerald, Watford; J. N. West, Woodstock.
High Physician—Dr. Cammickie, Dr. Dunfield, Petrolia.
High Auditor—Frank Metcalfe, Blyth; J. W. Sheppard, Cayuga; C. N. Greenwood, Stratford; Geo. Brown, St. Marys; W. Sweet, Sarnia.

Mr. Darch Will Retire.

High Chief Ranger Fred J. Darch, who has played such a prominent part in Foresters' meetings in the past will retire, notwithstanding the many requests that have been made for him to continue.

His duties as supreme chief auditor, to which position he was appointed some months ago, will, Mr. Darch thinks, occupy all the time he can give to them and his place as high chief ranger will be filled by the present vice high chief ranger, Robert Foster, of Hamilton.

Registration Booths.

Registration booths have been provided at the hotels where the visiting delegates are stopping and a large number of them have registered. Each delegate wears a handsome badge bearing the emblem of the Foresters and the inscription "Thirty-First Session, High Court of Ontario, I. O. F., London, Aug. 25, 26, 1908."

Among the delegates are a large number of ladies representing the Companion courts of Ontario. The Companion courts throughout the province are in the most flourishing condition.

This morning, following the opening address of welcome by High Chief Ranger Darch, the high court degree was conferred upon a number of the delegates who had not already received it.

Annual Report.

The annual report which has been prepared and which was circulated among the members shows that the Foresters are in splendid shape. High Chief Ranger Darch's report shows that in Ontario there are now four high court jurisdictions. The membership in Ontario has increased in the last thirteen years by many thousands. Western Ontario alone having now nearly two-thirds as many members as at that time were in the whole province. The high treasurer's statement shows a healthy condition of affairs. The report speaks most highly of the efforts of P. C. R., C. H. Merryfield, whose work as chief organizer of the district has been most successful.

During the year 1,545 members have been accepted in the district.

The report of W. A. Henderson, high secretary, shows that during the year the supreme court in this jurisdiction paid out \$154,375.81 for mortuary benefits; for sick benefits, \$25,012.97; for funeral benefits, \$2,132.77; for permanent disability benefits, \$14,500, and for old age benefits, \$28,450, making a total altogether of \$258,461.55.

High Chief's Report.

High Chief Ranger F. J. Darch's report is as follows:
"To the officers and members of the High Court of Ontario, Companions and Brethren:

"I, another Forester year having come to a close it becomes the duty of those charged with the administration of its affairs to render an account Continued on Page Ten.

LONDON EXTENDS A WELCOME
TO THE VISITING FORESTERSMayor and Others Recall the Fact That It Was In This City That
Forestry Was Born—References to the Late Dr. Oronhyatekha
—Committees Named and Degrees Conferred.

Early this morning those delegates to the thirty-first annual session of the high court of the Independent Order of Foresters, who had not arrived last evening, reached the city and registration recommenced at the city hall, several hundred new names being added.

When the high court convened at 10 o'clock the auditorium of the city hall was seated by upwards of 600 delegates, including members of both subordinate and companion courts.

Officers Present.

High Chief Ranger Fred J. Darch presided, and other high court officers were present as follows:

H. J. S.—R. A. Harrington, Chatham.
H. O.—Rev. E. Jennings, Kingsville.
H. S. W.—Geo. Brown, St. Marys.
H. J. W.—Wm. McAndrew, Hamilton.
H. S. B.—W. Hayden, St. Thomas.
H. J. B.—Geo. Clark, Winona.
H. Marshal—W. T. Simpson, Chatham.
H. Messenger—J. Matheson, Stratford.
H. Conductor—M. J. Wigle, Windsor.
H. Organist—Comp. Mrs. Jones, of Woodstock.
P. H. C. R.—A. K. Goodman, Cayuga.

H. V. C. R.—Robert H. Foster, Hamilton.

H. Secretary—W. A. Henderson, M. D., Sarnia.
H. Treasurer—Very Rev. Dean Davis, London.
H. Physician—J. Dunnfield, M. D., Petrolia.

H. Counsellor—W. E. Fitzgerald, Watford.

High Auditors—John H. Hamby, London; Frank Metcalfe, Blyth.

Degrees Conferred.

Soon after calling the court together the high court degree was conferred. There were a couple of hundred delegates who had not been present at a high court meeting before and these retired when the high chief ranger instructed the high marshal, the high conductor and the chairman of the credentials committee to introduce the delegates.

