

"a book." Bro. Miller, C.D., Bro. Grady a member of Supreme Court that I met at Toronto a year ago, all take a lively interest in the court, and as you might expect, the Order is popular—the court is growing steadily—and "bucking," (a western synonym for kicking) is rare.

Sunday morning I had the privilege of conducting service in the Methodist church, and in the evening in the Presbyterian church to the brethren, who with their friends and the regular congregation filled the church to overflowing. South-west from MacLeod is Pincher Creek, a place of some size and promise, and the centre of a splendid grazing country. The brethren of Macleod think a court can be instituted. I left some literature with them, and I have no doubt we will have a good account from them.

LETHBRIDGE, 35 miles east of Macleod, was my next point. I started for it Monday noon. Commissioner Herchmer kindly invited me to drive with him. He was on a tour of inspection of the mounted police forts. The ride behind his four-in-hand across the prairie was very enjoyable.

The fording of the Ox river was a new feature in my travels. The thirty-five miles were covered in less than three hours.

Our court in Lethbridge is numerically weak, owing to frequent removals. Business in the town is somewhat depressed. The coal mines are not operated as much as they were some years ago. Better times are, however, expected to be near at hand. In company with Bro. Cottingham, C.D., I called on several of the members. To my regret, I found I had to cancel my engagement for a public meeting the following evening, as the train connections would not enable me to keep my appointments for the rest of the week, so I left at midnight. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Rev. Chas. McKillop, Presbyterian minister and an old class mate at Queen's. He ministers with acceptance and success to a large and influential congregation.

MEDICINE HAT WAS reached on the morning of August 4th, after a night journey from Lethbridge, the connection is every alternate day. Before parting with Col. Herchmer, I had the pleasure of conferring honorary membership on him. Quite a number of the admirable force that he commands are members of the I.O.F. Everywhere I heard the efficiency of the mounted police commended. They are always to be found when needed, and the red coat inspires respect for law and order and property all through the territories. Our court at the "Hat" is fairly prosperous. The quality of the membership is excellent. The leading citizens of the place belong to the I.O.F. The public meeting on the evening of the 5th August made up in attention what it lacked in numbers. Dr. Smythe, C.R., made an admirable chairman. The prospects for an increase in membership are good. Medicine Hat is a divisional point on the C.P.R., and is well situated on the Saskatchewan. It has one of the best equipped hospitals I have seen anywhere, and in it the citizens take a pardonable pride. There is an excellent High School, presided

over by D. M. Perrin. Ranching is followed in the vicinity, and with success.

MAPLE CREEK, some 60 miles east, is the next point where a court of the Order exists. The place is small, and the difficulties in the way of building up a strong court are considerable. A number of the charter applicants failed to pass the Medical Board. Bro. Dixon, C.D., has worked hard in the face of discouragements. The public meeting in the evening was fairly well attended. I had a long conference with the brethren, and when I left them next morning, I was assured by them that they were determined to build up the court. I have no doubt it will be done.

Between Maple Creek and MOOSE JAW, a distance of 200 miles, there is but one place, Swift Current, where possibly a court might be instituted. The court at Moose Jaw is fairly strong. The town is well built, and gives evidence of prosperity. There is a capital High School, the efficient principal of which is Mr. Fenwick, a graduate of Queen's, Kingston. Here I met an old Ontario friend, Mr. J. G. Gordon, barrister, an ex-mayor of the burgh, a man with abounding faith in the place, and with no desire to change his habitation. Quite a number of railway men reside in the town. Farming is followed with considerable success, though ranching is still the chief industry. The public meeting on the 7th August, which was well advertised, was largely attended, the hall had been neatly decorated for the occasion. I found the members hopeful for the future of the Order, and I have no doubt but that the court here will go on prosperously.

Sunday, August 9th, I spent at Cottonwood, some 10 miles north of Pense station. The district is settled almost entirely by people from Bruce County, Ontario. Many of them I knew some twenty-three years ago. It was among them I first made trial of my gifts, a very young and inexperienced student. Their great kindness and helpfulness are among the pleasantest of my memories, and I welcomed the privilege, after the lapse of so many years, of meeting so many of them once more. They have prospered in their western home. Those I knew as children over 20 years ago, are now men and women settled in homes of their own. I attended S.S. in the morning. The children came by waggon, spring board, cart, and on horseback, considerable distances. They were all in their places at 10 a.m. The order was perfect, and their knowledge of the lesson considerable. In the afternoon I preached in their bright little church, opened a few Sundays previously. The notice of my coming was short, their religious services are on alternate Sundays, and this was the off day, but the place was full, the majority being my old friends, their children, and grand children. There is capital material for a court here, and I have sent some literature of the Order to a young friend, a namesake of mine, who will see what can be done. The splendid wheat fields were ripening for the harvest, the people were contented and hopeful, and the success of this part of the North-West seems assured.