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Committee on Constitution and Laws.—James Marshall, London, Eng.; G. A. McElfresh, California; J. D. Clark, Ohio; G. A. Harper, Central Ontario; P. N. Breton, Quebec.

Committee on State of the Order.—Rev. T. Heywood, N. Jersey; Dr. C. Day Clark, E. Ontario; E. J. Hisceler, Nova Scotia; S. J. Duckworth, California; R. J. McDonald, Michigan.

Committee on New Business.—J. A. Jenkins, Wales; G. H. Winslow, Missouri; E. Tidman, London; S. Martin, South Ireland; C. R. Stovel, N. W. Territory.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Geo. Challis, Central Ontario; W. Wilkinson, Mid-England; F. Donohue, Illinois; Geo. W. Goff, Indiana; Geo. R. Laybourn, N. Minnesota.

Committee on Comptrollers.—Rev. W. J. McCaughan, Ontario; W. G. Philip, Ohio; Dr. C. A. Kendall, New York; S. S. Chiswell, Central England; W. T. Bingham, New Jersey.

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Special Committee.—J. B. Halkett, Ontario; J. D. Clark, Ohio; S. J. Duckworth, California; E. G. Stevenson, Michigan; Dr. Banker, New Jersey.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

The Supreme Chief then announced the Committee on Credentials as follows: Messrs. John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; J. R. Cooper, North Dakota; C. E. Price, Southern England; Dr. C. G. Frowat, Pennsylvania; F. S. Jost, Prince Edward Island.

The report of this committee was then presented by Mr. McGillivray, S. S., and adopted.

GIVES THE SUPREME COURT DEGREE.

The conferring of The Supreme Court Degree upon those who had not heretofore attended The Supreme Court as delegates was then conducted by Dr. Oronhyatekha. One hundred or more brethren were elevated to the sublime degree of Royal Foresters and were made recipients of the title of Sir Knight. Among the distinguished brethren upon whom the honour was conferred was The Hon. Henry H. Emerson, Premier of New Brunswick. The sweet tones of the new organ added greatly to the solemnity of the ceremony. The large number who at each succeeding session have to be introduced for the first time into The Supreme Court evidences that the honors are well distributed over the whole Order, besides the Order receiving the benefit of a change of ideas and opinions. At the conclusion of this ceremony it was announced that Mayor Shaw was in waiting to tender the city's welcome to the delegates. He was escorted from the assembly room to the platform by Bros. Judge Fitzgerald, The Hon. Judge Wedderburn and Edward Botterell. The Mayor was accompanied by ex-Ald. Beale.

The S. C. R. then introduced the Mayor, who was enthusiastically received.

In introducing His Worship Dr. Oronhyatekha said: "I have very much pleasure in presenting to you the Mayor of this great and beautiful city—[cheers]—and his escort, ex-Ald. Beale."

THE MAYOR'S ORATORY.

Mayor Shaw, who is a member of the Order, responded as follows: Supreme Chief Ranger and members of The Supreme Court, I must ask you to excuse me, but I have not had time to prepare a suitable address for this occasion. But I bid you welcome, with the full assurance that the people of Toronto are only too proud to have the members of The Supreme Body of this great institution in their midst to-day. I believe that before you leave Toronto you will be thoroughly convinced of the good feeling and kindly interest the people of Toronto take in those who honor the city by coming here, and the interest they take in the work of The Independent Order of Foresters. Especially do I welcome the members of The Supreme Court, those who have come here from the neighboring republic, towards whom we desire to have a good feeling, and towards whom I believe we have never felt more kindly than at

the present time. [Cheers.] We desire your hearty co-operation in fostering the sentiment which has taken deep root on both sides of the Atlantic, among Canadians as well as among the people in the Mother Land, as to the necessity and advisability of closer relations between the United States and the other great English-speaking nation, of which we are a part. [Cheers.]

A FEW FINAL WORDS.

Just before I sit down I wish to say this, that in these days of socialistic views and when the old theory of individualism may almost be said to have had its day, it is a comfort to know that it is to individuals still, to individual energy, and to individual enterprise, that almost every undertaking is indebted for its success. [Cheers.] No legislation can produce this, no laws can give it. [Applause.] A man must have it himself. You are largely indebted to our Supreme Chief Ranger for the admirable success of the institution. [Cheers.] We are proud of him and of the large building which, through his energy, has been erected. [Applause.] Brother Foresters, I may say we are proud of having you here in our midst, proud of what you are doing among us here, and what you are doing in other places. I once more bid you welcome to the city of Toronto, hoping you will enjoy yourselves. There is much to be seen in this city. The Exhibition will be on and I hope your whole time will not be taken up in attending to the duties of this "little parliament."

SUPREME CHIEF REPLIES.

Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha replied briefly to the warm words of welcome uttered by the Mayor. He said: Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the Supreme Court, I thank you for your cordial words of welcome. It would be very much out of place for me to try and occupy the time of The Supreme Court just now, further than to acknowledge our great appreciation of the hospitality which has been shown to us by the city over which you have the honor to preside; and I may say to the membership that when the matter of giving an entertainment to the Supreme Court was hanging in the balance with The committee, the Mayor was sent for and when he arrived there were no further questions as to which way the committee had to go. [Applause.] Immediately it was determined that the city of Toronto should offer to The Supreme Court the special honor of the diversion to-night. [Applause.]

THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY.

The Mayor has been kind enough to remind us that when we are reaching the twentieth century we are coming to realize more than ever that to individual effort is due the success of all great enterprises. [Applause.] I want to say to you, Mr. Mayor, that this organization is a practical demonstration of the success which can be achieved by individual effort; and the results of individual effort are manifest in every one of these princes whom you see before you.

A BIG SURPLUS.

In your references to this "little" parliament, I am sure you meant this "great" parliament of this great international Order [cheers]—which represents the work done by these great Chief Rangers from all over the United States and the world. We have no less than 150 members of The Supreme Court here, each one of them in his way an individual prince, an individual king, an individual Supreme Chief Ranger, each doing his work and I accorded all the honor. [Laughter and applause.] We have, you will be glad to hear, succeeded—but not quite as well as expected. We have added to our surplus until to-day we have nearly \$3,000,000 in our treasury. [Cheers.] We have attained to within speaking distance of the mile post, and it is an Irish mile post, too—that we set for ourselves at the last Supreme Court. We are within sight of 150,000. [Cheers.] It is just possible that before The Supreme Court finishes we shall have added quite a number of thousand to that and may come sooner to the mile post. [Cheers.]

GLOWING PREDICTION.

I want to say this, that we thank you very cordially for the welcome we have received. You rejoice in our success and if The Supreme Court does its duty at this session, as it always has in the past and as I fully expect it will in the future, this Order before The Supreme Court adjourns will be the greatest Order upon the globe [prolonged cheers]—and its future will be brighter and more glorious than that of any other international institution. [Overwhelming applause.] Mayor Shaw then retired from the Assembly Hall, the members singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The Supreme Chief Ranger then read the following report: