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COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER—Judge Fitzgerald, Welland; Rev. J. C. Farthing, Woodstock; S. G. Dunham, Neirich; Geo. S. Kerr, Hamilton; Frank Adams, London.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS—John Porter, Simcoe; J. A. Davidson, Stratford; J. D. McDiarmid, Westholme; G. A. Proctor, Sarnia; Robert H. Foster, Hamilton; John Dauncey, Exeter; Charles Koelin, Windsor.

PRESS COMMITTEE—H. T. Drope, Hamilton; Rev. Robt. Ker, St. Catherines; R. A. Hughes, Chatham.

THE LADIES.

R. N. Foster moved, seconded by George S. Kerr, Hamilton, "that the High Court of Ontario places itself on record as opposed to the admission of women into the Order, believing that it is not in the best interests of the Order so to do, and that a committee be appointed to draft a suitable memorial to The Supreme Court."

THE GRAND CROSS OF MERIT.

C. St. Clair Leitch, of Dutton, moved, seconded by W. H. Wardrope, and carried unanimously, "that High Chief Ranger Backus be recommended to the Supreme Executive for the Grand Cross of Merit."

RECEPTION OF DR. ORONHYATEKHA.

The Supreme Chief Ranger was received with the usual honors, made one of his characteristic speeches and exemplified the unwritten work of the Order. In answer to questions from members of the High Court, the Supreme Chief explained that the Supreme Executive intended to ask The Supreme Court for a readjustment of the rates. This would not affect the present members; the change would tend to strengthen the Order and add to its benefits. Legislation whereby every member would be entitled to be declared permanently disabled on reaching his seventieth birthday would be asked for.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

The High Court was entitled to twelve delegates; forty-three names appeared on the printed list, and the following were chosen: A. H. Backus, Aylmer; W. R. Hickey, Bothwell; R. A. Hughes, Chatham; J. Clancy, M.P.P., Rev. J. H. Courtney, Port Stanley; W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton; G. A. Proctor, Sarnia; W. J. Turnbull, Brantford; John Dauncey, Exeter; J. D. McDiarmid, West Lorne; Dr. Cameron, Galt; R. A. Harrington, Chatham.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician; Ben Greer, London; R. H. Foster, Hamilton, were appointed scrutineers and the election of officers proceeded

with, and resulted as follows: W. R. Hickey, Bothwell, High Chief Ranger; Rev. J. H. Courtney, Port Stanley, High Vice-Chief Ranger; Frank McCormack, St. Thomas, High Secretary (re-elected); Archdeacon Davis, London, High Treasurer (re-elected); Dr. Cameron, Galt, High Physician; Alex. Porter, Simcoe, High Counsellor; C. Wilkinson, Niagara Falls, C. H. Merrifield, Monkton, High Auditors.

Among the delegates to the High Court was Elain Bearfoot, an Indian from Court Kanyengeh, Brant County.

WELCOME TO THE CITY.

Mayor Patteson and the local courts welcomed the visiting delegates. A most successful and enjoyable mass meeting was held in Tecumseh Park, where speeches and recitations were given by a number of officers of the Order, and an address of welcome by Mayor Patteson. The Mayor stated that he never before had felt so proud of addressing an audience of a fraternal character. The growth of the Independent Order of Foresters had been the envy of all competing Orders, and their charitable work a Godsend to many a helpless widow. Among the members of the two courts in Chatham are found some of its best citizens. The mayor offered the visitors the freedom of the city, and hoped that when they left they would carry away pleasant recollections of their visit to the Maple City.

The High Chief Ranger thanked the mayor for the hearty welcome extended to the delegates.

Saturday evening, after the meeting of the High Court, the court was presented with a Union Jack, Foresters' flag, the gift of David Corbett. The flag is about sixteen feet by six feet, and is a beauty.

HIGH COURT OF CENTRAL ONTARIO.

The High Court met in the Temple Building on the 30th August, H.C.R. Pro. W. B. Sanders, presiding.

The following Committees were appointed:

Credentials—Bros. R. J. Niddrie, M.D., Daniel Rose and James Gorrie.

Distribution—Bros. E. S. Cummer, Rev. A. McGillivray, Dr. Marshall, J. L. Beattie, H. H. Wilson.

Constitution and By-laws—W. A. Boyes, Thos. Wood, W. J. Ayre, A. Fisher, W. D. Reesor.

Appeals and Petitions—Dr. S. G. Thompson, D. Orniston, Dr. Mullen, J. A. Morrison, R. E. Adams, Chas. Kelly.

State of the Order—Rev. O'Neil, W. R. Key, P. Breckon, J. M. Thomson.

Press Committee—G. L. Wilson, Wm. Ireland, W. H. Seyler, C. W. Rutledge, Jas. B. Henderson, Thos. McKisson, W. A. Hogg, Will J. Kirby.

The High Chief Ranger reported that the total number of applications received during the year in the jurisdiction were 2,598, of which 29 were rejected, showing a total membership of 10,404, as against 9,143 last year. The average applications as received monthly last year were 147; this year the average was 216. Twenty-three courts have been instituted during the year. Fifty-three brethren died during the year. The condition of the Order in the jurisdiction is eminently satisfactory.

The High Secretary, Bro. R. J. Niddrie, M.D., reported that the membership had increased 1,261 during the year; nearly one thousand of the appli-