

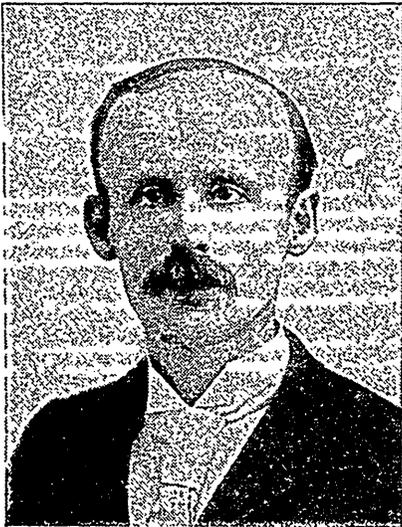
Few of the reports sent to me by the Court Deputies contain any suggestion for the good of the Order, which I presume may be taken as evidence that Courts in general are well satisfied with present conditions. A few contain suggestions which refer more particularly to the work of the Supreme Court.

I notice from reports that several Courts still omit the bonding of their officers. This, besides being positively unconstitutional, is a very dangerous custom, and may here, as it has in other places, cause much trouble and loss. It always pays to be right.

I am very happy to notice the high honor which has come to two of our Courts through a happy choice of the names of illustrious and wealthy men, viz., Lords Strathcona and Mount Stephen, both of whom seem to have deeply appreciated the delicate compliment paid to them, and handsomely remembered the Courts which had so honored them. No doubt all new Courts will look carefully to the choice of names.

An especial feature of the last session of the Supreme Court was the dedication of our magnificent Temple Building, a building which can be fitly described as a "thing of beauty," and promises to be to every Forester "a joy forever." Towering as it does, far above all other buildings in that city of stately edifices, it will stand in the light of future years to show to many yet unborn the evidence of the great confidence in the principles of our beloved Order which has inspired our Supreme Executive. And to all Canadian members it will be doubly dear, making as it does the home of our Order in our own land.

I am especially pleased to have the honor of welcoming to this session our esteemed Supreme Treas-



FRANK S. JOST, P.H.C.R.

urer, Brother H. A. Collins, and I am sure that you will rejoice with me at his presence amongst us. We have been favored in the past with visits from several of our superior officers, all gentlemen whom it was a delight to honor. Brother Collins, though last, is not by any means least in ability both to please and to instruct.

During the year every Court in my jurisdiction,

with the exception of one, has been visited by some member of the High Standing Committee; that one was not neglected intentionally but by reason of a storm. Personally I have visited twenty Courts, have attended nine public meetings, have installed the officers of four Courts, have issued commissions to fourteen Court Deputies, and have travelled in the discharge of my duties about 1,300 miles. This, while being a severe tax upon my time, has been a labor of love, and the great kindness shown me by the members of the Order everywhere will always remain as a very pleasant memory. I have also to thank every member of the High Standing Committee for their assistance and counsel, always so cheerfully given.

The High Secretary's report showed the number of Courts in the jurisdiction, 35, and one instituted since the reports were prepared.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Beneficiary Members reported last year.....	1303
Number initiated during the year.....	181
Number admitted by card.....	2
Number reinstated.....	9
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First total.....	1515
Number suspended for all causes.....	52
Number withdrawals by card.....	25
Number died.....	7
Number by card from Court Gordon.....	4
Number placed on honorary list.....	2
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Second total.....	90

Present membership..... 1425

The following is a synopsis of the report of the High Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report.....	\$ 425 29
Receipts for the year.....	832 72
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Expenditure.....	856 06

Cash on hand.....\$ 401 95

The High Auditors reported having examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the High Secretary and Treasurer and found them correct and satisfactorily kept. The assets over all liabilities amount to \$450.11.

Previous to the meeting of the High Court, Prince George Encampment of Royal Foresters, held a meeting from 12 to two o'clock, presided over by the illustrious Commander, Richard M. Johnson. A number of prominent Foresters, including the Supreme Treasurer, took part in the proceedings. A number of applications were received from members of the Order for this exalted degree, which was confirmed at another meeting held in the evening.

A public meeting was held Wednesday evening in the public hall, which was crowded to the doors. Frank S. Jost, P.H.C.R., presided. An address of welcome was given by John Anderson, Esq., of Court Prince Edward, which was responded to by J. M. Clark, H.C.R. The remainder of the programme consisted of a recitation by Dr. Dougherty, and a song by Bro. Lamont, which, of course, was encored. Excellent addresses by Mr. H. A. Collins, Sup. Treas., and Rev. J. M. Withycombe.

On Thursday the High Court continued its deliberations, the first session opening at 9 o'clock with