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Limit of Age for Admission is from 18 to 55 Years of Age.

Monthly Rates of Assessments.

To secure (1) the Mortuary Benefit; (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, which disability may result from accident or disease, or be due to old age; (provided that no one shall be entitled to make a claim on account of total and permanent disability resulting from old age till after he is seventy years old) for which the members of the L.O.F. pay the small monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
18	39	\$1.29	\$1.80	37	82	\$1.91	\$2.61
19	41	1.32	1.83	38	84	1.93	2.62
20	43	1.34	1.85	39	86	1.95	2.63
21	45	1.36	1.87	40	88	1.97	2.64
22	47	1.38	1.89	41	90	1.99	2.65
23	49	1.40	1.91	42	92	2.01	2.66
24	51	1.42	1.93	43	94	2.03	2.67
25	53	1.44	1.95	44	96	2.05	2.68
26	55	1.46	1.97	45	98	2.07	2.69
27	57	1.48	1.99	46	100	2.09	2.70
28	59	1.50	2.01	47	102	2.11	2.71
29	61	1.52	2.03	48	104	2.13	2.72
30	63	1.54	2.05	49	106	2.15	2.73
31	65	1.56	2.07	50	108	2.17	2.74
32	67	1.58	2.09	51	110	2.19	2.75
33	69	1.60	2.11	52	112	2.21	2.76
34	71	1.62	2.13	53	114	2.23	2.77
35	73	1.64	2.15	54	116	2.25	2.78
36	75	1.66	2.17	55	118	2.27	2.79
37	77	1.68	2.19				
38	79	1.70	2.21				
39	81	1.72	2.23				
40	83	1.74	2.25				
41	85	1.76	2.27				
42	87	1.78	2.29				
43	89	1.80	2.31				
44	91	1.82	2.33				
45	93	1.84	2.35				
46	95	1.86	2.37				
47	97	1.88	2.39				
48	99	1.90	2.41				
49	101	1.92	2.43				
50	103	1.94	2.45				
51	105	1.96	2.47				
52	107	1.98	2.49				
53	109	2.00	2.51				
54	111	2.02	2.53				
55	113	2.04	2.55				
56	115	2.06	2.57				
57	117	2.08	2.59				
58	119	2.10	2.61				
59	121	2.12	2.63				
60	123	2.14	2.65				
61	125	2.16	2.67				
62	127	2.18	2.69				
63	129	2.20	2.71				
64	131	2.22	2.73				
65	133	2.24	2.75				
66	135	2.26	2.77				
67	137	2.28	2.79				
68	139	2.30	2.81				
69	141	2.32	2.83				
70	143	2.34	2.85				
71	145	2.36	2.87				
72	147	2.38	2.89				
73	149	2.40	2.91				
74	151	2.42	2.93				
75	153	2.44	2.95				
76	155	2.46	2.97				
77	157	2.48	2.99				
78	159	2.50	3.01				
79	161	2.52	3.03				
80	163	2.54	3.05				
81	165	2.56	3.07				
82	167	2.58	3.09				
83	169	2.60	3.11				
84	171	2.62	3.13				
85	173	2.64	3.15				
86	175	2.66	3.17				
87	177	2.68	3.19				
88	179	2.70	3.21				
89	181	2.72	3.23				
90	183	2.74	3.25				
91	185	2.76	3.27				
92	187	2.78	3.29				
93	189	2.80	3.31				
94	191	2.82	3.33				
95	193	2.84	3.35				
96	195	2.86	3.37				
97	197	2.88	3.39				
98	199	2.90	3.41				
99	201	2.92	3.43				
100	203	2.94	3.45				

The rates for \$500 Benefit are one-half of those for \$1,000, the benefit of fractions being given to The Supreme Court.

For rates of *Local* Assessments in the Hazardous and Extra Hazardous Classes, see Constitutions and Laws.

Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional, and are \$3 per week for the first two weeks and \$2 per week for the next 10 weeks, and as provided in Section 224 (5), \$3.00 per week for the next 12 weeks of any one illness; and, at death, \$50 towards funeral expenses.

