

attention. He started from the beginning of the Order and carried his hearers all through its progress, onwards and upwards to its present proud and honored position. His address was a masterpiece of eloquence and ability. The gathering broke up with singing God Save the Queen. When all but the Foresters and their lady friends had departed the feast began, and the honored visitors were entertained to a very dainty supper.

Tuesday, Blackville was visited. This is truly an ideal spot for a Foresters' home. The Foresters have a good, strong court here and are very active. They expect soon to move into a new hall that they have just about completed. In the evening the hall was crowded, and probably the most successful entertainment ever given in it was held. Both the Judge and Mr. Murray will be sure of a hearty welcome from the ladies and Foresters of Blackville, should they ever return. Messrs. McLoggan, Dale, Been and others, extended to the visitors the most unbounded hospitality.

Bro. Colter drove the visitors to Douglstown, where we were just in time for another meeting. We found the hall well filled, and everybody was most attentive. A first-class programme, in which the Judge and Mr. Murray were assisted by local talent, made the evening pass all too quickly.

The next day the visitors proceeded to Kingston, Kent Co., where the final and probably the most successful meeting of all was held. Here we were met by Bro. Mitchell and escorted to the Royal Hotel. The meeting in the evening was certainly a fitting climax to such a successful tour. In a beautiful new hall built in opera house style, the stage a mass of greens, flowers and potted plants, with the emblem of the Order in a most conspicuous position, this was the sight that greeted us. On the platform, besides Chairman Carter of Richibucto and the visitors, were Mr. Barnes, M.P.P., two of the local clergymen, and the committee. Mr. Carter, in a neat speech, opened the meeting. The Judge's oration was a grand effort, as was evinced by the thunderous applause that followed. Mr. Murray after singing six or seven times had to give up or give out. Seldom has any singer met with such a warm reception as was given Brother Murray in Kingston. This splendid meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which the visitors were entertained to an elaborate supper got up by the popular and pleasing hostess of the Royal Hotel.

Court La Tour, No. 125, St. John, of which Bro. Fred. G. Flewelling is the efficient and popular deputy, is enjoying a season of prosperity that is likely to be not only maintained, but increased. The members are discussing the question of admitting the ladies into the Order. A debate was held on the subject at the last regular meeting; it will be continued at the next meeting of the court.

It is needless to say that the meetings of the court are well attended.

Nova Scotia.

The H.C.R. intends visiting the courts of Colchester and Pictou counties during the early part of April.

Bro. R. B. Moxon, H.V.C.R., is as enthusiastic as ever, and the courts of Halifax and Dartmouth are greatly indebted to him for their success, and they always appreciate a visit from "Dick," who is at home in all.

Bro. Heisler also addressed a public meeting at Upper Stewiacke, and instituted Court Mutual Aid, No. 3382, as a direct result. The Court will, when the charter is closed, have some 30 members.

Court Eastern Star, No. 884, held a public meeting on the 15th, at which the H.C.R. was also present and placed the merits of the I.O.F. before the people of Waterville. Court Eastern Star has had an increase of about 400 per cent.

The High Court of Nova Scotia meets on the fourth Wednesday in June, and from present indications this season will be the largest and most important since the formation of the High Court. More than 100 officers and representatives are expected to be present. An official circular will be published in the next issue of the FORESTER.

Court Utopia, at Ritecy's Cove, is in exceptionally good hands, the Court Deputy, Bro. Arthur Webb, and E. Sec'y, Bro. Samuel Ritecy, being enthusiastic Foresters, and all the officers well versed in the Ritual and Laws of the Order. The H.C.R. paid a very pleasant and profitable visit to this court, and held a public meeting in February.

Bro. Dr. Goodwin, Court Physician of Court Royal Jubilee, 114, intends leaving for England in a few days to spend a few months among the great hospitals, and to take the post-graduate exam. before the London College. Bro. Goodwin has been physician of his mother court for more than ten years, and has given the greatest satisfaction to its members. The court, by a unanimous vote, granted the Doctor six months' leave of absence, and he goes to the Motherland followed by the good wishes of all his brethren.

A public meeting and entertainment, under the auspices of Court Nova Scotia, 1388, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Berwick, on the evening of March 14th. Bro. E. J. Hiseler, H.C.R., was present, and spoke at length, giving interesting facts and statistics relative to the Order, together with very interesting comparisons between the various Old Line companies and the I.O.F. The Berwick brass band discoursed sweet music during the evening. The Wabash quartette, Messrs. H. E. Sawyer, W. H. Snyder, Fred. Bennett and J. D. Nichols, rendered several selections, which were much appreciated.

Court Nova Scotia, which had been in a semi-dormant condition, is now full of life and energy, and its membership has arisen from 6, when the H.C.R. paid his first visit, to more than 20 now, and a large increase is expected during 1898.

The amount subscribed by the various courts in aid of the distressed brethren at Windsor is as follows: High Court of N.S., \$50; Court Mulgrave, No. 824, \$20; Court Halifax, No. 1624, \$21.25; Court Mic-Mac, No. 1614, \$5; Court Yuvan, No. 1594, \$10; Court Stewiacke, No. 931, \$10; Court Sissiboo, No. 122, \$5; Court Cornwallis, No. 818, \$20; Court Widows' Friend, No. 1003, \$10; Court Utopia, No. 3506, \$13.85; Court Prince William, No. 1004, \$3; Court Yarmouth, No. 1390, \$12; Court Royal Jubilee, No. 114, \$67.40; Court Cumbria, No. 910, \$25; Court Hawthorne, No. 1074, \$54; Court Seymour, No. 1603, \$23; Court Peninsular, No. 1206, \$5; Court Mayflower, No. 209, \$11; Court Happy Thought, No. 917, \$10; Court Lloyd, No. 1604, \$5; Court Rand, No. 3412, \$14; Court Chebucto, No. 1376, \$10; Court Acadia, No. 102, \$8.50; Court Scotia, No. 1818, \$10; Court Chappell, No. 3610, \$10.