

leagues on the H. S. Committee, and the energetic quartette from Ontario, Bros. Whale, Gilmor, Clendenning and Weismiller.

One of the courts recently instituted has a membership of 50. This is fully double the average membership of new courts.

A correspondent from Kentville writes: The Independent Order of Foresters is advancing with rapid strides in this country. Recent visits of Supreme Court officers have encouraged our brethren, and directed public attention to the claims of Forestry. Some months ago, Bro. the Hon. D. D. Aitken lectured with acceptance to a large audience in this town. Bro. Weismiller, a few weeks ago, succeeded in organizing Court BLOMIDON at Wolfville with a large and influential membership.

On the evening of Dec. 8th, the regular semi-monthly meeting of Court EVANGELINE was held. The chambers of the court were filled to their utmost capacity by home and visiting brothers. A large number of brothers came up from Court BLOMIDON to pay a fraternal visit. They included Bros. F. M. Logan, C.R.; J. M. Shaw, P.C.R.; Wm. Regan, R.S.; F. Christie and H. Layton, S. and J.W., and Bros. F. A. Dixon, Thos. Chase, F. Mahoney, E. Wallace, H. Vaughan and E. P. White. One brother was initiated and thirteen applications for membership were read, and an intimation that many more were to follow. The brothers were very agreeably surprised at the unexpected arrival of Bro. C. C. Whale of Ontario, the Inspector of the I.O.F., and all will be glad to renew their acquaintance with him again. In a magnetic address, interspersed with broad humor, he spoke words of encouragement and hope, which were much enjoyed by his interested auditors. Enthusiastic speeches were made by a number of the Blomidon and Evangeline members, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

It is anticipated that a public meeting will be held at Wolfville the first week of the New Year, to be addressed by Bro. Whale, the High Chief Ranger, and other eloquent speakers. Hopes are entertained that a similar meeting may be arranged to be held at Kentville as well.

Prince Edward Island.

The Editor of THE FORESTER said in the December number something about the "little sister down by the sea." If the brother knew how long it takes to go from one part of the Province to the other he would in the future drop the word "little."

A new court is to be organized soon in Tryon.

Court MINNEWAWA celebrated their 10th anniversary on November 16th. Bro. John M. Clark, Supreme Conductor, was present, and gave an interesting account of his visit to the old land attending the meeting of the Supreme Court.

As the winter months are now here, it would be wise for the courts to meet at least twice in the month, and hold some public meetings.

The following letter has been sent to all the courts interested:—

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Office of High Secretary,
North Bedouque, P. E. Island,
Dec. 15th, 1896.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. J. F. Stewart, will visit the courts east of Summerside on the under-

mentioned dates. If the date that he will be with your court does not come on your regular night of meeting, I ask you to arrange for a special meeting on that evening. If you cannot do so, be good enough to let me know, and we can go in some other direction for that day.

Yours fraternally,

L. H. FOWLER,

High Sec'y.

Court Avondale	Monday evening, Jan. 11		
" Abegweit	Tuesday "	"	12
" Badnagowan	Wednesday "	"	13
" Albino	Thursday "	"	14
" Murray Harbor	Friday "	"	15
" Ferndale	Saturday "	"	16
" St. John	Monday "	"	18
" Queen's	Tuesday "	"	19
" Lennox	Wednesday "	"	20
" Wiltshire	Thursday "	"	21
" Elliot	Friday "	"	22
" Freetown	Saturday "	"	23
" Northumberland	Monday "	"	25
" Prince Edward	Tuesday "	"	26
" Aberdeen	Wednesday "	"	27
" Beausejour	Thursday "	"	28
" New London	Friday "	"	29

Michigan.

COURT BOREALIS, No. 3262, MENOMINEE, sends greeting to the brotherhood of I.O.F., and wish to tell that we are doing a little to help forward the good work. We were organized July 1st of this year, with 23 charter members, by State Organizer A. A. Weeks, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Our membership at the present is 30, with 6 candidates for our next meeting, and more to follow. We are sure to prosper. We will have 75 members by next spring. Our loyalty is firmly founded upon our charter, and upon the obligation of our Order, which embodies the principles of fraternity. We are busy talking of many things to be accomplished for the advancement of our court. Should we achieve wonders, the echoes will doubtless reach you. It is pleasant, when looking over our monthly FORESTER, to see so many notices of old friends. We are very proud of our court. The best of feeling prevails, and each member does his best to make our meetings enjoyable as well as profitable. So writes an esteemed brother. Long may Borealis shine!

NOTES OF INTEREST.

COURT MONTINEFR, of Saginaw, West Side, will have a public installation of its officers, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th.

COURT ALPENA will have a public installation of its officers on Monday evening, Jan. 11th. The High Chief Ranger has promised to be present.

Dr. O. N. Moom, High Physician, was the winner of the prize badge offered in Official Circular No. 2, he having secured thirteen applications during months of April, May and June.

Bro. F. R. Otto, member of Court Saginaw, has been appointed State Deputy by the High Chief Ranger as a compliment for filing into the court 27 applications during the present year.

State Organizer Weeks, beginning Dec. 14th, is spending a week in Detroit, and as we go to press a report is received that fifteen applications have already been received on a new charter list.