

ber recently. On the occasion of an official visit the H.C.R. was cordially received, and in seeking to make his official year a prosperous one, he will have the hearty co-operation of Court Cairnsmore.

Court Oxford, No. 46, Plattsville.

Our brethren of this court are in possession of the town and surrounding county. Tuesday, 6th Sept., was civic holiday in the place in honor of the annual picnic of Court Oxford. The weather was favorable, and fully 1,000 people assembled in the grove to witness the games, hear the address of the H.C.R., and enjoy the good things that the ladies of the place provided in great abundance. The concert in the evening was attended by 700 people, the large town hall was literally packed. Miss Agnes Knox, the elocutionist, gave a number of selections, and was enthusiastically received. A choice musical programme was also rendered. Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, presided. Early in the afternoon, the members of Court Norfolk, with visiting brethren from Hamburg, Drumbo, Baden, Shakespeare, headed by the Baden band, marched to the ground. They made a very fine appearance.

Court New Hamburg, No. 712.

A season of marked prosperity is being enjoyed by this court. A visit from Inspector Gibbens last summer secured them a large number of applications for membership. The work he began has been followed up by the members, so that from struggling for existence, it is now the most pushing organization in the place.

On the evening of the 5th inst., the members gave a delightful "At Home." Bro. Laird, reeve of the town, presided. The hall was tastefully decorated. Refreshments in abundance were served by the ladies. The High Chief Ranger of Ontario gave an address, and an excellent programme of music and reading was rendered. The entertainment was a model one. About 200 were present, including visiting brethren from Plattsville, Berlin, Stratford, etc.

Quebec.

Court St. Hyacinthe, No. 588.

This is one of our gallant and worthy French Courts; they are doing noble work in the Forest, having already captured most of the business and commercial men of their flourishing town, and now forcing their way amongst the City Fathers. At their last meeting in July, Bro. Morin, High Treas., came from Montreal to confer the obligation to the first alderman, and no less than ten applications for membership were read, amongst whom were three aldermen, three manufacturers, and two of the leading dry goods merchants. Their financial management is as good by all means; they have a F.S. who should be sent around for the benefit of Sister Courts as a model to be copied. In fact, they have a worthy staff of officers who nobly do their duty, and don't mind, as a means of improving, to travel a journey up to Montreal in a body, in order to witness the way of proceeding of Sister Courts.

Court Dęzery, No. 421, Hochelaga.

Located in the outskirts of Montreal, under difficulties, this court has struggled bravely on. With the able assistance of Deputy Gosselin, and a visit lately from the H.C., they are now beginning to wake up, and report applications coming in. You

have our assistance, brethren, but we must have good, steady applicants, and of reliable character. Your Financial Secretary, Bro. Brickle, is the life of your court, keep him with you; use him well, it is to your interest to do so.

Court St. Rock, No. 701, Ste. Cune, ande.

This court is one in the honor roll, and the prize has been forwarded to them. H. Physician Cyphiot guards the interests of his court, and has advised us of a great entertainment on the 26th. We hope to be there, they are all true Knights of our Forest.

Court Ville Marie, No. 1031, Montreal.

This young and enterprising court has done good work lately, and carried off a prize. We trust they will continue; they have a good field, and good men, and now is the time to begin. You can do it, keep up your good name, greater laurels await you.

Court Balmoral, No. 269, Montreal.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Past Chief Ranger, Bro. Patterson, one of Balmoral's Pioneers, and but seldom absent. May He who governs all things well see fit to spare the bro. to his wife and family, who have the sympathy of the brethren in their affliction, and who are ever ready to assist.

Court New Glasgow, No.—New Glasgow.

But three weeks instituted, and H.C.R. Strathearn visited us and conducted our meeting. He was pleased to see we had three passed the Medical Board. He gave us good instruction, even to our physician. We are pleased to have the Order planted in our locality. Its principles are good, and in a new field like this we will prosper as we have had a good start. Your Order is a grand Institution and can be recommended.

F. CAREY, C.D.

Court St. George, No. 1065.

This is one of the youngest courts in Quebec, but Court Deputy Evans writes us that it is one of the most active and promising. H.C.R. Strathearn recently visited the court, and stimulated the brethren by his stirring address, through instruction, and wise counsel.

QUEBEC NOTES.

The H. C. has been during the past week visiting Megantic county, in the interests of the Order. He is much pleased with the enthusiastic brethren that are to be met with in Black Lake; there is a good field in that district for the right man.

While on his way to Megantic, the H.C. stepped in to see our worthy Sec'y., Bro. T. W. Stocks. He found him well, and busy in the interests of the Order, the C. was asked to visit the court room, and had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of the brethren, and loyally entertained, they are all enthusiastic in the work and we hope to hear good reports from amongst them—they can do it.

High Treas., Bro. Morin, reports having visited, and, with the assistance of Bro. Gosselin, acting as H.M., proceeded to the installation of officers of most of the French Courts of Montreal, and found them all in the best working order. In Montreal alone, they are now seventeen in number, with a membership of nearly 1000. Nothing better can be said of them but the fact that they have won all the prizes offered by the High Court of Quebec in