

the H.C.R., J. M. Clark, presiding. The various committees submitted their reports. Changes were made in the by-laws of the High Court as recommended by the H.C.R. Payment of \$2 per day to the members of the High Standing Committee and the High Auditors while on duty, instead of \$3 and \$1.50 as heretofore. The charter fee for each Subordinate Court is fixed at \$2.50 for applicant, taking one thousand dollars or more mortuary benefit, and to \$1.50 for applicants taking less than \$1,000, and \$1 for Companion Courts.

The question of endowing a Foresters' ward in the P. E. Island hospital, occupied a good part of the afternoon's session, and elicited considerable discussion. It was finally decided to accept the offer of the P. E. Island hospital namely, to furnish a free bed in that institution for one year for the use of Foresters, receiving therefor the sum of two hundred dollars. It was also decided that the full amount of two hundred dollars be paid out of the funds of the High Court.

A majority of the committee on Constitution and Laws had inserted the word "Subordinate" before the word "Courts" in sub-section (2) of section 305 of the by-laws, recommended by the High Chief Ranger. When the High Court understood that this meant the exclusion of the ladies as representatives from the High Court, the proposition of the committee was nearly unanimously voted down.

The High Chief Ranger must have felt gratified at the action of the High Court in approving of nearly every section of the by-laws recommended by him, and the furnishing of a free hospital, the plan he took so much trouble to explain.

At the last session of the High Court the officers were elected, every office being keenly contested. Bros. Dr. H. D. Johnson, C. A. McNutt and G. H. Carver acted as tellers.

The following are the elected and appointed officers:—

H.C.R., Dr. H. W. Robertson, Crapaud; H. V. C.R., Kenneth McKay, Kensington; H. Sec., L. U. Fowler (re-elected), Bedeque; H. Treas., J. H. Bell, Charlottetown; H. Phys., Dr. Douglas, Hunter River; H. Com., Chas. Murphy, Summerside; H. Auditors, H. D. McEwen, Morell, A. D. Fraser, Vernon River; H. Orator, Rev. Ewen Gillis, Murray Harbor; H. S. Woodward, H. B. Huestis, O'Leary; H. Jr. Woodward, J. A. McCormac, Souris; H. Sr. Beadle, I. T. Reid, Tignish; H. Jr. Beadle, George McKenzie, Murray Harbor; H. Marshal, M. Whitehead, Clifton; H. Messenger, W. A. Johnston, Montague; H. Conductor, John H. Gill, Little York; H. Organist, J. W. Sutherland, Charlottetown; H. Journal Sec., John Molison, Summerside.

It was decided by a unanimous vote of the High Court that the next annual session be held in Souris.

A vote of thanks was tendered H. A. Collins, Sup. Treas., for his attendance at the session and for his kindly assistance among different Courts visited by him during his stay on the island. Mr. Collins responded in his own inimitable style and announcing his intention to return to Toronto Saturday morning, and bade adieu to the brethren.

Congratulations are extended to Bro. Hon. H. C. McDonald, Attorney-General of P.E.I., and member of Court Mount Stephen, Charlottetown, on his appointment as Judge of Queen's County. Everyone believes that the fairness which characterized him in law or politics will be more observed on the bench.

## HIGH COURT OF QUEBEC.

The High Court of Quebec met at Fraserville during the past week. The following officers were elected:—H.C.R., G. F. Kearns, Montreal; H.V. C.R., Dr. Picard, Fraserville; H.S., J. W. Stock, Sherbrooke; H.T., F. Bertrand, Montreal; H. Phy., Dr. J. Lavolette, Montreal; H.C., J. F. Lavery, Quebec; H. Auds., S. Rutherford, L. S. Gendron. A donation of \$100 was voted to the hospital at Fraserville.

## HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON.

### Official Circular No. 5.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,  
TACOMA, WASH., August 12th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

BRETHREN,—The fifth annual session of the High Court of Washington Independent Order of Foresters will be held at the Foresters' Hall, corner Pacific Ave. and 11th Street, City of Tacoma, on Tuesday the 10th day of October, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

The headquarters of the High Standing Committee will be at the Donnelly Hotel.

Each delegate to High Court must be a member of the Court he represents in good standing.

The High Standing Committee would impress upon the minds of the officers of the Courts that the constitution and laws of the Order will be strictly observed and enforced regarding arrears of Subordinate Courts.

All Courts in arrears to the High Court will not be entitled to a seat.

Delegates are requested to travel by the shortest route, as mileage will only be allowed on that basis.

Courts that have not yet paid their High Court dues or forwarded Form No. 48, are requested to refer to section 168 and section 171 of the Constitution and Laws regarding suspension.

The attention of all Courts is also called to section 305, which provides that the Credentials of Delegates must be filed with the High Secretary immediately after election of delegates.

Courts that have not elected their delegates will do so at once, so that the work of the officers may not be delayed.

Again we appeal to you to make extra efforts for new members from now until the High Court meeting.

I am, fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. FORSYTH,  
High Chief Ranger.

Attest:

L. N. HANSEN,  
High Secretary.

The story goes that when Li Hung Chang was in England an admirer sent him a specially fine bull-terrier, intended to watch over the veteran statesman's declining years. The following letter—so the story goes—was received in acknowledgment: "My Dear ,—While tendering my best thanks for sending me your dog, I beg to say that, as for myself, I have long since given up the practice of eating dog's flesh; but my attendants, to whom I handed the creature, tell me they never tasted anything so nice. Your devoted L."