

I.O.F. MEMBERS GATHERED AT SACKVILLE.

Proceedings of High Court in
18th Annual Meeting of
the Order.

Sackville, N. B., July 9.—(Special)—The high court, L. O. F. of New Brunswick, opened its 18th annual session this afternoon in the hall of the Ladies' College of Mount Allison. All the officials and a strong array of delegates are in attendance.

The report of High Chief Ranger Chapman was read. Dr. Allison, Dr. Borden and Senator Wood were elected honorary members. Addresses were delivered by H. O. R. E. M. Logan, of Nova Scotia, and Supreme Secretary J. A. McGillicuddy. This evening a public meeting was held in the hall, attended by the Sackville band, H. C. R. Chapman was in the chair. Brief speeches were made by A. E. Copp and the H. C. R., a solo song by Thos. Murray, a reading and recitation given by Mrs. Warren, two solos by Miss Steadman and J. A. McGillicuddy, of Toronto, who dealt fully with the Foresters. A brief speech was also made by F. M. Logan, H. C. R. of Nova Scotia. A companion court was organized at the close of the public meeting.

High Chief Ranger's Report.

E. R. Chapman, of St. John, high chief ranger, in his address spoke of the growth of the order in New Brunswick.

During the year ending June 1st, he said, we sent in 785 applications, of which 593 have been accepted and 192 have been rejected, and from April 30th to May 1st our membership in New Brunswick has increased from 5,991 to 6,355. The membership of the entire order on the first day of May last was 179,472. The surplus funds have reached the magnificent sum of \$4,708,042.22, which is equal to \$28.23 per capita, and our order, since its organization, has distributed over \$9,000,000 in benefits to the members and their beneficiaries. The total premium income of the order from the first of July, 1881, to the first of January, 1901, has amounted to \$12,522,014.33. Another companion court has been organized, namely, Companion Court, Harland, at Harland, Carleton county, the only addition to the number of courts during the year.

Among the deaths in the rank and file of the I. O. F. during the year, the following were mentioned:

We have lost our first companion Forester in the person of Eulalie Bernier, the beloved wife of Brother J. B. Bernier, of Edmundston, the high junior woodward. Among the names we notice those of Jas. W. Toole, of Kars, Kings county, who represented his court last year in our ses-

sion at Woodstock; E. Lee Street, of Newcastle, a past high commissioner, having been elected at the meeting in 1888 in the absence of any member of the legal profession; W. Woodbury Wells, M. P. P., of Port Elgin, whom we all remember so well as a member of this court and our representative to the supreme court at its last session; Chas. A. Black, M. D., ex-M. P. P., of Basie Verte, and Charles F. Harrison, one of the officers who went to South Africa, where so many of our brethren have gone to fight in defence of the principles of liberty and freedom.

During the year 1900 there was paid out of the funds to members of the order who had become totally and permanently disabled, the sum of \$81,846.64, while the total death claims paid were \$1,291,539.30. This shows what an important benefit this is, and one which should be taken into consideration when comparing our rates with those of other societies and of the old line companies.

"In conclusion," the H. C. R. said, "I have to thank the members of the high standing committee, and the appointed officers, for their liberal assistance during the year, and the general membership for their never failing courtesy and co-operation. I want especially to refer to the excellent work of several of the appointed officers, and their readiness to assist at all times in the work of the order. I have on almost every occasion of an official visit been accompanied by one of their number, and High Orator Rev. E. Bell preached the anniversary sermon to the united courts in St. John in a very acceptable manner. May our deliberations at this meeting redound to the profit and advancement of our order, and may we all return to our Forester's homes imbued with greater zeal to advance within these bounds the principles of liberty, benevolence and concord!"

The High Secretary.

The grand secretary, Mr. F. W. Emerson, in his report enumerated the cash payments made to him from the various courts during the last twelve months. They aggregate \$631.03 for supplies, \$2,727.18 for high court dues; total \$3,358.21. With \$5.72 the balance of the charter of Court Washademoak, and a refund of \$1,094.53 from the supreme court on the charter account, the grand total is \$5,289.46.

