

AMONG THE SOCIETIES

SOMETHING ABOUT THE FORESTERS AND THEIR ORDER.

How Long it is Established in This Province and Under What Conditions—The Men who Compose the Membership—List of Officers, Past and Present.

Combined, the three Forester orders, the Ancient order of Foresters, the Independent order of Foresters, and the Canadian Order of Foresters, have enrolled under their banner a multitude of brothers united for fraternal and benevolent ends. The Ancient Order is the mother society and a schism in the ranks led to the formation of the other two.

The Independent Order was formed at Newark, New Jersey, on the 17th June, 1874. The American branch of the Ancient Order thought their rights were not sufficiently protected and they desired home rule. The Ancient Order with headquarters in the old country did not seem disposed to grant it and so the Independent Order of Foresters was formed.

In 1881 the order was reorganized and changed from a death assessment plan of insurance to its present plan. They began business under the new system, July 1st 1881, without a dollar in their treasury but increased at a rapid rate and now embrace in their membership role 125,000 persons with a surplus of two and a half million dollars.

The first Court established in New Brunswick was organized by Charles Punched, D. C. S. C., in Moncton, in June 1883. Brother Punched then proceeded to Dorchester and Sackville, where he instituted Courts. Then he went to Petitcodiac, Hillsboro and Albert where he organized Courts. Delegates from these six Courts met at Moncton, Sept 6th, 1883, and the High Court of New Brunswick was organized by the eminent Dr. Oronbyatka, of Toronto, the present Supreme Chief Ranger, with the following executive officers:

- High Chief Ranger—R. A. Chapman, then Sheriff of Westmorland Co.
- High Vice Chief Ranger—J. E. B. McCready, then editor of the Transcript.
- High Secretary—Harvey Atkinson, Barrister of Moncton.
- High Treasurer—A. E. Oulton, of Dorchester, Judge of Probate.
- High Physician—Dr. Norfolk, of Moncton.
- High Counselor—H. B. Emmerson, of Dorchester.

The following have been the High Chief Rangers of the High Court of this province.

- R. A. Chapman, 1883-84.
- J. E. B. McCready, 1884-86.
- Herbert C. Creed, M. A., 1886-91.
- Lebaron Coleman, 1891-95.
- William Kinphors, 1896-97.
- Hon. Judge Wedderburn, 1897.

At the first annual session in 1884 F. W. Emmerson Sackville, was elected High Secretary and E. P. Eastman, Petitcodiac, High Treasurer. These brothers have held their position ever since.

The first Courts in St. John were La Tour and Loyalist organized about December, 1883, in the city proper and the North end respectively by F. W. Watson, D. S. C. R. The next Court to be organized in St. John was Court Frederick in Carleton by Messrs. H. C. Creed and F. W. Emmerson.

A number of the New Brunswick members of the order have occupied high positions in the Supreme Court. In 1884 Dr. George A. Hetherington was elected Supreme Vice Chief Ranger and in 1887 he was succeeded by Mr. Herbert C. Creed. In 1889 F. W. Emmerson became Supreme Counsellor and was succeeded in 1891 by the Hon. Judge Wedderburn, the present incumbent of that office. Several New Brunswick men have held appointed positions in the Supreme Court.

In July last there were in this province 188 Courts with 5,088 members, an increase of 509 for the year.

There are in St. John city ten Courts as follows: Loyalist, 121; LaTour, 125; Frederick, 268; Intercolonial, 1117; Rockwood, 1470; Ouanogondy, 1572; Martello, 1747; Epping Forest, 1755; Log Cabin 1761; Wygondy, 3012. There are six Courts in the County. The High Court meets in St. John next summer.

Ancient Order of Foresters.

This order is as its name implies an ancient order having been established in 1790 in England. It is also a very strong order having about a million members and its tendrils have shot out in all directions taking root in every corner of the globe, in Europe and America, in South Africa and Australia, even in far off India and

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Japan, in climes tropic and temperate. In Great Britain and Ireland alone there are over 4,000 courts with nearly 700,000 members. The order spends \$5,000,000 a year in sick benefits and has assets of \$70,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 is in cash. In England the order has its own life saving stations on Albion's rock bound coasts and its own wards in the hospitals.

The supreme body is the High Court of England. The controlling body in this country is the subsidiary High Court of Canada which has perfect autonomy. The order was introduced here about three and a half years ago, when Court McAdam No. 8085, was organized at McAdam by High Chief Ranger Perry, of Montreal. This court now numbers 70 or 80 members. Court Pride No. 8086, was organized immediately after at St. John, and since then courts have been organized at Woodstock, St. Mary's, Fredericton, three at Halifax, Truro, Amherst, Dartmouth two more in St. John, Diamond Jubilee, No. 8577, and Excelsior. There are now about 800 members of the order in the Maritime Province district. The District Chief Ranger for New Brunswick is Mr. Geo. A. Hurd, of McAdam. At the last High Court meeting, Mr. Scott E. Morrill was elected a member of the laws and judiciary committee.

Beside the three subordinate courts there are in this city a ladies' court of the Companions of the Forest with about 35 members, and a boys' court with about 45 members. There are all told in this city about 800 members.

Canadian Order of Foresters.

This fraternal foresteric order is of purely Canadian origin and confines its operations to the land where the maple leaf and beaver emblem waves. The order was founded on November 25th, 1879, in Ontario and was incorporated on December 1st following. The membership of the order is now 26,000 with a surplus of nearly \$600,000.