The rates for Sick and Funeral Benefits, besides the Burialment Fee of \$1, which is paid but once, are as follows:

At Age of	Monthly Assessment						
18	30	20	30	22	30	24	30
19	31	21	31	23	31	25	31
20	32	22	32	24	32	26	32
21	33	23	33	25	33	27	33
22	34	24	34	26	34	28	34
23	35	25	35	27	35	29	35
24	36	26	36	28	36	30	36
25	37	27	37	29	37	31	37
26	38	28	38	30	38	32	38
27	39	29	39	31	39	33	39
28	40	30	40	32	40	34	40
29	41	31	41	33	41	35	41
30	42	32	42	34	42	36	42
31	43	33	43	35	43	37	43
32	44	34	44	36	44	38	44
33	45	35	45	37	45	39	45
34	46	36	46	38	46	40	46
35	47	37	47	39	47	41	47
36	48	38	48	40	48	42	48
37	49	39	49	41	49	43	49
38	50	40	50	42	50	44	50
39	51	41	51	43	51	45	51
40	52	42	52	44	52	46	52
41	53	43	53	45	53	47	53
42	54	44	54	46	54	48	54
43	55	45	55	47	55	49	55
44	56	46	56	48	56	50	56
45	57	47	57	49	57	51	57
46	58	48	58	50	58	52	58
47	59	49	59	51	59	53	59
48	60	50	60	52	60	54	60
49	61	51	61	53	61	55	61
50	62	52	62	54	62	56	62
51	63	53	63	55	63	57	63
52	64	54	64	56	64	58	64
53	65	55	65	57	65	59	65
54	66	56	66	58	66	60	66
55	67	57	67	59	67	61	67
56	68	58	68	60	68	62	68
57	69	59	69	61	69	63	69
58	70	60	70	62	70	64	70
59	71	61	71	63	71	65	71
60	72	62	72	64	72	66	72
61	73	63	73	65	73	67	73
62	74	64	74	66	74	68	74
63	75	65	75	67	75	69	75
64	76	66	76	68	76	70	76
65	77	67	77	69	77	71	77
66	78	68	78	70	78	72	78
67	79	69	79	71	79	73	79
68	80	70	80	72	80	74	80
69	81	71	81	73	81	75	81
70	82	72	82	74	82	76	82
71	83	73	83	75	83	77	83
72	84	74	84	76	84	78	84
73	85	75	85	77	85	79	85
74	86	76	86	78	86	80	86
75	87	77	87	79	87	81	87
76	88	78	88	80	88	82	88
77	89	79	89	81	89	83	89
78	90	80	90	82	90	84	90
79	91	81	91	83	91	85	91
80	92	82	92	84	92	86	92
81	93	83	93	85	93	87	93
82	94	84	94	86	94	88	94
83	95	85	95	87	95	89	95
84	96	86	96	88	96	90	96
85	97	87	97	89	97	91	97
86	98	88	98	90	98	92	98
87	99	89	99	91	99	93	99
88	100	90	100	92	100	94	100

Our Investments.

Our funds are always invested with a due regard to safety. A large portion of the funds are deposited with Governments, and with sound monetary institutions, the balance being invested in first mortgages upon improved realty and in municipal securities, as shown below:

Invested Funds.

The following shows where some of the funds are thus invested:

Post Office Savings Bank.....	\$ 14,231 81
Receiver-General, New Brunswick.....	26,000 00
Deposit in Great Britain (\$20,000).....	97,571 53
Mortgages.....	1,177,813 45
Debentures.....	747,001 22

From the above it will be seen that we have already accumulated as a Strategic Fund the sum of

\$1,455,622.01.

The above is subject only to the joint cheques of the undesignated members of the Executive Council:

- E. G. S., Cashier, Ottawa, N.E., Editor, *THE NATIONAL GOOD TIMES*, Toronto.
- P. S. C. R., E. Bottrell, House of Commons, Ottawa.
- C. V. C. R., Hon. D. D. Allen, M.C., Flint, Mich.
- S. Secretary, John A. McLaughlin, C. G. P., Toronto.
- S. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.
- S. Phys., T. Hillman, M.D., Toronto.
- S. Coun., Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, C. C. Hampton, N.E.

With what we have in the current bank account, our total surplus on hand at last report (1st March) was the magnificent total of

\$1,455,622.01.