The amounts due the high court from subordinate courts up to May 31st, 1901, aggregate \$296.61 for supplies, \$1,138.45 in high court dues; total, \$1,435.06. The amounts due subordinate courts on 31st day of May, 1901, amount to \$4.17 for supplies, \$14.50 for high court dues; a total of \$22.67.

Mortuary Returns.

The following members of the order in New Brunswick died during the year: Guy H. Clinch, St. George; Jas. E. Marchand, Edmundston; Geo. E. Byram, McAdam Junction; S. Walke Welling, Port Elgin; Robert McDonald, Waskerville; Wm. Hazen Brown, Moncton; Mont. McDonald, St. John; E. Lee Street, Newcastle; Thos. H. Gilbert, Gagetown; Thos. C. Edgar, Sussex; Edgar C. Cochran, Fairville; David T. Hart, Hoyt Station; Benjamin Coburn, Kewick; Gilford Mountain, Cummings Cove; Edie Young, St. George; J. S. Savage, Centerville; James W. Toole, Downeyville; Thos. Leck, St. John; G. A. Carmichael, St. Andrews; Chas. F. Harrison, St. John; Geo. Wm. Langell, Norton Station; Geo. McDonald, St. John; Rice H. McNeil, Upper Gagetown; Harry A. Ross, E. Florenceville; J. L. McLaughlin, Oak Bay; Chas. S. Bulmer, Salisbury; Alex. Gillmor, Florenceville; Ralph Collette, Hopewell Cape; Joseph M. O'Brien, Kingsport; J. John McDonald, Moncton; W. W. Wells, Port Elgin; E. B. Kierstead, St. Stephen; St. J. Foxwell, St. John; Samuel L. York, Harland; Eugene Michaud, Edmundston; Wellington Douglas, St. George; Hedley Brewer, St. Marys; J. A. Kilham, Moncton; Eulalie Bernier, Edmundston; John Gamble, St. Marys; Wm. O. Cochran, Petitcodiac; Henry Grace, Fredericton; David J. Hatfield, St. Stephen; Wm. A. Steeves, Moncton; Chas. A. Purdy, Jemseg; John A. Thompson, St. Stephen; Wm. Courts, St. George; Chas. A. Clark, Basie Verte; John A. Grant, Port Elgin; Robert D. Clark, Stanley; Geo. Montgomery, Dalhousie; Alex. Kilpatrick, Upham Station; Wilbert E. Moore, Waskerville; Herbert W. Lovely, Perth Centre; Peter E. Brownell, Moncton; Archibald Parks, St. Marys. These represented insurance of \$67,239.06.

High Treasurer's Statement.

High treasurer, Mr. E. P. Eastman, totals the expenditures of the high court at \$5,726.77. The mileage accounts of officials and delegates amounts to \$639.88. Messrs. James V. Russell and John Allison Lindsay, high auditors, reported the correctness of the books and congratulated the high court on having practically no indebtedness.

Sackville, July 10.—(Special)—The high court closed its sessions tonight.

At this morning's session the mileage committee was appointed as follows: W. E. Skillen, K. J. MacRae, W. A. Wilson, John A. Sunday, W. McK. Weldon. The high court today decided against the proposition to move the high court to the permanent place of meeting of the supreme court. It recommended that the constitution be amended to admit proof of age during the life time of the members and that Royal Forestry be encouraged. The sum of \$300 was voted for visiting weak courts and holding public meetings, four cents per mile, one way, to all delegates and past executive officers attending high court; high chief ranger, \$100; secretary, \$400; treasurer, \$35; auditors, each \$25; journal secretary, \$30; press, \$80; hall, \$20 and janitor \$5.