This was done, and the impressive work of the high court degree was exemplified, after which the private work of the court was taken up, the first order being the naming of standing committees as follows:

Distribution.

E. O. Zimmerman, Hamilton; John Ilman, Moncton; E. B. Smith, Ailsa Craig; Thomas Hansford, Ottville; (Continued on Page Eight)



ROBERT FOSTER, OF HAMILTON,

Vice-Chief Ranger of the I. O. F., who is slated for high chief ranger of the High Court of Western Ontario at the annual election tomorrow. H. C. R. Darch's successor is secretary of the board of education, Hamilton.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR A BIGAMIST
MARRIED WEST LONDON GIRLAlthough He Already Had a Wife and Family in Scotland—
Thought His Crime Would Never Find Him Out, But the
World Is Small After All.

Magistrate Love this morning made it pretty plain to George Henderson, a young Scotchman from Edinburgh, that he does not approve of a man marrying a woman in Scotland and then coming out to this country and marrying another.

Henderson admitted that he was guilty of this crime and was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison for bigamy.

A Cowardly Act.

"You have acted in a most cowardly manner," the court said to Henderson in passing sentence upon him. "Your letters to your wife show that right along you had led her to believe that you loved her, and your little children. You spoke of having them join you here as soon as you were in a position to look after them. You told this woman this, and then went deliberately and wrecked another

young woman's life by marrying her. It was a cowardly act on your part."

The Crime.

Henderson, it will be remembered, came here from Edinburgh in the fall of 1906. For some time he sent money to his wife regularly. Then he wrote and told her he was leaving London as he could not make it go, and she need not expect to hear from him again. Shortly afterwards he married a well known West London lady and lived with her until his arrest in July.

The proceedings were taken on behalf of Mrs. Henderson by the Attorney-General of Ontario, and Henderson was arrested at his home by Detective Eglinton.

LOOKS LIKE FALL ELECTION
GOVT. FAVORS AN APPEALCabinet Gathered for Council at Capital Today and Question of
Election Certain To Be Settled—Standing of
Parties at Present.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier came back to Ottawa this afternoon looking greatly benefited by his holiday. Many of the other cabinet ministers are in the city, and all the rest except Mr. Templeman will be here tomorrow to attend a meeting of council. There is no doubt the question of the election will be tentatively settled. In fact, it is settled now, as a majority of the Government favor an appeal to the country this autumn, and the chances are ten to one the appeal will be made. This is well understood by both sides, as the political activity throughout the country indicates. However, there will be no dissolution of Parliament, and no definite announcement of an election date immediately. The election will probably take place in October or November, and there is ample time still for dissolution.

TRIP FOR HARDIE.

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The local labor unions are arranging a reception to K. Hardie, M. P., on his arrival here tomorrow. Among the events will be a moonlight trip on the river.

JUDGE ALUM.

Judge Alum, of one of Havana's correctional courts, fined the management of the Albu Theatre \$30 a few days ago for violating the ordinance against the playing of the Marcha de Cadiz (Cadiz March).

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 25.—8 a.m.
Light to moderate winds, mostly easterly; fine today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	40	Clear
Port Arthur	46	38	Fair
Parry Sound	52	44	Clear
Toronto	60	50	Clear
Ottawa	56	46	Fair
Montreal	56	52	Clear
Quebec	52	46	Clear
Father Point	52	48	Fair

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain is falling heavily over the Qu'Appelle valley and in Manitoba, while elsewhere in the Western Provinces showers have been more or less general. The weather remains fine and cool from the lake region to the Atlantic.

MR. C. H. MERRYFIELD,
High Organizer of the I. O. F.WATER SERVICE TO CLEVELAND
NEXT YEAR SAYS MAYOR STEVELYHis Worship States That American Capitalists Have Been In-
vestigating and Think It Will Pay—More Hotel Accommodation
Is Needed at the Port if Visitors Are to be Brought
Over From American Cities.

There will be a steamship service between Port Stanley and Cleveland next summer.

This is the opinion of Mayor Stevely and the American capitalists who have been looking over the situation for the past few days.

An effort was made to put on such a service this year, but it was impossible owing to the stringency of the money market in the United States.

MAYOR STEVELY SPEAKS.

"I had a long chat with the men behind the scheme yesterday," said Mayor Stevely, "and all seem enthusiastic about it. They are confident that it can be managed successfully, and there is no doubt in their minds but that it would pay handsomely. The passenger end of it is certain, and they are looking at the freight side of it."

