

Chit-Chat

The High Standing Committee held a meeting in Farnham on February 11th, at which several questions of importance were discussed. For want of space, the report will only appear in the next issue.

Remember that the I. O. F. is a fraternal society as well as beneficiary. So we sincerely hope that the members who advertise their business in "The Forester" will be amply repaid of such investment by the support they will have from foresters.

Quebec ranks a very good second in applications for membership for December, being only beaten by Ontario, and is making headway for the second place in the Order.

With 1895, the Independent Order of Foresters attains its majority. The Order was founded at Newark, N. J., in 1874. Now is the time to show that we are men.

During the twelve months just expired, 14,000 additional members have been enrolled and we have added \$300,000 to our reserve fund.

There is room for thorough satisfaction at this result.

The second edition of the "History of the Order" is in the printer's hands, and will soon be ready for distribution. It is a valuable work and is worth ten times the price asked for it. A copy should be in every Court room for reference.

A Kentucky woman recently brought suit against a railroad for killing her horse and her husband. She got \$150 for her horse and one cent for her husband.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

This husband must be of the kind who says: "There aint nothin' in insurance for me; my wife and youngsters can get along after I'm gone best way they can; can't ketch me in any such schemes; don't believe in em."

We call the attention of the membership to the proposed change in the Act of Incorporation concerning the Sick and Funeral Benefit Class. In our opinion such a change would be greatly detrimental to the Order, as a large portion of the members have been induced to join the I. O. F. on account of the solidity and safety of payment of the Sick Benefits. The High Standing Committee have taken a move in view of opposing any such change, and we hope that all the Courts of the jurisdiction will give them a helping hand in the matter.

Queries and Answers

(Under this heading we will answer to the best of our judgment to questions concerning the Constitutions and Laws, Rules and Usages of the Order, but these answers cannot be considered as official, being only the expression of our own judgment.)

Does Sec. 151 (2) mean that a Court Physician in Montreal must attend any Forester in the city?

This section strictly applies to localities where only one Court is in existence. In large cities like Montreal, we do not consider that a physician is bound to attend others than the members of his Court, and those who may belong to other Courts out of the city, and are taken sick in his jurisdiction.

New Courts

Instituted in the Province of Quebec in January, 1895.

COURT DESSAULLES, No 1732, St-Hyacinthe.

Instituted on the 17th day of January, 1895, by Victor Morin, H. C. R.

Court Deputy: Albert Morin, St-Hyacinthe.

COURT CAZAVILLE, No 1734, Cazaville.

Instituted on the 8th day of January, 1895, by J. L. Rose, G. D. H. C. R., and J. S. X. Dusseault, G. D. H. C. R.

Court Deputy: A. N. Castagnier, Cazaville.

COURT CHIEFTAIN, No 1735, Montreal.

Instituted on the 19th of January, 1895, by Victor Morin, H. C. R.

Court Deputy: T. J. Bates, 91 Milton St., Montreal.

A gallant Court

COURT WINDSOR HILL No 286.

This Court was instituted in the year 1887, with 18 Charter Members, although its progress was slow for a time, owing partly to not having a proper Hall to meet in, and partly through not being visited by high officers to give us a word of encouragement, but as time moved on we overcame these difficulties, and to day we can boast of a membership of 102 brothers in good standing with several applications on the table.

We had the pleasure lately of initiating into the mysteries of Forestry Mr P. F. Dooley and Mr A. A. Briggs, the very popular Superintendent and assistant Superintendent of the Canada Paper Company's Works, located in this village.

During the past 7 years, we have had the sad duty to perform of following two brothers to their last resting place.

Bro. John Dunlop, Chief Ranger for the past 18 months, has been one of our most successful chiefs, having initiated during the past year 33 members. In the person of Bro. Sheldon Rankin, we boast of having the most

perfect Financial Secretary in the Province. Our Recording Secretary, Bro. David McCullough, is also a model secretary.

Bro. Adam Scott, our Chaplain, is simply perfection, we can truly look to have the blessings of Heaven rest upon our labors. A few Brothers who are worthy of mention as being true workers in building up our Court from its inception are John McMurray, Alfred Witty, H. Moore, J. A. McHardy, C. A. Miller, Thos. Farquhar, Allan McLean, A. W. Sykes, Ovid Hicks, James McCullough, Henry Gardner and Robert Farquhar.

As it requires 126 members to entitle a Court to 3 delegates to the High Court, we are making an effort for this before the High Court meets and we think we will get there.

Forestry never looked brighter than at the present time. The election of Bro. Victor Morin, of Montreal, to the highest position in the gift of the brotherhood of this Province, has certainly given our Order a great impetus as many of our French compatriots are seeking admission into our noble Order during the past few months. Every new member who joins our Order increases our security, so let us push the good work forward until misfortune has no more wants to relieve, and sorrow no more tears to dry.

"Ignorance is the mother of many evils."

True, especially ignorance of Life Insurance.

"A bad policy is mighty poor backing for a good principle."

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