

Quebec.

First for two months in succession! Well done!

Quebec is not where it was for the past two months—from first to sixth place is a change. The brethren on the banks of the St. Lawrence are probably girding themselves for a great effort in the closing months of the Forestry year.

Our friend "Charley" of the Empire State will bear us out in this, that everything we have is of the best material, at least the Supreme Treasurer thinks so. We just want now to get ahead of Ontario once, then I think we would feel happy.

What is the matter with Quebec? Why, Quebec is all right and its administration in good hands. We are not going to say much either; we are simply going to do, so long as we can, what we promise, and that is to hold up our end in the interests of Forestry.

We much regret to learn of the continued illness of Bro. Longly, P.C.R. of Court Balmoral. The brother has been for years a faithful officer of the court, and we trust we will hear of his recovery and again have the pleasure of seeing him going in and out amongst us.

Two courts a month for Quebec since High Court met, making a total of twelve courts instituted up to the present time, and we just learn that the H.C.R. has ordered a set of supplies, and to have no less than thirty constitutions included. This speaks well for the province, and we feel satisfied another successful year will crown our efforts.

If Michigan or New York wants a pointer we will give it to them. The S.V.C.R., who we believe is a Michigander, was once heard to ask the present High Chief, "What kind of a place is that Quebec, anyhow?" We are now able to assure him that it is the liveliest spot known for Independent Forestry, and able to lead the great jurisdiction west of the tunnel.

Court Sir E. P. Tache, No. 1676.—Just a word to this court. We are pleased to congratulate them. The return for the competition just closed shows them first on the list, having added 35 to their number. This is what we like to see, and I am sure the Executive of Quebec are more than satisfied at their good work. May success continue to attend their efforts.

Court St. Hyacinthe, No. 588.—Who said St. Hyacinthe would now fall behind? An addition of 13 members during the last month; this shows good work. The fact is they are only getting established properly in St. Hyacinthe—they are simply a little bit shy. Now they are getting over that and will go ahead. Fyle your claims, boys; the Executive want every claim paid.

Brethren of Quebec, get ready for our next competition. The executive congratulate you for the efforts you have made in again placing our jurisdiction at the head of the list. Let us continue; there is plenty of the right material in our province. It only requires a little united effort to keep up our fine lead, and I am sure we need only ask our enthusiastic brethren, and it shall be done. Let us do our individual best to secure a new member and so retain our good name and first place.

Court Prince Arthur, of Montreal, had a meeting of more than ordinary interest recently. Bro. R. M. Wovenden, F.S., was presented by Bro. W. A. Dougherty on behalf of the court with a hand-

some writing-desk for his long, faithful and efficient services. The unexpected present was suitably and feelingly acknowledged. Songs and speeches followed the presentation. The court gave a public social on March 21st which was largely attended. Prince Arthur is in the procession.

Court Eustis, No. 1477.—We learn this court has had its own difficulties, and as we in Quebec allow no excuse for a court being in difficulties it has soon to be accounted for. The High Secretary was instructed to give this court his attention, the result being that everything is now in good running order with them, which we trust will continue, as we want to retain our good name, and no court need be at a loss if they require looking after. We hope now to hear good results of the H.S.'s work.

Court Deschallions, No. 3539.—This court for several months has been in a dormant state. This was made known to H.C.R., who at once made it his business to find the location of the nearest Deputy. He got on the track of General Deputy Tremblay, and at once arranged with him to visit the brethren and do everything possible to place them on a good, sound footing. The brother reports as having been done, and it has been confirmed by the H.C.R. having received a communication from the Secretary that everything is now O.K., and that we may look forward to have good work done in that district.

Court Temescouata, No. 1170.—This court had a successful installation of officers. Bro. Bedard, H.V.C.R., presided. The court-room was tastefully decorated, and there was a large and successful meeting. After the installation the H.V.C.R. and several of the members addressed the meeting, which proved a successful one for the court. We well know the enthusiasm that exists among the brethren, and we feel assured that the presence of a High Court officer amongst them will encourage them to push forward the work in that district, and we have no doubt that every effort will be put forth by active workers to secure a new member.

We have just learned that Bro. P. N. Breton, coming from some place unknown in the States, called in at Quebec city, made a stay of twenty-four hours, instituted a court of twenty-five members, went and shook hands with the H.V.C.R. and told him to keep an eye on it, as he had to return. We learn the H.V.C.R. has not got over it yet, and no wonder, doing such a trick at his very door! We always said Bro. Breton required watching. You have got to get up early to get ahead of him; even our cousins on the other side are finding that out, and the work he is doing, just as we say Quebec may have cranks, but in Forestry we keep the best material.

Court Joliette, No. 3657.—This is one of the young courts in Quebec; still, we give such courts our attention, and the H.C.R., in order to satisfy himself, and give the membership that did exist an opportunity to recruit, had Bro. Skelly pay them a visit, giving him full instructions as to what was required of them if they wished to continue in good standing. The brother on his return presented a very creditable report, and we now feel quite satisfied that all Court Joliette requires is a little time, and they will soon be able to make a name for themselves. We are always pleased to give such courts a helping hand. We hope to see them ere long in a flourishing condition.