

Canada. The Conventions of the Grand Branch are held annually, the date and place of next meeting being arranged then. The last Convention was held in the Town of Peterboro, May 1, 2 and 3, 1894, when the proposition to form Ladies' Circles in affiliation with the Branches was unanimously adopted. The next Convention will be held in Toronto on the 6th of August, 1895. Subordinate Branches elect their officers annually at the first Branch meeting in December.

The present officers are: Chaplain, Right Rev. Monsignor F. P. Rooney, V.G.; President, David A. Carey; Vice-President, Thomas F. Gould; Secretary, W. Lane.

SUBORDINATE BRANCHES.

- Sarsfield No. 1—Organized 1872, President, J. R. Hall; Secretary, N. T. Curran, 41 Wood st. E.; meets 2nd and 4th Monday in C.M.B.A. Hall, Hamilton.
- O'Connell No. 2—Organized 1874, President, P. J. Crotty; Secretary, W. Donnelly, 33 Carr st., To onto; meets 2nd and 4th Thursday.
- St. Patrick's No. 7—Organized 1878, President, M. Madden; Secretary, M. J. Madden, 241 Farley ave.; meets 1st and 3rd Sunday in E.B.A. Hall, Farley ave., Toronto.
- St. Paul's No. 8—Organized 1880, President, A. McDonald; Secretary, J. Cleary, 32 Louise st.; meets 4th Sunday in I.C.B.A. Hall, Toronto.
- Davidt No. 11—Organized 1882—President, D. Shea; Secretary, W. Lane, 17 Hamburg ave.; meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in Hall corner Sheridan ave., Toronto.

- St. Patrick's No. 12—Organized 1882, President, J. J. Moloney; Secretary, W. P. Murphy, 83 Tecumseth st.; meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Hall corner McCaul and Queen sts., Toronto.
- St. Peter's No. 21—Organized 1888, President, T. Lynch; Secretary, J. Hickey, Peterborough; meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays in C.M.B.A. Hall, Peterborough.
- St. Peter's No. 23—Organized 1889, President, T. F. Gould; Secretary, M. Quirk, South Louton; meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday in I. O. F. Hall, London.
- St. Mary's No. 24—Organized 1889, President, R. McGregory; Secretary, C. E. Leaney, Almonte; meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays in E.B.A. Hall, Almonte.
- St. Joseph's No. 25—Organized 1891, President, A. McPhee; Secretary, E. J. Kneill, Stratford; meets 2nd and 4th Monday in C.M.B.A. Hall, Stratford.
- Sarsfield No. 28—Organized 1893, President, R. Brankin; Secretary, A. Morell, 79 McKay st.; meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in St. Patrick's Hall, Ottawa.
- St. Cecilia No. 29—Organized 1893, President, M. Mahoney; Secretary, H. T. McDonald; meets 2nd and 4th Friday, West Toronto, I.C.T.
- St. Patrick's No. 30—Organized 1893, President, T. Coughlin; Secretary, T. E. Brown, Kinkora; meets 1st and 3rd Friday, Kinkora.

LADIES' CIRCLES.

- St. Patrick's No. 1—Organized Dec. 6, 1893, President, Miss Henley; Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Nightingale, 26 Orde st.; meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Hall corner McCaul and Queen sts., Toronto.
- St. Helen's No. 2—Organized March 19, 1894, President, Miss Brennan; Secretary, Miss Marchman, 36 Dofee st.; meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in Hall corner Sheridan ave., Toronto.
- St. Cecilia No. 3—Organized June 10, 1894, President, Mrs. Kelly; Secretary, Miss Boylan, Annetta st.; meets 2nd and 4th Friday at West Toronto Junction.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.



THE practice and cultivation of that virtue peculiar to Christians, that virtue which Our Lord's life upon earth exemplified—Charity—is the object of the Catholic Order of Foresters, whose watchword, in the words of the Constitution, is "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity."

The Society was founded on the 23d of May, 1883, in the Sodality Hall of the Holy Family Church, Chicago, by Mr. Thos. Taylor in conjunction with a few other earnest gentlemen. They drew up a constitution and submitted it to His Grace Archbishop Feehan, who graciously gave his approbation.

In this Order membership is confined exclusively to Catholics only who are faithful in the discharge of their religious duties and obligations. The members of the various Courts of the Order are called together twice a month in regular meetings, when, after the transaction of necessary business, greetings are exchanged, acquaintances made and union cemented among them. The three great calamities so common, and so prolific of misery in the world, are loss of employment, loss of life and loss of health. The efforts of the Order are directed to alleviate those evils, and minimize the sorrow flowing from them. The names of Brothers out of employment are read out at each meeting and efforts made to secure them

employment. In cases of sickness the Brother is not only visited by his fellow-members, but is provided, in most cases, with a sum from \$4 to \$7 per week during illness, whilst, if death should overtake him, his Funeral expenses are borne by his Court, and in addition, his family receive a beneficiary of one thousand dollars.

During the first five years of its existence the Order established 83 Courts, with a membership of 5,000, and since has expanded and increased rapidly. In 1892 there were 228 Courts. On April 30, 1894, the end of the official year, the Courts numbered 445, having a total membership of 26,579.

In Canada 157 of these Courts are located, the membership reaching 8,372; the others are distributed through the United States.

The headquarters of the Order are in Chicago, and the present Executive officers are:

Thos. H. Cannon, High Chief Ranger, Chicago.
T. J. Calen, High Vice-Chief Ranger, Milwaukee.
Theo. B. Thiele, High Secretary, Chicago.

Michel Cyr, High Treasurer, Chic. a.

Dr. T. F. O'Malley, High Medical Examiner, and also a Board of five Trustees.

The Government of the Order is carried on through the Annual Session; to this, each Court is entitled to send one delegate. In the Session or Convention of 1894, held at St. Paul, Minn., a radical change in the representation at the Annual Session was made, by the formation of a Grand Council in each State or Province. These