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**TORONTO, CANADA, APRIL, 1896.**

1. Send all matters relating to the INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestric law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.
2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benevolence Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, 59 Yonge-street, Toronto, Can.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Report and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports, should be sent together in one cover.
5. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.
6. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Financial Secretary sends a list of members, arranged alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, 25 Wellington-street, W., Toronto. Until such list is received, the papers will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
7. Financial Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name in full.

- When a member is initiated.
- When a member is suspended.
- When a member withdraws from the court.
- When a member changes his address, or
- When a member joins a court by card.
- When a member is reinstated.

## Editorial.

### Notes.

For July 1st, 100,000 members !  
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Just test your influence, by trying for a new member.  
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Look at this for a surplus, \$1,640,600.14. A gain of \$42 000 in one month.  
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Your own good manners are the best shield against other peoples rudeness.  
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The member that you bring in is worth more than all of those you intend to bring in.  
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To every brother bringing in a member before July 1st, the new badge of honor; it will be a beauty.  
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Gracious words, sympathizing attention, watchfulness against wounding mens' sensitiveness—those cost very little, but are priceless in value.  
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The membership of Illinois will soon be in the thousands. February was a good month, the record shows 122. Three ahead of the Golden State.  
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New Jersey, the birth place of the Order, is giving a good account of itself. There is steady growth from month to month. For February the additions were 66.  
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Chief Ranger O'Keeffe has no need to be ashamed of Minnesota. The twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, are contending for first place. The gain last month was 80.  
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Ohio has been doing capital work of late. It stands fifth for last month, with 130 applications. One of the strongest jurisdictions in the Order will one day be in Ohio.  
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After July 1st we will write our membership with six figures. In this fashion—100,

000. Meantime, we want you to get your friend to write out an application form.

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Did you hear anything drop? It was the lawsuit that was going to endanger the Order. The peace that is conducive to growth, is ours, now for united persistent work.

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Everything considered, North Dakota for February made the record of the month, 117 applications were accepted. This is the first time the number has been in *three* figures

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Court Ottawa had better look out for the banner. It still leads with 483 members, but Court Los Angeles, Cal., with 474 is perilously near. The race is going to be a close one.

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There is not a high court in the Order that has done better work than Maine. The growth is steady. Every month witnesses a substantial gain. For February 74 members were secured.

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Everytime we speak or act we are making history worthy or unworthy: it will live. Whatever is, will be. It may be forgotten, but its entity remains and it will remain as it is, no better, no worse.

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For February, 42 new courts were reported, for a short, stormy winter month that is a remarkably good showing. Old Ontario, that was supposed years ago, to have reached the limit of courts, gave 7.

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He was a wise Deputy who said, "I never leave a man in such a way that I cannot return to him. He may listen to my arguments to-morrow, although he resists them to-day, civility always pays."

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The winter is past, and with it much of the hard times, fault-finding and general discontent. In the genial spring-time people feel better, more hopeful and benevolent. Get your friend to join your court.

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"Whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow." To-day is yours, with its life, health and opportunity, improve it. Do your part, provide for the future, be ready for the hour that is coming, but when you know not.

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The courts will at once be notified when the recent amendments to the Act of Incorporation become law. Not until the Governor-General signs the Act will it become

law, and until then things continue as they are.

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Old Court Frontenac, that for many years held first place, is now in fourth place with 342 members. Champlain, No. 663, is third with 394 members. We would not be surprised to see Frontenac regain its old position.

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North Dakota is a hustler, Bro. Cooper, H. C.R., and his colleagues have started out to show what can be done. If the pace they have set will be followed in other jurisdictions, the 100,000 members will be ours by July 1st.

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There are 37 kingdoms, states, provinces and territories in which the I.O.F. is working. An average of 100 per month from each will give us 100,000 members, and to spare, before July 1st. From Arizona to Wales, each be up and doing.

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The modesty of our Editor-in-Chief if nothing else, would prevent our giving to our readers several poems sent us, that not only eulogize our noble Order, but also sing in stately verse the gifts and graces of our distinguished head.

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Some doubting Thomases say we will not have 100,000 members by July 1st. Now why not? Supposing that every *nine* members unite and content themselves with bringing in *one* between them for the next three months, the work will be accomplished.

