

trace of him from this card, as we have many thousand members in the Order, amongst whom are a great many by the name of Shepherd.

I send you this item in order to give you a slight idea of how some members do their business. I am continually receiving letters or cards just as troublesome as this one. Why the membership do not put the name and number of their Court upon all their communications to this office is really a wonder to me in view of the fact, that the Forester is continually asking them to do so.

All I have to say in the matter is, that Brother Shepherd will never receive a reply to this card, unless he sees this letter of mine, and writes me the requisite information.

I may just add that the membership of this Order would save us many hours of labor at this office, if upon every communication they forward here, they would state the name and number of their respective Courts.

Trusting that Brother Shepherd, who sins in the same manner, may see this letter, which is the first one that I have troubled you with since I became Secretary of this Order some ten months ago, I am,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY.

### Words of Cheer.

FOREST RIVER, N. D., July, 1890.

Our Court is getting along very nicely, and the members take interest in it. I look for a great boom in Forestry this coming fall and winter. Our prospects for crops are unusually good, and we look for a large increase in number of Courts and members. Trusting the good work will go on, and that you will again visit Dakota at some future time,

I am, very truly, yours in L., B. and C.,  
W. H. DANIELS.

POINT EDWARD, ONT., 8th July, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—You will no doubt be pleased to hear that Court Huron, No. 163, Point Edward, at its meeting last night had no less than thirteen applications for membership.

We heard your commands and are on the march, and would advise you to have in readiness those badges, and also the new

officers' sashes, so that we may secure them without delay upon our arrival.

We have a Court of fifty-three live members, who are all on the march. Look out for us.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

J. BEVERIDGE, C.D.H.C.R.

### Among the Courts.

Court Ivy, No. 157, hold their Annual Demonstration.

On Wednesday, 25th June, Court Ivy, No. 157, I. O. F., held their annual demonstration at Thorndale. The event had been the talk of Thorndale for some time. At an early hour processions of visitors might have been seen wending their way to the pleasure grounds to secure suitable and comfortable places where the procession might be viewed. At 2 30 p. m. Court Thamesford, with their excellent cornet band, came piping forth and soon fell in line, accompanied by other visiting brethren, making the procession nearly 100 strong. As the company arrived on the grounds they were closely followed by a crowd of people which nearly numbered 800. Brother Mathieson, C.R., made a very suitable and fitting address, and then introduced the chairman, ex-Mayor Gibson, P.M., of Ingersoll, who was greeted with the warmest applause, and who gave an address which interested and amused everyone. The chairman then called for a selection from the band, to which they heartily responded and commanded attention and earned applause from all. Following this Rev. A. R. Birks, of Thamesford, gave a very interesting and instructive address on Forestry, portraying it in all its aspects. Captain T. E. Robson, then being called to the platform, favored the crowd with a patriotic song, and was encored. Miss Ada Cosgrove, being called upon, sang a number of excellent songs, and at each appearance was given rounds of applause. When she had finished Rev. J. E. Moore, of Dorchester, was introduced and gave an animated soul-stirring address. At this period the 5 p. m. train was due, and the worthy chairman was forced to go on that train, business being urgent. The Chief Ranger then presided to the satisfaction of all. He introduced Geo. Moir, of Stratford, and comic singing, with action to suit, George supplied in a most ludicrous manner. Another selection was given by the band, and Miss McGuffin rendered an excellent recita-