

responding salary, and we therefore recommend that his salary be placed at \$500.

4. In reference to the work of Organization and instruction, this High Court not having decided as to the advisability of continuing the services of an organizer and instructor, we do not at present recommend any amount for that purpose, but we beg leave to point out to High Court, that if the work is carried on, the sum of \$1,000 is not a sufficient sum to carry on the work efficiently.

5. The capitation tax has been considered by your Committee, and we find that the capitation tax \$1 per member heretofore paid, is divided as follows, namely, 25 cents go to the Supreme Court, 30 cents are applied to supply each member of the Order with a copy of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, leaving only 45 cents to be applied for the purposes of this High Court, and we are of the opinion that, considering the purposes to which the same is applied, the capitation tax is not excessive, and should be continued.

6. We recommend that the salary of the High Treasurer be the same as last year, namely \$200.

7. We recommend that the salary of the Auditors be the same as last year, \$15 each.

And we ask leave to bring in a supplementary report at a later stage.

All of which is submitted in L., B. and C.

W. W. FITZGERALD,
Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Brother Rev. W. B. Carey, Chairman, brought in the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was adopted and is as follows:

To the High Chief Ranger Officers and Members of the High Court of Ontario:

The Committee on the State of the Order beg respectfully to report.

That they again this year have to congratulate the High Court on the unparalleled measure of success vouchsafed by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to the I. O. F. in this jurisdiction. Last year your Committee recorded with no small degree of justifiable pride the fact that the Order had increased from 4,841 to 6,696. This year the increase has been from 6,699 to 10,002. If from this number we subtract the number of suspensions, and the number of deaths we find the net membership on the 30th June last to be 9,483, an increase of 45 per cent. during the year. It is only just to state that this large increase has been largely due to the valuable assistance rendered the Order by Brother C. C. Whale, the High Organizer and by High Chief Ranger's agent, Brother Bawden. Four Courts and 543 members having been formed and initiated by the former, and ten Courts and nearly 400 members by the latter. These numbers do not include the Courts instituted by the Supreme Court Officers.

Your Committee have further to congratulate the Order on the fact that while there has been an increase in the percentage of membership, there has been a decrease in the percentage of death rate as compared with last year. For this result our special heartfelt thanks are due to Almighty God. This very satisfactory condition of our affairs is no doubt largely due to the thorough and searching medical examinations, and the very great care taken in the admission of members. We have also to congratulate the Order

on the passage of the Act of Incorporation by the Dominion Parliament, and the status which this Act gives our Order throughout this Dominion.

Your Committee again this year have to call your attention to the fact that while great and praiseworthy efforts have been put forth for the increase of our Order, there is a great danger of having a number of weak Courts formed throughout this jurisdiction. We have to reiterate the statement made in our report of last year, namely, that our true increase does not consist in Courts but in membership. Your Committee would recommend that the special attention of the Organizer or organizers be given to the working up of these weak Courts.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to tender their sincere thanks to the High Chief Ranger and officers of the High Court, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. CAREY.
DANIEL ROSÉ.
GEO. A. PROCTOR.

Brother Rev. W. B. Carey submitted a resolution adopted by Court Frontenac, No. 59, embodying certain amendments to the Constitution which it desired should be made. Referred to the Committee on Memorials and Appeals.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the High Court adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

The High Court resumed its session at 2 o'clock, Brother A. R. Milne, H. C. R., occupying the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

On motion, the High Court was reduced to work in the Subordinate Court Degree.

JUVENILE FORESTERS.

Brother G. Keating, Secretary, brought in the report of the Special Committee on Juvenile Foresters, which was ordered to be considered *seriatim*, and upon such consideration was adopted, and is as follows:

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the High Court of Ontario, I. O. F.:

Your Committee appointed to enquire into matters as contained in the report of Brother Crawford, General Superintendent of the Juvenile Department of our Order, beg leave to report:

- (1) That we approve of the adoption of this report.
- (2) We recommend this High Court to memorialize the Supreme Court to make at its next session this Juvenile Branch general throughout the Order.
- (3) That the Supreme Court be requested to instruct its Committee on Constitution and Laws to frame a code of By-laws for the Juvenile Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L., B. & C.

JAMES B. CRAWFORD.
J. J. MIX.
GEO. KEATING.