

Bro. Hagar made a most excellent chairman and introduced each of the speakers in a very real speech. Bro. Ross, of Court Whitby, opened with a short but first rate speech, in which he eulogized the energy of Bro. Dafeo and the brethren of the local Court. He was followed by Bro. Morgan, who dealt eloquently and forcibly on the questions of the increase of rates and extension of Order tax, paying a glowing tribute to the wisdom and fore sight of the Chief Oronhyatekha. He specifically characterized the extension of the Order tax the gem of I.O.F. legislation and proved clearly its great advantages to the poor man. Bro. Sanders delighted his audience with the speech of the day, an exhaustive review of the history of the Order and completely satisfied the few doubting Thomases present as to the economical and statesmanlike management of the I.O.F. under its revered and beloved head. He answered questions put to him readily and clearly and left no doubt in the minds of his audience that the I.O.F. stood easily head and shoulders above its many competitors. Between the speeches and also during a sumptuous tea the band played several selections in excellent style. The good results of the meeting can hardly be overestimated. Bro. Sanders is ever a welcome visitor, and he and Bro. Morgan form a team which it would be hard to beat. Rumour has it that Bro. Morgan will be the next High Chief Ranger and should this fortunately be the case the Order will have secured the services of a most genial and capable officer, one fully capable of filling the chair with dignity and leading our beloved Order to fresh victories on the lines laid down by his able predecessors.

Dedication of McLauchlan Park, at Owen Sound, Ont.

The thirty-second anniversary of Canadian Confederation will be a memorable one in the history of Owen Sound. On that day one of the finest parks in Northern Ontario was dedicated and thrown open to the public. As a park and summer resort it is a credit to the town and a monument to the energy and enterprise of a most highly esteemed young citizen, Bro. John H. McLauchlan, Court Northern Light, No. 127, whose portrait appears below :



JOHN H. McLAUCLAN.

To say that the official opening of McLauchlan Park and Balmy Beach on Saturday was a success is

putting it very mildly. It was an enormous success in every particular.

The excursion from Stratford and along the line of the G. T. R. brought in about 1,200 excursionists and the *Majestic* had on nearly 1,300, the majority of whom came from Collingwood.

The Governor-General's Body Guard Band, the 28th Battalion Band, the 31st Battalion Band and Citizens' Own Band supplied some rare selections, which were very much appreciated by all lovers of good music.

The ceremonies of dedication were very interesting and elaborate, and included speeches by Mayor Middleton, Rev. Archdeacon Mulholland, Rev. Mr. Lediard, Rev. Dr. Somerville, Rev. Mr. Ardell, Rev. Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Parkerson, Judge Creaser, Judge Morrison, Mr. Allen, Councillor Frost and the American Consul, Mr. Small.

A SHAM BATTLE.

Numbers 1, 3, and 8 companies of the 31st Battalion illustrated the taking of a position and did their share in the entertaining of the crowd.

The attacking force was composed of Nos. 1 and 8 companies under Captains Frost and McKay and were situated at the south end of the ball grounds, while the position, which was the grove at the north end of the ball grounds, was held by No. 3 Company under Sergeant-Major Corrie. After a great deal of skirmishing and a hot fusilade on both sides the defenders were forced to retreat to the woods with the attacking force in hot pursuit.

McLauchlan Park is O. K.

Owen Sound can now boast of a summer resort worthy of the name.

PENNSYLVANIA.

UNION CITY, June 26th, 1899.

COURT CANADONITA, No. 1717.

The Independent Order of Foresters marched from their hall in a body to the Presbyterian church, June 18th, where an excellent sermon was delivered on Forestry by Bro. Rev. A. J. Herries.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

CHAS. C. HIMEBAUGH.

Another Lodge for Tacony.

As an outcome of the liberal offer made by the Independent Order of Foresters to the members and ex-members of the Order of United Friends to reinsure them free of all joining fees, an enthusiastic meeting was held in Boardman's Hall and several new names were added to the roll on Monday evening. A new Court, named Court Tacony, of the Independent Order of Foresters, was instituted by J. Boddy, D.S.C.R., and H. N. Way, of the First National Bank, P.C.R.

The charter members, after taking the obligation of membership, selected the following staff of officers who were duly installed :

Court Deputy Joseph M. Smith, Court Physician Dr. D. B. Umstead, P.C.R. Wm. Boardman, C.R. Alex. C. Smith, V.C.R. Fred Boardman, R.S. J. D. Ayres, T.S. G. W. Nothhardt, Treas. Chas. Snyder, Orator N. Mathieson, S. J. C. J. Schofield, Jr., S.W. Oswald Thompson, J.W. John Schofield, S. B. Fred Smith, I.B. J. Burk, Trustees Edward Robinson and A. S. Milner.

The new Court starts out with very encouraging prospects, and the first meeting of Court Tacony,