

MONTREAL, QUE., 22 Janvier, 1891.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S. C. R., Editor of The Independent Forester:

CHER MONSIEUR ET CONFRÈRE,—Au milieu de l'activité qui règne dans toutes les cours de l'Ordre, vos Frères de langue Française ne sont pas en arrière, et avec votre bienveillante permission, je suis heureux d'insérer dans LE FORESTIER quelques lignes en Française à leur adresse.

Nous avons aujourd'hui six Cours Canadiennes—Françaises à Montreal, toutes instituées depuis les derniers six mois par notre digne Frère P. Strathearn, H.V.C.R.; ce qui nous donne près de 200 membres, sans compter ceux qui font partie d'autres Cours.

La Cour Champlain, No. 663, instituée le 21 Octobre, 1890, avec 19 membres, en compte aujourd'hui 40, et les autres progressent dans la même proportion.

Vous voyez que vos amis les Canadiens-Français se sont mis à l'oeuvre sérieusement, et on dit qu'ils poussent fort quand ils s'y mettent!

Tous nos membres sont remplis de zèle et ont à coeur de progresser. Pour cela, nous nous efforçons de suivre l'exemple de vieux Forestiers comme les Frères Strathearn, Latimer, Kearns et autres vaillants chefs qu'on trouve partout au premier rang.

Bien à vous en L. B. & C.,

VICTOR MORIN, C.D.H.C.R.,
Cour Champlain, No. 563.

COURT OAKWOOD, No. 364, I. O. F. 17
RICHMOND, 18th Feb., 1891.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The regular meeting of the above Court was held on Monday, the 16th inst. The Court was honored by the presence of several distinguished brethren, namely, Brothers C. C. Whale, H. C. Inspector; G. L. Dickinson, P.C.R.; Thos. Butler, D.D.H.C.R.; Geo. Craig, P.C.R.; Clarke, P.C.R.; Cook, P.C.R.; and Albert Bradley.

Two new members were initiated into the rites and mysteries of Forestry, the visiting brethren taking an active part in the work, and by their presence and valuable assistance added much to make the ceremony more impressive.

Speeches were given by all the visiting brethren, Brother Whale especially interesting and instructing the Court upon the growth and importance of Forestry. This Court is in a flourishing condition having 33 active members and several new applications. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the visiting brethren and especially to brother Whale for his address to the Court, after which the Court closed in the usual manner.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
J. W. McEIROY, F.S.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., 5th Feb., 1891.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Editor Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I presume you will think that we from Court Temple, No. 510, are taking most too much space in the Official Organ, but when we have such meetings as we did last night, and have such a good time, we feel like letting brother Foresters know it.

We had our spacious hall filled so that many had to stand, five Courts being represented. They came to see us confer the degree upon three candidates, we having the distinction of doing such work in a far superior manner to any Court in the county. Another thing that brought so many out on this particular night was, that we were to be presented with a magnificent Floral Maltese Cross, which was, you will probably remember, in the High Court room at the institution of the High Court, nearly a year ago, and was left in the care of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, to be presented to the Banner Court on 1st January. As we had the largest membership, it became ours, and Court Morris Vineyard came up last evening and presented it to us with the following presentation speech by Brother Coulson, C.R.:

"Chief Ranger and Brethren of Court Temple, No. 510: We the members of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, have come to visit you to-night under mournful circumstances, because we have to surrender to you our beautiful emblem, but we have the consolation of knowing that what is our loss is your gain. But before we give up this emblem to you, as the Banner Court of the State, we thought it would be proper to call the roll to see if you are entitled to this beautiful emblem. We felt some trepidation in coming to-night, as we knew you had a 'Wilde' 'Bear' in this your forest home, and that he was a very hard 'Case' and very 'Cross.' It being so dry this season there was a 'Dearth' of 'Green' food, so he had to be fed on 'Rice', and 'Braasch.'

"But we thought we would venture, as some said it would be 'Mooney' to-night and we didn't know

TORONTO, 24th Jan., 1891

To the Editor of the Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I write to advise you that it has come to my knowledge that Court Au Sable, No. 289, although by no means composed of wealthy men, has subscribed \$100 for relief in special cases arising in the families of its membership during the last six months. This speaks volumes for the fraternity of our Order and could well be imitated by many other Courts, as indeed this spirit does prevail in the majority, if not all, of our Courts.

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

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY.

COURT WELLINGTON, No. 21, I. O. F.
DRAYTON, ONT., 11th Feb., 1891.

To the Editor of the Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As our Court has been in a very quiet condition for some years past you have received no communication from us to publish in THE FORESTER, I take liberty in asking you for a little space to let our brethren in other parts hear how we are getting along. Some time in January of the present year Brother Letsche, D.S.C.R., organizing officer, came to visit our Court and we expressed to him our desire that he should place himself in a position to revive our Court, and he accordingly did so. Brother Letsche went to work like a Forester should, but has had very up-hill work. He has, however, had success. By next regular meeting night we expect to have thirteen new members added to our Court. This is encouraging for us. And now that our members have been stirred up we expect a larger increase. Each member seems to be working for the interest of Forestry as well as our Court.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

JOHN ISAAC, R.S.