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If you do not exert an influence for good in the Order the fault is your own. You meet your fellow men, and if you will, you may be of use to them. It is not correct to say that time given to the fraternal society is time wasted. It may be time richly improved.

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Watch New York! 237 applications for February. Sixteen more and they would have had first place from Ontario. Look out, Bro. McNair. The amiable High Secretary of New York hopes to live to see New York in the van. We hope he may. What an old man he will be.

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The word has gone out in Michigan that second place must be recaptured from Quebec before the end of June. Quebec still holds the coveted second place. For February Michigan had 205 applications, Quebec, 227. Bro. Joslyn and his fighting legion will have to take their coats off.

Don't allow yourself to become suspended—and if you do, don't fail to get reinstated within 30 *days*. Failure to get reinstated within 30 days means re-examination, and a rating at your *then* age. Keep paid up. Don't trifle with the inheritance of your family.

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From this time forth, we will be unable to publish the many resolutions of condolence and sympathy sent us. The number is steadily increasing and the demands on our limited space, owing to the phenomenal growth of the Order, oblige us to discontinue their publication. We hope our brethren will have them published in the local papers, as they are mainly of local interest.

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### One Hundred Thousand Members.

We do not count that number yet, but we will by the 1st July. The *ten thousand* we want are not going to come of their own accord. Not one in fifty of our present membership did. They will come as did the vast majority of the ninety thousand we already have, after a little persuasion on the part of a friend in the Order. We know of no kinder service one could do his friend and his family than to induce him to identify himself with the I.O.F., and become a sharer of the many benefits it confers. We expect the brethren to bestir themselves without delay. There are yet three months of the Forestry year to run. Let us close the 22nd year of our history with the grandest showing in our experience. In the past the Order has been largely built up by the voluntary efforts of the membership. Without fee or reward, they have presented the solid advantages of the I.O.F. to their friends, and as a result secured their application. What has been done, can and will be done. The soundness of the principles of Independent Forestry were never as apparent as they are to-day. The surplus is increasing faster than ever. Opponents have been met and vanquished at every point. Amendments to the Constitution that experience suggested have been sought and obtained. By common consent our Order stands in the front to-day, with regard to benefits, soundness of principles and efficiency of management. With charity towards all and malice towards none, we want to gird ourselves for a renewed effort to still further extend the Order. For the present we are through with controversy; disputation has never been of our seeking, when it

has been forced upon us, we have neither been unwilling or unable to defend the I.O.F. against all comers. We love peace. If allowed, we will live in peace. We are after ten thousand additional members before 30th of June. We appeal to our ninety thousand members for their co-operation. They will give it, and we will begin our 23rd year with an even 100,000.

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### The Supreme Chief Ranger.

With "peace within his walls, and prosperity within his palaces," the Chief has betaken himself for a well earned holiday to a more genial clime than Canada affords in March. The legislation that the Order asked for has been granted without opposition by both the Ontario and Federal Parliaments. The law suit instituted against the Executive has been withdrawn. The brother that got panicky and allowed himself to be suspended has applied for reinstatement and been accepted. The enemy from without has suspended hostilities. Everything is quite millennial, and, in an atmosphere of peace and good will, the Order is fulfilling its high mission. The members are coming in by thousands monthly, and the surplus is mounting up by tens of thousands of dollars. The head of the Order saw everything arranged as he desired, and the prospects for growth brighter than ever, so that if he left somewhat worn out with close attention to many matters of importance, he could leave with a light heart. We wish him a pleasant holiday. A wish in which our 90,000 members heartily join.

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### The High Court of Michigan.

We give considerable space in this issue to the High Court of Michigan. The report of the High Chief Ranger and the summary of the proceedings of the High Court will well repay perusal. A fine tone we are told characterized all the proceedings. The disposition to honor the spirit as well as the letter of the constitution was manifest. The salaries voted the officers of the High Court are in keeping with their duties. Michigan with *one third* the membership of Ontario, pays the High Court officers higher salaries. Laborers are worthy of their hire. When Ontario reduced the salaries of old and tried servants, it departed from the spirit that made the High Court great. Bro. Lee E. Joslyn, was for the third time re-elected H.C.R., of Michigan. We look for a year of great prosperity.

