

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.
LONDON UNITED DISTRICT, ONTARIO, CANADA.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

The District Court having been opened in due form by Bro. Peter Toll, District Chief Ranger, the Officers and Delegates being present:

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting were read.

Moved by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Berry, that the minutes of the last meeting be confirmed. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

From Court Forest City, No. 5744.—That at the next Regular District Meeting it will be moved that in case at any time the District Sick and Funeral Fund be reduced below Six Hundred Dollars (\$600), the District Officers be empowered to make an extra fifty cent levy per year until the fund reach at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)—Withdrawn.

From Court Elgin, No. 5863.—That in the opinion of Court Elgin, No. 5863, A. O. F., that the words "April and" in the third line of the Rule 12 of the District Rule, be struck out.—No action.

From Court Pride of the Dominion, No. 5606.—That should the Funeral Funds of this District be reduced to One Thousand Dollars, at the Regular District Meeting thereafter it shall be discussed what steps shall be taken to keep up the \$1,000 Funeral Fund.—No action.

That at the next District Meeting the legality of the election of District Secretary be considered, as it is the opinion of this Court that the said action is illegal.

That the District, at its April Meeting, form General and District Laws to govern the London United District similar to the one now in use by the Hamilton United District.—No action.

Moved by Bro. Berry, seconded by Bro. Dearden, that the Auditors' Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dearden, seconded by Bro. Dewar, that the District Officers be empowered to levy as much as will keep the sick and funeral fund up to \$1,000, and that no action be taken in the meantime upon this matter until the question of the establishment of a Subsidiary High Court of Canada has been definitely settled. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Moore, seconded by Bro. Armour, that we proceed to the election of District Secretary at once. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Berry, seconded by Bro. McKay, that Bro. Evans be District Secretary. Lost.

Moved by Bro. Houghton, seconded by Bro. Moores that Bro. G. C. Jolly be District Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dearden, seconded by Bro. Dewar, that we now adjourn one hour for dinner, which is provided at the Montreal House for all attending the District Meeting. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Houghton, seconded by Bro. Moore, that the recommendation of the Auditors be received and a proper book be obtained for that purpose. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dewar, seconded by Bro. Dearden, that the different communications referring to the letter from the Trustees in relation to the bonds of the District Officers be filed; and that, in the opinion of this District, the steps taken by a Committee of the London Courts to investigate the matter has been productive of the best results. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Berry, that the action of the Committee in the matter of Secretary and Treasurer's Bonds, were both unbrotherly and detrimental to the interests of the Order. Lost.

Moved by Bro. Dewar, seconded by Bro. Dearden, that as there appears to have been an informality in the trial and appeal of Bro. Essery vs. Court Pride of the Dominion, this District decides that the whole matter be referred back for settlement to Court Pride of the Dominion; that the Court be instructed to reinstate Bro. Essery, and that he be notified of the action of this District. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dewar, seconded by Bro. Berry, that this District favor sending a Delegate to England in furtherance of the establishment of a Subsidiary High Court for Canada, and that this District bear its proportionate share of the expenses of the Delegate. Carried.

Moved by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Dewar, that each Court in this District appoint in the month of April, each year, a Past Chief Ranger, who shall constitute a final Arbitration Committee for this District, to decide all appeals under the Provisions made in the General Laws for such Committees, and that this motion become District Law No. 39. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Houghton, seconded by Bro. Dewar, that Court Pride of the Dominion be paid the sum of two dollars for the expenses of affidavit in Bro. Templer's case. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Houghton, seconded by Bro. Moore, that the Officers of this District sign a resolution on behalf of Court Excelsior for the incorporation of said Court under the Friendly Societies' Act. Carried.

Moved by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Moore, that the Trustees meet from twenty-one to twenty-eight days after each District Meeting, and that they receive the sum of fifty cents each as remuneration, and be fined twenty-five cents each if they do not attend. Carried.

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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