The society was introduced into the Maritime Provinces on Oct. 10th, 1893, when Court St. John No. 470, was founded in this city. There are now in the city four additional courts, viz.—Union Jack, No. 549; Parrot, No. 563; North End, No. 567; Yukon, No. 733. These have about 150 members. The other courts in the province are Madawaska and Westmorland, the latter at Moncton. There are several in Nova Scotia and two in Prince Edward Island. Mr. S. H. Cator is special organizer for the maritime provinces and is now engaged in organization work and it is expected that within a year they will have the thousand members necessary for the establishment of a district high court. Mr. Ernst Gartung, of Brantford, Ont., the superintendent of organization of the High Court, is expected here in March to carry on the work of extension and while here he will be banqueted.

BIG CHUNKS OF GOLD.

Some Famously Large Masses of the Golden Metal

While the nugget found in the Blue Jay pocket by the Graves brothers is likely to become famous for its size and value, it is not, as had been said, the largest one known in the authentic history of mining. This nugget stands, or rather stood—for it is now being minted—for about \$12,000, but saying nothing of the alleged Chilean nugget weighing 400 pounds troy, the "Welcome" nugget of Ballarat, weighing 2,217 ounces 16 pennyweights, was sold for over £10,500 or nearly \$52,500. It is even a question whether the Graves nugget is the largest one ever taken from the soil of California. According to Hittell, a nugget was found at Carson hill, Calaveras county, in November, 1854, which weighed 195 pounds troy, and was worth over \$48,000. Between the two there is no great issue of values, but what there is appears to favor the earlier specimen.

The first nugget found in this state, the one which Marshall picked up was worth but 50 cents, and the next one discovered but \$5. A soldier in Stevenson's regiment found the first large specimen, a mass of gold weighing between twenty and twenty-five pounds, while stopping to drink in a small affluent on the Mokelumne river. This nugget was taken east, where its exhibition confirmed the stories of California wealth and added naturally to the public excitement there.

In 1854 the "Oiver" Martin chink, which was auriferous ore mixed with white quartz, was picked near Camp Corona, in Tuolumne county, in a hole which Martin had dug to bury a drowned comrade. It yielded \$22,270 and became the basis of a great fortune. In 1886 Daniel Hill, a pauper, found a \$14,000 nugget in Plumas county, and, coming to San Francisco, spent the proceeds quickly. \$5000 being squandered in one week's whirl.

With his money all gone, he went to Dutch Flats, Nevada county, and while washing his hands in a stream saw lying on the bottom a nugget of gold and white quartz, similar in size and shape to a baby's head. This brought \$15,300, and sent Daniel through a career of debauchery to the poorhouse.

The finds in later years up to the Blue Jay discovery have not been of a notable sort. In the fall of 1889 two tramps, who had been off a Southern Pacific freight train started to walk to Bakerfield, and found a battered nugget weighing 216 ounces on the way. In 1896 a chunk worth \$1400 was picked up in San Diego county, and there have been two or three discoveries on the Mojave desert. The majority of the finds have been accidental.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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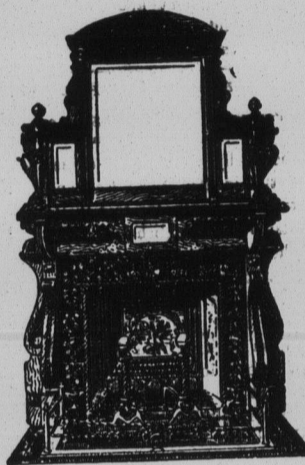
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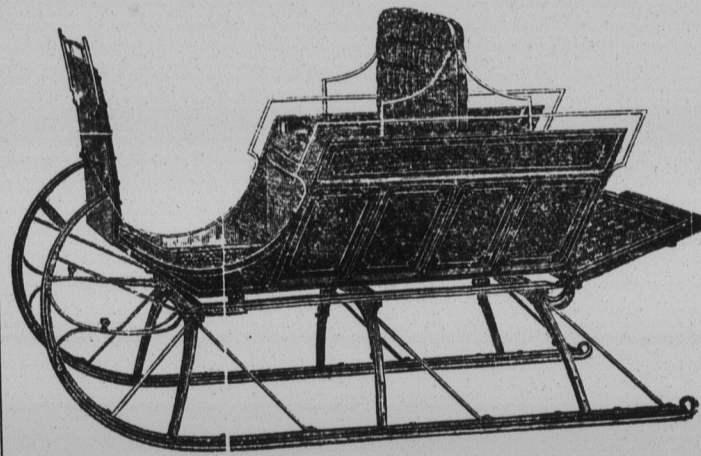
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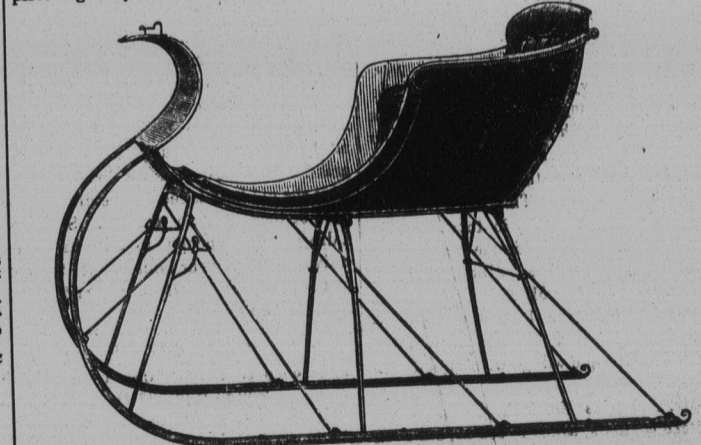
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