### The Law Suits are Withdrawn.

When initial proceedings were taken against the Executive, in the name of a brother, who alleged he had a grievance—few believed that the suit would be pressed to an issue. There was a very general belief that it was designed to affect legislation that was then being sought, and it was also suspected that an "Italian hand" that did not appear was directing affairs. The objections of the solicitor of the complainant were heard before the Committees at Ottawa and Toronto that had to do with the I.O.F. bill. After the bill passed the Committees, and had received its third reading at Ottawa and Toronto, new light was vouchsafed to the promoters of the law-suit, and they intimated in a gracious letter their resolve to withdraw it. *Their* grievances had been righted by legislation, and they were happy, henceforth they would be found shoulder to shoulder with the Chief that they always admired and loved, broadening the foundations, and perfecting the superstructure of Independent Forestry. Of course the Mohawk Prince grasps the olive branch so enticingly held out to him. The tomahawk is buried—even to the handle. When Or-onhyatekha returns from the sunny south, he will have with him some fragrant tobacco. The *Calumet* will be ordered out. The camp fire will be lit, and they

"Will smoke the *Calumet*, the Peace pipe,  
As a signal to the nations. (Old Liners)."

Verily peace has its victories no less than war.

### The Foresters' Temple.

Work on the Foresters' Temple has been resumed and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The Executive have exchanged part of the land on Queen-street for land on Bay-street. This will admit of the Temple being built in the form of a rectangle, and with entrances on Bay and Richmond-streets. A lane of twenty feet will run on the north and west side of the building. So that it will be well lighted throughout. Already there are many enquiries for office room. That the Temple will be a good investment is conceded by those who are competent to judge. The large and growing staff of the Order is in urgent need of enlarged accommodation. Bro. Gouanlock is delighted—with additional frontage on Bay-street, and without interfering with the work done, it will enable him to complete the Temple in a much more symmetrical manner.

### A Royal Foresters Encampment for Toronto.

The question is often asked why has not Toronto an Encampment of Royal Foresters? We confess our inability to give an answer. Toronto with 40 subordinate courts has more Foresters than any other city. Yet, several cities and towns with less courts and fewer Foresters have Encampments of Royal Foresters. There must be at least 100 Royal Foresters in Toronto. What is wanted is to have them organized into an Encampment. We are sure there are many who would like to join the uniformed and drilled branch of the Order. Court Military can furnish any number of instructors. Toronto the headquarters of the Order should have a first-class Encampment, and that before the dedication of the new Temple, and the meeting of the Supreme Court in 1898. Will some one move in the matter.

### Dominion Elections in June.

The life of the present parliament expires on the 25th April. The probability is that the elections will be in June. Our experience of political contests is that they are intense. The voter gives his attention to the affairs of state, to the exclusion of almost everything else. Now we want the attention of all eligible non-members of the Order. We want them to become members, and at once. A right and necessary thing cannot be done too soon. It is a duty one owes to the family to protect it. The state is best served, when the interest of the family is guarded. Our members want to hustle and bring in that promised member before the election fever is on. It is of more importance that the benefits of Forestry should be widely enjoyed than whether Tories or Grits rule at Ottawa.

### "Is Any Brother Out of Employment?"

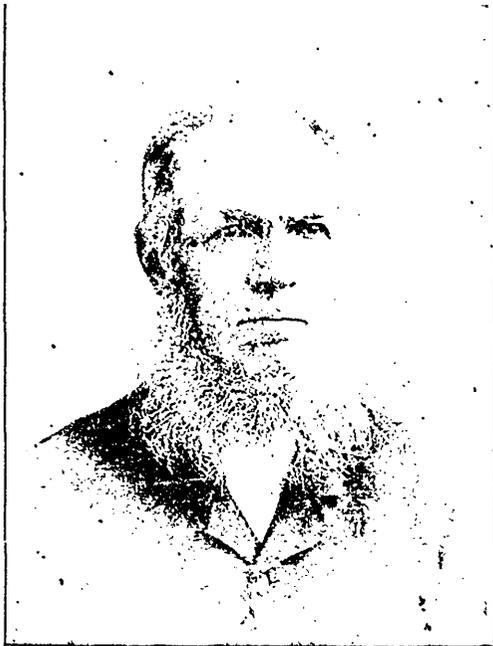
The above question is asked at every meeting of a subordinate Court. It is intended to be more than an empty form. We know that many courts consider it earnestly and make an honest attempt to give it when the occasion arises, a solution worthy of the fraternal spirit of the Order. True the Order cannot give work to all its unemployed members. But it can do much to mitigate the suffering of those struggling with adverse fate, and even when anything cannot