It was decided to recommend a decoration day for the order, and that the organizers be employed to form companion courts. Resolutions were passed asking supreme court to confer on F. W. Emerson the grand cross of merit. Rev. Dr. Borden and Dr. Allison, amid loud applause, were obligated as honorary members by Supreme Secretary McGillicuddy, and both made happy speeches. There was a very warm discussion on the question whether the former delegates to the supreme court should again be candidates, and a motion recommending that new men be favored was, after vigorous argument, withdrawn. There will be 26 to choose from.

Resolutions were adopted by a silent standing vote expressing sympathy with Dr. Oroniyetka in the death of his wife. Hon. H. R. Emerson, a member of the high court, was called upon, and made a short but vigorous speech in which he spoke of the performance of a pleasing duty in connection with the recent legislation by the parliament of Canada in the interests of the order.

Announcement was made of the organizing of a companion court last evening, and the election of a delegate to this court today was confirmed.

Adjournment was then made until evening.

In the afternoon, the members, accompanied by a large number of the citizens of Sackville and Amherst, visited the old historic Fort Cumberland, and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The Amherst and Sackville bands were in attendance and rendered music. Interesting speeches were made by H. C. R. Chapman, Hon. H. R. Emerson, Judge Morse, of Amherst, Supreme Secretary McGillicuddy, H. J. Logan, of Cumberland, and H. A. Powell. H. R. Emerson, on behalf of the citizens of Westmorland, welcomed the High Court of New Brunswick to the county's historic spot, where they were assembled. Judge Morse gave an interesting account of the early history of the county, narrating the length the establishing of the fort by the French, its final capture by the English under Moncton, and the devastation of the country by the English. Supreme Secretary McGillicuddy spoke next upon the benefits of Forestry, referring to its wonderful growth during the last 18 years.

H. J. Logan referred to the laxity on the part of Canadians to install in the minds of the young the history of our own country and a patriotic spirit. The speech was well received.

H. A. Powell was the last speaker, he referred to the early history of the maritime provinces and the large number of able men they had produced.

At the evening session the reception committee's report was received and adopted. The high court degree was conferred upon Senator Wood by Supreme Secretary McGillicuddy. Senator Wood replied with appropriate words.

The election of officers was proceeded with, the supreme secretary in the chair. The following officers were elected:

H. C. R., E. R. Chapman, St. John.
P. H. C. R., A. W. MacRae, St. John.
H. V. C. R., John Fairley, Bristol.
H. secretary, F. W. Emerson, Sackville.
H. treasurer, E. P. Eastman, Campbellton.
H. physician, W. H. Irvine, Boiestown.
H. Comm. A. W. Elbert, Gagetown.
High auditors, Jas. V. Russell, St. John; Thos. Murray, Sackville.
H. orator, Rev. I. N. Parker.
H. J. secretary, Geo. W. Mercereau.
H. S. W. H. M. Harne.
M. J. W. T. F. E. Colpitta.
H. S. B. Geo. Stothart.
H. J. B. C. W. Leonard.
H. Mar. Geo. W. Mullen.
H. Con. W. F. Sears.
H. Mess. Geo. F. Banks.
H. organist, Mrs. L. R. Hetherington.
Representatives to the supreme court, E. R. Chapman, B. M. Mullin, H. Woods, A. W. MacRae, Geo. G. Scovell.
St. John was chosen for the next meeting. The high court broke up at a late hour after the usual votes of thanks, it being the unanimous opinion of all that the high court just closed was the best ever held in the jurisdiction.

The following officers and delegates are present:
H. C. R.—E. R. Chapman, St. John.
P. H. C. R.—A. W. MacRae, St. John.
H. V. C. R.—L. R. Hetherington, Moncton.
H. Secy.—F. W. Emerson, Sackville.
H. Treas.—E. P. Eastman, Campbellton.
H. Phys.—A. E. Cummins, M. D., Beth.
H. Jour.—A. W. Elbert, Gagetown.
H. Auditors—Jas. V. Russell, St. John; John A. Lindsay, Woodstock.

