

On Credentials—Brothers J. B. Halkett, E. S. Cummer, and A. H. Backhouse.

On Distribution—Brothers W. W. Fitzgerald, Rev. W. Walsh, and George A. Proctor.

Press Committee—Brothers Atwell Fleming, A. L. Chandler, and John T. Hawke.

Brother J. B. Halkett presented the report of the Credential Committee, as follows:

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers, and Representatives of the Supreme Court Independent Order of Foresters:

BRETHREN,—Your Credential Committee have examined the credentials of the representatives, and beg to report that they find the Officers and Past Executive Officers entitled to vote in this Supreme Body; and that the following representatives from the High Courts of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio have been elected to this session of this Supreme Court, and are entitled to all the privileges accorded such representatives, viz.:

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.—Brothers Wm. Griffith, Ackland Oronhyatekha, W. W. Fitzgerald, A. H. Backhouse, A. Hale, H. Pratt, Rev. F. B. Stratton, Thos. Butler, J. T. Hickmett, J. T. Carson, A. L. Chandler, James Adams, Wm. Kea, Fred. Cook, A. Maguire, Rev. W. Walsh, A. F. White, J. B. Halkett, W. R. Hickey, A. R. Milne, A. L. Davis, E. W. Summerskill, F. J. Bowen, Rev. W. B. Carey, Geo. A. Proctor, J. A. Wright, G. H. Thomas, Thomas Mills, D. A. Nesbitt, H. Gibbens, T. D. Bailey, Wm. Milne, A. Stewart, W. S. Dalby, James Watt, James Gadsby, T. J. Birch, James Sharman, W. B. Burnett, Robert Preston, Wm. Dunn, Thos. Moon, James Stokes, David Mills, Daniel Rose, Dr. John McConnell, D. Douglass, Fred. Millman, J. Crosby, H. A. Botterell, Geo. Kennedy, G. W. Paterson, A. Hooker, H. Bawden, Rev. H. A. Thomas, E. M. Bigg, James Crawford, Alex. Aikman, Geo. Davey, William Calder, P. F. Carey, John Bland, Robert Abbs, D. Ormiston, E. Moore, H. Tomkins, H. Williams, Thomas Conley, Geo. Keating, Dr. G. H. Groves, J. H. Courtney, F. C. Paulin, W. Cadwell, James Hewer, A. Wittmaak, John Leys, J. S. Powley, James Jamieson, M. P. Robert Strachan, A. Cornish, Rev. A. McGillivray, James D. Murray, Rev. J. B. Robinson, A. O. Watts, John S. Qui man, F. Falconbridge, W. S. Clarke, James Shi x, W. C. Kerr, W. G. Little, Geo. Watson, Geo. Spence, J. A. Walls, Wm. Douglass, R. W. Hayden, Rev. Thos. Garrett, J. J. Mix, Atwell Fleming, J. Parker Thomas, A. H. Dixon, and Wm. N. Johnston.

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—Brothers Le Baron Coleman, A. Sherwood, S. A. Holstead, Rev. I. N. Parker, W. O. P. Starratt, E. P. Eastman, W. E. Skillen, J. V. Skillen, W. Kinghorn, J. T. Hawke, Dr. B. S. Thorne, and E. L. Perkins.

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA.—Brothers Henry Lovett, Thomas Clarke, A. V. Wade, R. G. Monroe, Jas. A. Simpson, and H. S. Dodge.

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF MICHIGAN.—Brothers Gen. H. H. Aplin, Geo. H. House, Fred. Dunn, J. E. Gum, W. D. Manchester, Jacob Minkler, E. J. James, James F. Downer, J. A. Faise, John Casmers, and Dr. A. L. Ruffe.

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF NEW JERSEY.—Brothers E. H. Allen, and R. J. A.

FROM THE HIGH COURT OF QUEBEC.—Brothers Frank Smith, Prof. Henry Walters, Peter Strathern, Rev. John Grenfell, Dr. George F. Slack, and T. F. Vincent.

Moved by Brother Halkett, seconded by Brother Cummer,

That the report be adopted. Carried.

The representatives present were then introduced and admitted to the Supreme Court Degree, and signed the roll of membership of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Chief Ranger appointed Brothers N. F. Paterson, Q. C., J. H. Courtney and J. W. Frost, a Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Moved by the Supreme Counselor, Brother John A. McGillivray, seconded by the Supreme Physician Brother Dr. Millman,

That the Supreme Court be reduced to the Subordinate Court Degree. Carried.

The Supreme Court was then reduced to the Subordinate Court Degree.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then presented his report.

Supreme Chief Ranger's Report.

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT,

TORONTO, 3rd September, 1889.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court I. O. F.:

HONORED BRETHREN.—Once again it becomes my duty to present my official report giving an account of my stewardship as your Chief Executive Officer. Before, however, proceeding with that duty, permit me to express the pleasure it gives me to welcome to this our highest Court those who for the first time take their seats with us to-day, as well as to have the privilege of taking by the hand so large a number of the veterans of the Order. That so many of us are spared, after an interval of two years, to meet again around our common altar is a cause for individual thankfulness to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. That our hands have been so prospered, in the work of our Order, is cause for devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father. Let us then, one and all, return thanks to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to us in the past, and pray for Divine guidance in our deliberations at this time.

A GRAND RECORD.

Since our last regular session our noble Order has made a grand record. I said to you at our last gathering,

"We close the present year with 6,656 members in good standing on our books, with 246 Courts; and our cash balances have grown to the grand total of \$68,888.61. These are evidences of prosperity which are not equalled in the annals of any kindred Society in the Dominion."

While there was at that time just cause for our jubilation, what must be our feelings of pleasure to-day, when I tell you that we closed the last Foresteric year ending with the 30th June, 1889 with a total membership of 14,286 and with a cash balance in our treasury of

\$169,759.95.