be done, the hardship is somewhat lessened by the knowledge that brethren sympathized, and that if assistance was not given it was because the members *could* not and not because they *would* not. The deserving members in hard luck ought to be helped in every way possible. The unworthy member who tries to dead-beat his way should be weeded out of the Order, he places under suspicion the brother whose only fault is his misfortune and who is entitled to every consideration. Be a brother to your brother.

**The First Expectation of Life Benefit Paid.**

**An Interesting Letter to the Chief.**

The growth of the Order in more particulars than one is shown by the accompanying letter. It is no longer an institution of yes-



BRO. JAMES MACKIE.

terday. It has a history of nearly twenty-two years. In that time it has encountered and overcome many difficulties. To-day it stands by common consent in the very first rank of fraternal societies. Its popularity and strength are the realization of those who have labored for its development. Every improvement that experience suggested has been carried out. The payment of the first "Expectation of Life Benefit" has been made. Bro. Mackie enjoys the distinction of being the first to enjoy this benefit. We

have much pleasure in giving his photo, and publishing the interesting and appreciative letter he wrote Dr. Oronhyatekha. We wish our brother many years of ease and comfort in the evening of his day. In the course of a few months some old age benefits will be due, and it is gratifying to observe that the monthly income will be more than sufficient to meet these and all other claims without drawing on the reserve.

TORONTO, 9th March, 1896.

To Oronhyatekha, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger, Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR BRO. ORONHYATEKHA,

On the 4th of this month I attained my 60th year and it has brought back to me many reminiscences of early Forestry, and I cannot allow the occasion of the maturing of my Endowment Certificate for \$1,000 to pass, without a few personal references to yourself.

I remember you particularly well in connection with temperance work before you were a Forester, and it was on account of my great confidence in you that I took an early interest in forestry, when I was the means of forming Court Wellington, No. 21, at Drayton, and Court Royal Oak, No. 11, at Goodwood.

I myself was first admitted a member of the Order on the 22nd October, 1878, being a charter member and the first Chief Ranger of Court Wellington.

In expressing my high regard for your work during the past eighteen years I am only doing what as a Forester I consider myself in duty bound to do.

I thank you and the Executive for the prompt manner in which they have paid my endowment certificate.

Kindly accept the enclosed photograph as a slight token of my esteem for you.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MACKIE,  
P.C.R. Royal Oak, No. 11,  
Goodwood.

**Gratitude Too Great for Words.**

We make the following extract from a letter to the Supreme Secretary, from the widow of the late Bro. Frank Madill, M.P. for North Ontario. It is an additional proof of the prompt and honorable dealing of the I.O.F.—

"Allow me to acknowledge with very many thanks the promptness with which you settled my claim for three thousand dollars, for endowment certificate No. 17118, held by my late husband, Frank R. Madill, Esq. I cannot find words to express my gratitude to you and the Lodge at Beaverton for the kindness and sympathy shown to me in my very great trouble. I sincerely wish the I.O.F. every prosperity."

The interests of the widows and orphans are jealously guarded by our great Order.

### Always First.

It is the honest boast of the I.O.F. that every claim is paid with the least possible delay. The following letter from Winnipeg, is confirmation of this claim of the Order:—

WINNIPEG, 16th Dec., 1896.

To Officers and Members of Court Point Douglas, I.O.F. Winnipeg.

DEAR SIRS,—

I have much pleasure as the executor of the estates of the late Dr. Versailles to thank you for the payment of the policy he held in your Order.

I will also take this opportunity to congratulate you for the promptness and businesslike manner in the settlement of this claim.

