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OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER, HIGH COURT OF EASTERN ONTARIO, I.O.F TAMWORTH, 26th March, 1898.

To Court Deputies, Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts.

GREETING:

During last October an appeal was issued in the form of a circular to every court within the jurisdiction of this High Court of Eastern Ontario, asking aid for our brethren who were so grievously afflicted by the fire that swept over part of the county of Russell. Courts Casselman, No. 437, and Cambridge, No. 675, lost all their books, papers, forms, and court furniture, and nearly every brother was left in a practically destitute condition, and we confidently hoped that not one court in the jurisdiction would fail to forward its share towards their relief.

Thus far no response has been received irom your court, and we now appeal to you again and urge upon you to give a practical demonstration to the chief sentiment of our beloved motto of "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord." We assure you that the needs of our brethren are great, and urgent, and that by responding at once you will earn the gratitude of not only the brethren who have so grievously suffered, but of every member of your High Standing Committee before whom this matter has been laid and by whom this appeal is made. We regret to add that evidence laid before your committee compels the conclusion that the status and reputation of our Order in the viciaity concerned is shadowed by the lack shown by our courts, who have paid no attention to our first appeal. Sister societies have been more prompt and generous to their members than have the I. O. F., and we feel assured that every court is desirous that our Order should not suffer in comparison.

Kindly send at once whatever amount your court can grant, to Bro. G. L. Dickinson, High Secretary, Manotick, Ont., for which you will receive a prompt acknowledgment.

Yours in L., B. and C., C. DAY CLARK, M.D., High Chief Ranger.

ATTEST:

G. L. Dickinson, High Secretary.

Bro. Spence, High Vice-Chief Ranger, attended a meeting at Court Bonnechere, at Renfrew, on the evening of March 24th.

Bro. Ingram established a new court at Sillsville in Lennox County, and has been doing the usual good work we always look for from him.

Let every brother feel that he has a duty to perform in securing new members between now and June 30th, when our Forestric year closes.

A meeting of the High Standing Committee was held in Ottawa on March 22nd, and all are well satisfied with the work for the past seven months.

Bro. Dr. Crain, the High Physician, is taking an active part in the work in his part of the jurisdiction, and we may look forward to a boom in Forestry in that district.

Bro. Dr. Mallory, our High Treasurer, has attended a number of meetings, among others, at Warkworth and the anniversary meeting of Court Tam O'Shanter at Hastings.

Bro. Potts, who has been working under the direction of the High Vice-Chief Ranger Bro. Spence, has put in a good court at Centreton and has another ready to institute in the same district.

Bro. G. N. Brown organized a court of 22 members at Bancroft, and Bro. Jas. Glendenning, with Bro. Brown, instituted the court on February 23rd. Already 8 new members have been secured in this court.

We look forward to a very successful term from now to the meeting of High Court. Any brother who is desirous of devoting some time especially to the work of securing new members will receive a good offer from the High Chief Ranger by communicating with him.

Bro. Dickinson, our ever efficient and genial High Secretary, is still at the good work of visiting courts and looking after the needs of the courts in his district, and the P.H.C.R. and H.C. Bros. Mathison and Fraser, though very busy men, are doing their share of the work.

Court Mountain Grove, No. 3626, held a very successful oyster supper and public meeting on March 4th, at which the H.C.R. delivered an address. This court, though young, is doing excellent work and will very soon take its place amongst the best of the country courts.

Court Tam O'Shanter, No. 1022, held an anniversary public meeting on the evening of March 10th., and as usual scored a decided success. Addresses, were delivered by the High Chief Ranger and by the ever welcome Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, Bro. Col. N. F. Patterson.

Bro. Glendenning has been doing yeoman service for Forestry during the past few months and has established two new courts in the eastern part of the jurisdiction, one at Morrisburg and one at Mangard. We hope Bro. Glendenning will be allowed to continue his good work amongst us.

Court Adolphustown, No. 1892, held a union sugar social with the Lodge of A.O.U.W. in that village, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. We are pleased to see this good feeling existing between our courts and other societies. Addresses were delivered on behalf of the A.O.U.W. by Bro. Dobson, Principal High School, Picton, and for I.O.F. by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Dr. Clark.

Prince Edward Island.

The Civic Elections, etc.

We congratulate Brother Dr. Warburton, of Court Avondale, on his election as Mayor of Charlottetown, with a majority of over six hundred.

Bros. Alexander Horne and D. L. Hooper, members of Court Avondale, were re-elected to the City Council of Charlottetown; both with good major ities.

Bro. Arthur C. Rogers, of Court Cabot, was elected Mayor of the town of Summerside; and Bro. John Grady, Treasurer of Court Chautauqua, was elected a member of the Town Council. A large number of candidates were in the field. Bro. Grady was the only Forester, and was at the head of the poll.

Brothers John D. Goss, H. A. Compton and Major Schurman, who have served the town as members of the Council for years, did not offer