H. Orator—Rev. E. Bell.
H. J. Secy.—W. T. McPherson, Mungerville, York county.
H. S. W.—J. A. Lindsay, Hampton.
H. J. W.—J. Ed. Bernier, Edmundston.
H. S. B.—Reverly Steves, St. John.
H. J. B.—A. O. Mabey, St. John.
H. Mar.—Frank Fales, St. John.
H. Con.—J. S. Flushing, Newcastle.
H. Mer.—Jas. Stewart Kilburn, Victoria county.
H. Organist—Companion Mrs. M. L. Sears, Moncton.

Delegates Present.

Nobles H. Steeves, Albert Mines; Anson Lee, Thomas Morrison, John W. Doherty, Marysville; C. E. Pickett, Andover; C. M. Leonard, Ashburnette; F. C. Elbert, Gagetown; R. W. Wright, Bel River; Chatham; W. R. Gould, Geo. Stothart, Milbruce Barney, Woodpoint; Job Renon, Barry Mills; W. McKennie Weldon, C. H. Edgett, Moncton; J. H. Dale, R. M. Grindley, Blackville; Geo. G. Scovell, M. P. P.; Claude S. Gilles, Bellefleur Creek; Rev. R. J. Campbell, Cocabey; Hugh R. McMonagle, C. H. Perry, Sussex; W. B. Taylor, Butternut Ridge; F. W. Turner, Bay Verte; W. H. Irvine, M. D.; W. W. Wright, Boiestown; R. A. Irving, Buctouche; Ruben H. Leckey, Bright; A. E. Weir, Sackville; John A. Brewer, Cross Creek; E. L. West, H. J. Clark, Centerville; Geo. E. Brown, Clearview; C. M. Dales, McAdam; G. B. Barnett, A. A. Sterling, Dorchester; C. E. McKean, Rolling Dam; M. R. Benn, Doug lastown; Beverly Steves, Thos. E. Owens, St. John; C. W. Dickinson, Debec Junction; Clarence Estey, Florenceville; J. W. S. Babikirk, Loggieville; C. E. Helyea, St. John West; H. A. Rogers, Ferryville; H. H. Williston, Harwick; W. T. Carter, M. Whatley, R. W. Mitchell, Kingston; W. M. Spruce, J. N. Copp, Port Elgin; St. H. Saunders, Elgin; W. J. Usher, Grand Bay; P. B. Millie, Glasville; Geo. E. Day, St. John; A. Sherwood, A. P. Marvill, M. D., Hillsboro; A. P. Alward, Port Elgin; G. I. Northrup, J. W. Smith, Hampton; W. T. Coburn, Harvey, York county; J. J. Clark, E. J. Parker, Derby; A. Hastings, H. S. Keith, St. John; G. T. Morton, Penobscia; John A. McKee, Jerusalem; Henry But, Winslow Gilbert, Kewick; Carey Estey, Florenceville; S. H. Johnson, Norton; M. E. Guss, H. U. Sharp, A. A. Wilson, J. M. Scovell, St. John; E. W. Paul, Jas. Sexton, C. J. Elderkin, St. John; W. E. Skillen, St. Martins; Fred. E. Sharp, Long Point; Col. A. Markham, J. S. Plagior, E. J. MacRae, St. John; Albert Hutchinson, May C. R. Lunay, Miamac; E. R. Folkins, Geo. Ganong, Snider Mountain; Oscar Baldwin, Edward Armstrong, D. G. Langley, Thos. St. John; W. Croker, Newcastle; J. T. Hawke, Geo. H. Peck, F. E. Sears, Dr. C. T. Purdy, Moncton; C. E. A. Simonds, H. C. Creed, Alex. Burchill, Fredericton; Blandford Crothers, Gagetown; Peter Johnston, Millville; G. F. Banks, Mungerville; R. A. Brown, Bloomfield; Thos. W. Smith, Newmarket; D. G. Langley, David Bradley jr., St. John; Murray V. Glasier, Ormotto; St. H. Young, Oak Bay; Jas. Good, Jacksonville; Geo. H. Sadler, A. W. Turner, Perth Centre; H. King, Geo. McAnn, Petitcodiac; Wm. Kerr, Rocky Glen; John McAllister, Campbellton; Wm. Craig, St. John; E. C. Copp, Albert; E. Tingley, Slemogee; Rev. Thos. Marshall, Andrew DeWolfe, St. John; W. B. Dayton; H. M. Blair, T. M. Brewer, W. P.