I may add that the late doctor was insured in five different companies but yours was the first to offer payment.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

Signed. J. A. RICHARD.

### "The Business of the Order is Done Promptly."

The Kingston *Daily News*, of Tuesday, March 3rd, has the following item:

RECEIVED THE CHEQUES TO-DAY.

"This morning, Mr. W. M. Drennan, H.C.R. of the I.O.F., received a cheque for \$2,000 for the widow of the late Dr. Saunders, and \$1,000 for the widow of the late Mr. John Kennedy. The papers were sent up Saturday. This is evidence that the business of this Order is done promptly.

The I.O.F. always did its business promptly. "He gives twice who gives quickly," is a proverb in which the management believes. The bereaved have enough to perplex them without the annoyance of delay in the payment of claims.

When thinking of taking insurance, the prompt settlements of the I. O. F. should weigh with you.

### Our Exchanges.

*Saturday Night*, edited by our friend Bro. E. E. Sheppard, comes in a new dress and is brighter and better than ever. This is as it should be, having recently moved into a new and elegant home.

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*The Review* is the official organ of the Supreme Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the world. The New year number is before us, and is full of bright things. We add it with pleasure to our Exchange List.

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We add with pleasure to our list the *Scottish Canadian*, the first number of which has

reached us. It is a neat twenty page magazine. As its name implies it is devoted to Scottish news and literature. The Sons of Scotland have arranged to use it as their official organ. We wish our contemporary a successful career.

### What They are Saying of Us.

HE DOES US PROUD.

To the Editor of THE FORESTER:

DEAR SIR,—There is no paper I can read with more friendship and profit, in the way of good thought, than THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER; for example, notes numbers six and seven, in January issue, 1896. Look them up, Brother Forester, and put them in your hat.

(Signed) W. P. PLANT.

Hastings, Ont.

We Feel Like Taking to the Woods.

"A little magazine . . . not efficiently edited." (or words to that effect).—*Hanilton Herald*.

Modesty Prevents Him Giving His Name.

"I help myself freely to your Editorial Notes. They are the best going."

Good Man, McNair.

"Each number is better than the one that went before."—*Robt. McNair, H. C. R., Ontario*.

No Wonder They Raised a Row.

"Our Court did not get their FORESTERS last month, I tell you there was a racket. Send me if you can 70 copies."—*Court Deputy*.

They Can't Do Business Without It.

"Be sure and send me some copies of each months' issue, it is away and ahead—our best canvassing help."—*The Organizers*.

"Charlie" Knows a Good Thing.

"Your February issue was a capital number." So said the accomplished secretary of New York, who knows whereof he affirms.

In a recent issue of the *Montreal Star* we read that the 86th Battalion, of which Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hy. G. S. Dixon, of Court Balmoral, is the commanding officer, won the Sir Donald A. Smith Cup, beating all competitors. We congratulate our brother on the efficiency of his command, the gallant 86th of Three Rivers.

## What Others Are Doing.

## Mutual Reserve Fund Life Ass'n of New York.

The record for the year 1895 speaks for itself, and shows the following gratifying results:—

The gross assets have increased during the year from \$5,536,115.99 to \$5,661,707.82.

The net surplus over liabilities shows a net gain for the year of \$306,329.43, and now amounts to \$3,582,509.32.

The income from all sources shows a gain for the year of \$631,541.97, and amounts to \$5,575,281.56.

Death claims to the amount of \$1,084,674.92 were paid during the year.

The insurance in force shows a gain for the year of \$15,293,265, and now amounts to \$308,659,371.00.

Counting three hundred working days in the year, the daily average income for 1895 is \$18,584.57; the daily average death claims \$13,652.25; and the daily average gain in insurance in force, within a fraction of \$51,000.00.

Bro. W. J. McMurtry is the popular and efficient manager for Ontario.

The *Macabees* made a great record for 1895. They have now a membership in Supreme Tent of 101,869. They cherish the large hope that by the end of the century they will be at the head of all fraternal orders. The I. O. F. is after that place, and are going to have it.

The *Sons of Scotland* report a membership of 4,845 active members. There are \$9,591 in the reserve fund, which was only established four years ago. The assessments are graded and the beneficiary certificates issued are for \$500 and \$1,000.

