

### A MODEL GATHERING

A meeting of the High Standing Committee was summoned to meet in Farnham on February 11th, six members out of the seven responded to the call, and settled down to work at 7.30 P. M., and considerable business of importance was considered and disposed of.

A messenger arrived at 10 o'clock saying that officers of Court Yamaska No 292 were ready for installation. The H. C. R. being pleased to declare a recess, accompanied the messenger and the High Court officers to the Hall and installed the officers of Court Yamaska into their respective offices.

The Brethren of Court Yamaska then tendered to the High Court officers and visiting Brethren a cordial invitation to attend a banquet, and ample justice was done to the many good things which were set before us.

The chairman then called upon the H. C. R. for a speech to which he responded in his usual happy manner, followed by the other officers each in their turn.

The Brethren dispersed at midnight by singing "Au'd Land Syne," all feeling happy to have been there.

The High Court officers returned to their labour, and after giving each question due consideration, closed their meeting at 2.15 o'clock a. m.

As the High Court officers do not meet each other very frequently, the Doctor said that it was lost time in bed; the H. C. R. and High Treas. did not believe him however. The High Counsellor left Farnham singing "Will not go there any more." (What about the High Secretary and the P. H. C. R.'s companion?)

Considerable work was done, the report of which will appear in another issue.

### Correspondence

To the Editor of the Forester.

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Independent Order of Foresters for some years standing, I desire to congratulate you on your enterprise in giving us a journal in the Province of Quebec, devoted to the interests of our noble Order.

I am a member of several fraternal organizations, and do not know of a similar order that has met with such gigantic success, and has done so much good work as the Order whose cause you represent. The rapid strides it has made during the past few years with its immense increase of membership, marks it as the most prosperous, popular and up to date organization in existence, and I trust it may continue on its march prosperity.

I would like however to see more of our members take a greater interest in the good work, by inducing their friends and acquaintances to join the Order and take a little more responsibility on their shoulders in the matter of further increase of membership.

An immense number of people could be induced to join, who are at present totally ignorant of the advantages and benefits derived from this and similar organizations. They need educating up to the system of beneficiary co-operation. It is therefore the moral bounden duty of every member of the various Fraternal Orders, and of the I. O. F. in particular, to induce any person of good moral habits, that is physically qualified, to become a member of their Order.

The mission of insurance cannot be too highly estimated, and a living fact, the truest fraternity, is represented by the beneficiary Order. By them, an immense army of people are aided annually at the most trying times, and many people, comfortably well off, find this help greatly needful.

I trust these few lines may be the cause of a large increase of membership in the various Courts throughout the Province, and that every member will do his level best to increase the present membership of the Order, and help to make the I. O. F. the greatest and best fraternity in the land.

Wishing your journal great prosperity,

I am dear Mr. Editor,  
Fraternely yours  
in L. B. and C.  
J. P. COUILLÉ.

### Dedication and Presentation

Court Good Cheer was instituted by John W. Stocks, H. S., on February 19th, 1891, with nineteen Charter Members, and we have now one hundred and four members, never having lost a member, neither have we had one suspended.

Last summer we started building a hall at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The building is 28 feet wide by 50 feet long, the first floor is all in one room with stage and fixtures suitable for dramatic entertainments. On the second floor is the lodge room with two ante-rooms.

When the building was completed we owed five hundred dollars on it, which has been reduced to two hundred and fifty.

On January 29th, this beautiful hall was dedicated to the work of Independent Forestry by Bro. John W. Stocks, H. S., assisted by Bro. C. A. Miller, H. T., and Bro's. from Courts Coaticook, Waterville and Compton. After the ceremony was over a grand

dramatic entertainment was given in the large hall below, by members of the Court and their wives, at which seventy-five dollars was taken.

On February 19th, we celebrated our fourth anniversary by giving to members of our Court and their families an oyster supper and dance. After the oysters were disposed of and all were assembled below, Bro. Buckland, C. R., invited Bro. H. F. Pope, F. S., to assist him on the stage. When Bro. Pope went forward, the curtain was raised and a beautiful parlor set was seen upon the stage. Bro. Buckland in a neat speech presented this set to Bro. Pope on behalf of the Court. Bro. Pope although taken by surprise and very evidently affected, thanked the members in a very fitting manner.

The next thing was dancing "when some of our oldest members as well as the young took part," which was kept up until one o'clock, when all went home satisfied.

ED. B. POPE, R. S.

### NOTES

Forestry Booming!

Court Rockland No 146, report 26 candidates ready for next meeting.

The H. Sec. received a friendly call from Bro. Fred G. Kearns, of Montreal.

All Courts and members seem to be working in earnest to secure one of those cash prizes offered by the High Court of Quebec.

A meeting of Court Magoz No 1216 I. O. F., was held in their Hall, last meeting in January, when two members were initiated and three applications received and accepted, making 8 members for January. Who, says the new C. D. H. C. R. Bro. Lapointe, is not a hustler.

The High Court of Quebec is entitled to send 12 representatives to the Supreme Court to be held in London, England, in July, and those who have been elected and cannot go, will confer a favor by notifying the High Secretary as early as possible, so that the alternates can have time of embracing the opportunity, which is offered seldom in a man's life time, to prepare to fill the vacancy.

Wanted a correspondent in each subordinate Court to send in a few items each month for our own Forester to Bro. J. W. Stocks about Forestry or otherwise. We claim your support to assist us to make our paper a grand success, and give you promptly all Forestry news possible to be obtained from all over the Province. Let us hear from Courts Temiscouata and Montjoli, they are far from us, but near to our heart.