"Many inquiries were received this year about excursions, and there is no doubt that many American visitors would have been here this year had there been such a service. The only difficulty to the minds of the Clevelanders was the accommodation. The hotels will have to be enlarged at the Port to accommodate visitors."

ARE INVESTIGATING.

President Rumball, of the Southwestern Traction Company, and others interested in the project are investigating the freight side of the question, and it is probable that such a service will be profitable from a freight standpoint.

Mayor Stevely expects to hear more of it later on.

Farmer Dropped Dead in Farm Yard
Very Sudden Death of Chas. JonesWas One of Westminister Town-
ship's Most Highly Respec-
ted Residents.

of the afternoon to have some tires re-set on his wagon.

On his return he drove into his yard and his family of little children ran out to meet him and help him unhitch. Suddenly they all ran back into the house and told their mother, "Father has fallen down."

Mrs. Jones went out and found her husband lying on the ground.

Medical aid was summoned, but Mr. Jones had died instantly from heart failure.

He was about 35 years old.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Only Through Blockade
Can Castro Be PunishedWar on Venezuelans by Dutch
Out of the Question.

London, Aug. 25.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague says that after discussing the Venezuelan affair with diplomats there he has arrived at the conclusion that there can be no question of war, such as advocated by those who are calling upon the Dutch Government to make forcible action, because, says the cor-

respondent, in the first place, Venezuela has no navy worth mentioning, and in the second place, apart from the fact that the Monroe Doctrine would prevent the Dutch from landing the Dutch warships could do nothing against Venezuela's steep cliffs, and that portion of the Dutch army destined for service in the colonies is far too small to effect anything.

"On the other hand, insults to national honor are not matters for arbitration; therefore, the only course left is a blockade."

General Luard's Wife Was Murdered

London, Aug. 24.—The wife of Major-Gen. Charles Edward Luard was mysteriously murdered this afternoon in a desolate wood near Seven Oaks, which is a short distance outside London.

No trace of the murderer has been found, but the motive apparently was robbery, valuable rings having been taken from the woman's fingers.

Major-Gen. Luard is a retired officer

of the Royal Engineers. He entered the army in 1857 and was executive officer in London during the Fenian disturbance of 1867. He devised the scheme for the rearmament of Gibraltar. He founded the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs in 1901 and the Patriotic Society in 1907. In 1875 he married the youngest daughter of Thomas Hartley, of Gilfoll, Cumberland.

Support Pledged to the Strikers

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 24.—There was a big meeting of all railway labor unions at the Trades Hall Saturday to discuss the strike situation, representatives being present from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Maintenance of Way Men. These compose the whole of the operating organizations of the C. P. R. at Calgary. Representatives of the press

were not admitted, but it was learned after the meeting that every phase of the strike was discussed in a very thorough manner.

Ultimately a resolution was passed endorsing the action taken already by the organizations now on strike, and ordering necessary steps to be taken to give them proper support. The meeting began at 8 o'clock and did not adjourn until midnight. The resolution is of a very important character. It practically pledges support of other railway unions to the strike.

Colored Man Resented the Insult

An American visitor to London has not a very good opinion of this fair city, and he declares that he is going to take the first train home to the United States.

The story is a very interesting one, and has its funny side. This morning a southerner was going along King street. He had looked a little at a Canadian beverage when it was red. As a result he was very playful and felt like singing.

Coming down King street he saw a son of Ham walking along the street, and the southerner shouted:

"Get out of my way, nigger."

The colored person, who in this case happened to be rather a big one, unloosed one of his fists and tossed it violently at the Southerner. It caught him on the jaw, and the visitor scrambled up after some difficulty.

Made Complaint.

Then he started looking for a policeman.

"Now, what do you think of this

country," he told the officer, "You can't even call a nigger a nigger without getting punched. It ain't no crime to call him a nigger, is it. Why, then, should he hit me?"

The problem was too deep for the policeman, but he told the Southerner to keep away from the colored population.

Then he was "sore." He went into the barber shop, and started to talk loudly about the colored people.

Another One.

There happened to be one of the disciples of Joe Gans in the building at the time, and he came back with this:

"Now, see here, you; I'm colored, but I ain't no nigger. If you call me a nigger I'll jes show you how bad a man you are. Now be good."

The Southerner remembered that he had been "swatted" once before and kept quiet.

"I'm going to take the next train right out of this town," he declared, "You all seem to like niggers here."