

and profitable activity. Well done Court Buckingham.

QUEBEC NOTES.

Quebec is settling down to business.

High Court Officers and Deputies taking the field.

10,000 French and English Circulars ready for the organizers.

The H.C.R. is threatening to capture some of the enterprising village people and turn them over in a body to the tender care of the I.O.F.

That a competition be opened in this jurisdiction commencing January 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1896, both days inclusive and that the Prize list of last year be adopted for this year.

Court Mercier, No. 1976, St. Joseph de Beauce, enjoy the honor of having for charter members Dr. Godbout, M.P., and Mr. Joseph Poirier, M.P.P. The Quebec Forester gives a portrait and sketch of both brothers, that we hope to reproduce in a future issue.

That the High Standing Committee considering it desirable that weak courts and those unable to send representatives should be represented in the High Court, would recommend the Supreme Executive to prepare a scheme for such at next Supreme Court Session.

That in addition Prizes be given to all General Deputies who organize and institute 5 courts during the year ending July 15th, 1896, a sum of \$50 over and above the usual charter fee, and \$10 for each court above five, only one deputy to be credited for each court instituted.

At a recent meeting of the High Standing Committee it was decided to recommend that a provision be made in the By-Laws of the High Court, to the effect that both nationalities, French and English, be always represented in the High Standing Committee of this High Court and that both languages shall also be officially acknowledged.

Our budget of items from this enterprising jurisdiction has not reached us this month. From what information is to hand the good work is being prosecuted with vigor and success. The applications for October numbered 144, and among the thirty High Court jurisdictions, Quebec stands second, but so closely followed by Michigan that our friends in the east must be careful not to be caught napping.

New Brunswick.

The Order in this Province is making gratifying progress. The members are determined that the commanding place the High Court of New Brunswick enjoys is to be retained. At the recent International Exhibition held in St. John, a handsome booth was erected in the Agricultural Hall. It was in charge of Bro Le Baron Coleman, P.H.C.R. It was appropriately decorated with forestic emblems, a life-size lithograph of the "Chief"

occupying a conspicuous place. Hundreds of Foresters visited the booth and registered. Brethren from various parts of the Province met and exchanged views and compared notes. Much good was also done by the distribution of large quantities of suitable and attractive literature. To Bro. Le Baron Coleman great credit is due for suggesting and successfully carrying out the idea of the I.O.F. booth.

Court Pine Glen No. 1928, Oak Bay.

Few courts enjoy the good fortune of Court Pine Glen, inasmuch as *each member takes a lively interest in its welfare.* No wonder the Court is growing, and that the brethren are of the opinion that a locality without Foresters is behind the age. The members of the Court express their indebtedness to Bros. Sackett, McGibbon and Short of the inception and thorough organization of the Court.

Court Rockwood 1470, St. John.

This Court met with the first break in its ranks by the death of our late brother Dr. J. A. Simon, Court Physician, which occurred on Monday, Nov. 18th, after an illness of some three months. The funeral took place on the following Wednesday which was attended by the members of our Court together with many members of sister courts, who assembled at the residence of our late brother and marched in procession, preceding the hearse, to pay our last sad rites of respect to our departed brother.

Our Court sent a handsome floral tribute in the shape of a Maltese Cross, the emblem of the Order, as a mark of respect.

Dr. Simon was one of our charter members and attended to the duties of his office from our inception (Feb. '94) up to Aug. '95, when on account of failing health had to lay aside active work. We mourn our loss.

Nova Scotia.

Court Yarmouth 1390.

Although this country is over-run with old line insurance companies, Court Yarmouth has doubled her membership within a year. This Court has one of the finest meeting-rooms in the province, which it proposes to fix up in good style in the near future. It has just paid its first death claim—that of the late Bro. U. W. Patten. The cheque was received eighteen days after the claim was mailed at Yarmouth. Such promptness weakens the arguments of the old line agents, and greatly popularizes the I. O. F.

Manitoba.

The bountiful harvest in the Prairie Province has brought hope and gladness to many hearts. The wheels of commerce are moving more rapidly, "good times" are. Our Order will share in the general prosperity. The coming months ought to see many additions to the I.O.F. in the North-west. Doubtless our friends will take advantage of the better times, and push the work.