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Over One Hundred Delegates in Attendance - High Chief's Report - Attended the Celebration at Houlton.

O. F. HIGH COURT.

Opened in Woodstock Wednesday, High Chief Ranger Macrae Presiding.

WOODSTOCK, July 4.—Over a hundred delegates are in attendance at the High Court, O. F. Over fifty of them took in the celebration at Houlton today, where the British ensigns and Canadian flags were seen among the decorations on every hand.

The total indebtedness from subordinate courts has been reduced about 400 during the past year. During the past two years our net increase of membership in New Brunswick has been a little over four hundred, and the financial position of our subordinate courts is generally much stronger than it was in July, 1898.

In the city of St. John and some other portions of the province the anniversary of the founding of the order was celebrated in accordance with the expressed wish of the supreme executive, by parade and attendance at divine service.

By-laws for the government of companion courts, and the reports of the special committees upon Royce Forestry will be laid before you for consideration. I have no doubt that there are now two companion courts in good standing in the jurisdiction. Their representatives are with us and I take great pleasure in extending to these ladies a hearty welcome, in doing which I feel that I voice the sentiments of the delegates of our subordinate courts, and I have no doubt but that the presence of our companions will materially assist in bringing to a happy conclusion the deliberations of the high court on this important question.

During the past year the British empire has been engaged in a terrific struggle for supremacy in South Africa. On the 31st of the dominion offered the services of a contingent of fifty British troops. Our high court is a living actuality in the hearts of Canadians from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In the ranks of those devoted to the empire there were many members of our order. The supreme executive made no exception in charging for the insurance carried by them, and I understand that we were the only benefit order or insurance organization which this can be said.

All the members of the first contingent from Prince Edward Island were members of our order, as they believe were all the members of that gallant band of young heroes who enlisted in this very hour of our need.

I believe that the action of the supreme executive in this respect will meet with the hearty endorsement of this high court. Last year I urged upon the high court the appropriation of the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expenses of a public meeting in the interest of the order.

At present, in fact, the only thing that is being done to keep the order in the eyes of the world is the holding of public meetings, and that in many cases it would be necessary to visit the courts before a successful public meeting could be worked up.

I feel assured that it would be distinctly in the interests of the order to make a similar appropriation for the ensuing year but not to confine that expenditure to the holding of public meetings, as I believe that many courts now half dormant could be roused to a high pitch of effective activity by the visitation of a member of the high standing committee to visit them.

Every year, the high standing committee, assisted by the assistance of the supreme executive working along the lines determined upon last year, they have been successful in making the balance sheet with the unsatisfactory asset referred to, and an occasionally report that the balance sheet which will be submitted at this diet, has nothing upon its credit side but property and credits, which in case of necessity, might be almost immediately realized upon at the values placed upon them in statement No. 4 of the high secretary's report.

In this regard the only point I would call the finance committee's attention to is the fact that a few courts which are indebted to the high court dues to an amount exceeding one-half year's tax. Each case should be inquired into and separately reported on.

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MORE HOPEFUL.

Chinese Situation Considerable Brighter Than for Some Time Past.

Foreigners in Peking Probably Safe Amidst Civil War.

LONDON, July 7, 2.40 a. m.—The Russian government announces that it will give Japan a free hand to apply military force in China.

At Standerton on 5th July Strathcona's Horse gave a gallant account of themselves. In fighting at Vlaklaagte they killed five of the enemy and captured a number of horses.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., July 10.—The high court is now in session. The high chief ranger, Mr. Macrae, presides. The court is composed of twelve members.

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ST. JOHN BOY WOUNDED.

Beverley R. Armstrong Slightly Injured in an Engagement on Saturday.

Canadians Under General Hutton Were in Another Fight on Sunday—Lieut. Young Slightly Injured—The Latest From the Front.

Gen. Brabant on July 5 occupied Bornburg between Senekel and Winburg, which served as a base for bands of marauding convicts.

Gen. Hutton's mounted troops on July 6 and 7 engaged 2,000 Boers east of Broukerspruit and drove them off. The British casualties numbered 33.

Commander Timmer tried to recapture Rustenburg on July 5 but was driven back. Thirty-four of Strathcona's Horse, under Lieut. Anderson, were attacked by 200 Boers east of Standerton on July 6.

OTTAWA, July 9.—A cablegram was received at the militia department this morning from Lieut. Col. Otter, dated Johannesburg, 9th, reporting that his battalion had been taken from the 19th brigade and detailed for duty at Springs. He also reported the following officers and men of the 1st battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, as being wounded in action on the 7th: Mortality—No. 408, Pte. H. B. White, Waterville, N. S.

Slightly—Capt. C. M. Nelles, Royal Canadian Dragoons; No. 325, Pte. T. H. Marriott, Manitoba Dragoons; No. 294, Pte. H. Palmer, "B" Squadron, R. C. D.; No. 330, Pte. S. J. McGregor, Brandon Infantry Co.; No. 412, Pte. B. R. Armstrong, 3rd Regiment C. A. N. 258, Lord, is also included among the casualties.

(Pte. Armstrong is a son of Lt. Col. F. Russell Armstrong of St. John. There is no man by the name of Lord in the ranks of the British Army. His nearest relative is T. Marriott of Ashover, Derbyshire, England. Pte. Henry Palmer was of "B" Squadron, enlisted with the R. C. D. at Winnipeg. Mrs. Palmer lives at 44 Greyhound street, London, England. Pte. Sam J. McGregor was a member of the Brandon Infantry. His next of kin is M. P. McGregor of Brandon.)

The procedure followed at militia headquarters respecting casualties in South Africa is as follows: The names of the man whose regimental number is 253 is Larea, who enlisted at Winnipeg. Capt. C. M. Nelles was a member of the R. C. D. He came from Toronto. Pte. Thos. Marriott, Manitoba Dragoons, enlisted at Winnipeg. His nearest relative is T. Marriott of Ashover, Derbyshire, England. Pte. Henry Palmer was of "B" Squadron, enlisted with the R. C. D. at Winnipeg. Mrs. Palmer lives at 44 Greyhound street, London, England. Pte. Sam J. McGregor was a member of the Brandon Infantry. His next of kin is M. P. McGregor of Brandon.)

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