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Committees Named.

The following committees were appointed by H. C. R.:

Standing committee—H. T. E. P. Eastman; H. Secy., Geo. Stothart; E. S. West, Geo. W. Mullin, H. W. Wood.

Reception committee—B. M. Mullin, M. D.; Wm. Kinghorn, H. R. Carter, M. D.; A. B. Copp, Thos. Murray.

Finance committee—J. B. Russell, J. W. S. Babikirk, W. T. Taylor, William Spence, Andrew DeWolfe.

Com. on appeals—H. Con., A. W. Elbert; C. E. A. Simonds; A. Hastings, E. R. Folkins, John McAllister.

State of order—W. J. S. Myles, Rev. R. J. Campbell, A. Markham, Rev. H. H. Saunders, M. B. Dayton.

Committee on constitution and laws—Harry Atkinson, A. W. MacRae, T. E. Colpitta, C. E. Pickett, Peter Millie.

Committee on new business—Geo. G. Scovell, M. P. P.; Bliss Marvin, M. D.; Geo. F. Banks, W. J. Usher, Geo. B. Jones.

Press committee—D. G. Langley, A. M. Bolding, Harry Blair, Jas. Stewart, Fred. E. Sharp, Geo. E. Day, S. L. T. McKnight.

Comp. Mrs. L. R. Hetherington.

MILITIA ORDERS.

Inspection of 62nd Fusiliers Announced—Presentation of Medals by Duke of Cornwall to Contingent Men.

Ottawa, July 8.—(Special)—The inspection of the 62nd Regiment St. John Fusiliers, has been fixed for Oct. 16th. Col. Vidal, deputy adjutant general, will be inspecting officer.

Militia orders announce the list of points and dates at which the Duke of Cornwall is to present medals to members of the Canadian contingents, except the Strathcona's Horse. The presentation at St. John will be for Oct. 15th or 16th of October, and at Halifax between October 16th and 21st. The receipt roll of all en-

titled to a medal, showing clasp earned, will be at the office of the D. O. C. of the place to be notified later, on the day preceding the presentation. It will be necessary for all individuals who intend to parade to receive a medal to be first identified and sign the roll. An identification card will then be issued to be produced at the presentation the day following. No application other than personal need be made. Claimants who belong to active militia will parade to receive the medal in uniform of the corps to which they belong. Those not in the militia will wear civilian clothes. Individuals who do not find it convenient to parade at any one of the places named will be able to receive the medals after the termination of their royal highness' tour.

The militia orders contain the following: 18th Cumberland Regiment—Paymaster and Honorary Major J. Harrison is placed upon the retired list and is permitted to retain the honorary rank of major upon retirement.

Lieuts. J. R. McKem and R. P. Allen resign their commissions and are permitted to retain the rank of lieutenants upon retirement.

Lieut. and Adj. D. Murray is granted the rank of captain.

Engineers, Brighton Company: Provisional second Lieutenant C. Appleby retired.

62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers—Lieut. second lieutenant, provisionally, G. Jordan, vice H. W. Frank, promoted.

Business Notes.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Charlottetown Light and Power Company, Limited, has been called for the 25th July. The amalgamation with, or the purchase of the Prince Edward Island Electric Company and the Fall Electric Company, of P. E. Island, will be considered.

The Bank of Montreal has opened a branch at Glace Bay, C. B. The stock of George Dunlop's grocery, Waterloo street, was seized yesterday morning under bill of sale.

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