

## High Court of Ontario.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OPERA HOUSE,  
BARRIE, Aug. 9, 1892.

In pursuance of the resolutions of adjournment of the High Court at Brockville, on the 12th day of August, 1891, the officers and members assembled at 10 o'clock this forenoon in the opera house, in the town of Barrie, and the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the High Court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters was opened with the prescribed ceremonies by Brother David Millar, High Chief Ranger.

The High Officers present at roll call were: H.C.R., David Millar; P.H.C.R., N. F. Paterson, Q.C.; H.V.C.R., Rev. Alex. Macgillivray; H. Sec., James B. Halkett; H. Treas., Thomas G. Davey; H. Phys., J. Dunfield, M.D.; H. Coun., W. H. Bartram; H. Chap., Rev. John McLaren; H.J.S., Thomas Lawless; H.S.W., D. G. Morgan; H.S.B., J. T. Carson; H.J.B., Alex. McKee; H. Mar., Wm. Little; H. Con., A. L. Chandler; H. Mess., Charles C. Baird; H. Aud., Daniel Rose; H. Aud., David Ormiston; H.C. Ins., C. C. Whale; H.C. Ins., Henry Gibbens.

## VACANCY FILLED.

The High Chief Ranger was pleased to appoint Brother John G. McPherson to be H.J.W. in place of Brother T. D. Bailey, absent.

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The High Chief Ranger, by virtue of the powers in him vested, appointed to be the Credential Committee, Brothers James B. Halkett, Thomas Lawless, Wellington Wallace, W. H. Yates and James Crawford.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The High Chief Ranger then appointed the following named members to be the standing committees:

*On Finance*—Brothers H. A. Collins, Robert Griffith, W. C. McLean, D. A. Rose and W. B. Saunders.

*On Reporting for the Press*—Brothers George L. Wilson, Geo. W. Wrigley, Captain Kerr, Rev. Robert Kerr, Wm. Miller.

*On New Business*—Brothers Alex. Aikman, M. D. Teetzel, Walter Rowan, D. A. Nesbit and A. F. Walsh.

*On Constitution and Laws*—Brothers Col. N. F. Paterson, Q.C., L. T. Barclay, A. H. Backhouse, A. Stewart and Thomas Wood.

*On State of the Order*—Brothers Edward Botterell, P.S.C.R., J. T. Carson, Dr. Little, W. Gerry and Geo. Keating.

*On Appeals and Petitions*—Brothers Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Wm. Rea, Rev. F. W. Farris, W. H. Bartram and M. W. Drennan.

*On Distribution*—Brothers Geo. K. Powell, L. L. Irvine, James Hope, Dr. Kirk and Dr. Mallory.

*On Mileage and Per Diem*—Brothers E. S. Cumber, P.S.S., Henry Pratt, C. H. Merryfield, Geo. Challes and G. W. Holman.

The report of H. C. R. David Millar was an able document and contained a full summary and review of the work of the year. It was received with marked attention by the High Court, and when the H. C. R. finished reading he was warmly applauded.

The report of the H. S., Bro. J. B. Halkett, gave

a detailed statement of the affairs of that department. The membership at first July in Ontario was 17,729, showing a net increase of 2,792. The deaths numbered 98, and the number of new courts instituted 91.

The report of the Treasurer was as usual clear and concise. The revenue for the year was \$10,214.15; the expenditure, owing to the heavy outlay made in paying representatives to last meeting of High Court, was considerably in excess of this. In time, it is estimated, that with increased revenue, income and expenditure will balance. The auditors recommend a central place of meeting, as one means of reducing expenditure. They also call attention to the amount of arrears due by subordinate courts for supplies.

The reports of Inspectors Whale and Gibbens showed a large number of courts visited, hundreds of applications received, several disorganized courts resuscitated, and a number of new courts organized.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

The following officers of the Supreme Court were announced, and upon being introduced to the High Court by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, P.H.C.R., were received with the honors due to their distinguished rank in the Order, namely: Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.; Edward Botterell, P.S.C.R.; John A. McGillivray, Q.C., S.S.; Thomas G. Davey, S.T.; Thomas Millman, S. Phys.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then presented to the High Court, Brother Frise, High Chief Ranger of the High Court of Michigan, to whom the customary honors and a very hearty welcome were extended.

Bro. Rev. E. Collins, High Chaplain of Michigan, was introduced by Bro. N. F. Patterson, Q.C. The brother was cordially received and cordially acknowledged the welcome.

The address of welcome from the corporation of Barrie was highly cordial and complimentary, and was, in the absence of the Mayor, read by Reeve Bothwell, who was accompanied by several members of the council. High Chief Ranger, David Millar, and Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, made suitable replies.

The fraternal address from Court Robin Hood was presented by Chief Ranger Powell, and gracefully responded to by the High Chief Ranger.

The invitation of Court Robin Hood to the High Court to attend an excursion on the evening of the first day of meeting was cordially accepted. Before embarking, the High Court, Court Robin Hood, and many visiting brethren formed in line at the City Hall and marched through the principal streets to the wharf. The procession, which made a fine appearance, was headed by the fine band of the town. The Supreme and High Court Officers, in carriages, brought up the rear. The fine appearance of the men called forth many favorable comments. The excursion on the lake was highly enjoyed by everyone; it returned about 11 p.m.

On the second day of meeting the High Court settled down to hard work, and, notwithstanding the heat, disposed of a great amount of business.

A large number of changes to the Constitution were submitted, but only a few slight alterations were made for the consideration of the Supreme Court. In future, past High officers, with the exception of the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, will only be considered as honorary members.

The matter of courts sending blank credentials for representatives was considered. The High