The *Provincial Provident Institution* of St. Thomas, Ont., that does business on the assessment plan, issued 1,386 policies last year, and a total in force of 7,951. It has a reserve of \$95,000.

The Independent Order of Foresters has a membership of 90,000, 25,951 carrying over \$31,000,000.00 of insurance were accepted last year. The reserve fund is \$1,640,000.

The Grand Lodge *Ancient Order of United Workmen* met recently in Toronto. The questions of separation, graded assessments, and a reserve were discussed, but no definite action was taken. The growth during the year shows a net gain of 12. *The Workman* has spoken in terms of praise of the economy shown in the management of the Order. The result of the years' operation shows it. Bro. Milne, Grand Organizer, knows his business and is right in calling for a more aggressive policy. A liberal expenditure that secures good results is the best economy. \$6,000 is to be expended in organizing in Ontario during the coming year.

## Brother Captain H. Doxrud of the Steamer "Pennland."

Those of our readers who crossed the Atlantic on the *Pennland*, in the care of Captain Doxrud, will be pleased to see in our columns the portrait of that courteous and capable officer. And those of us who had not the pleasure of sailing the seas with him, will be none the less pleased of having an opportunity of learning a little of a brother Forester, whose record is full of heroic and successful efforts at saving life.

The homeward trip was made by a large number of the members of the Supreme Court on the *Pennland*. Opinions differed as to the comforts of the ship, but all were agreed as to the courtesy, thorough seamanship, and modest simplicity of the gallant



BRO. CAPTAIN H. DOXRUD.

captain. The ladies of the party could not find words too eulogistic to express their admiration of the brave Norwegian.

On the voyage to Philadelphia last August a Court of the Order was organized by the Hon. Mr. Linton and others from among the officers and crew of the ship, the captain being chosen as V.C.R. Bro. Doxrud, who is now in his prime, has been sailing the ocean since he was 14 years old. His record as a life saver is probably unparalleled. The *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, of November 6th, gives a two column account of the rescue of the steamer *Obdam*. The disabled vessel would have in all probability perished but for the timely aid given by the *Pennland*. 190 lives were saved, and the vessel and cargo representing a value of \$1,000,000. Twice the cable by which the disabled steamer was being towed broke in the terrific storm, but nothing daunted, Captain Doxrud and his

brave crew stuck to their task, and had the satisfaction of seeing the disabled ship safely docked at Halifax.

The passengers of the *Obdam* and *Pennland*, in a joint memorial to the International Navigation Company, express their desire "to bear witness to the fortitude, tenacity and superior seamanship of the captain, officers and crew of the above named vessel in relieving the disabled steamship *Obdam* under the most adverse circumstances, and desire to express our appreciation and gratitude for the most efficient way in which both vessels were delivered in port."

The Captain of the *Pennland* wears many decorations presented at various times in acknowledgment of his great services to humanity in saving life.

In 1850, when he saved eight people from the British barkentine *Ibis*, of Liverpool. Britannia put a gold medal on his breast. He rescued 14 persons from the Norwegian bark *Prince Oscar II* and the New York Benevolent Life Saving Association put another gold medal beside the first. The King of Belgium gave him the cross of the Life Saving Union, Constance, of Antwerp. He is anything but boastful, and, until occasion arises, would never be suspected of having saved anybody's life.

Our sketch of our distinguished brother is, owing to lack of data, necessarily incomplete. Enough has been stated to show his courage and worth, and what we have written may be an incentive to fidelity by all, no matter what the calling may be. For Bro. Captain Doxrud we wish a happy voyage over life's sea, and at last a safe anchorage in the haven of Heavenly rest. A wish in which we are sure all of our great brotherhood will join.

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## Correspondence.

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### The Aberdeen Medal.

*The Editor of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER:*

Yesterday, Sunday, Jan. 5th, 1896, I attended very interesting services, at the Plymouth Church, "Mayflower Mission," on Cay-st., Brooklyn. Our distinguished brother Forester, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, being "Commander-in-Chief of the Boys Brigade of the World," and while in attendance at that mission, last year, offered a silver prize medal to the most "punctual, deported, and efficient" boy in the Brooklyn Brigade, and the prize fell to Master Albert Bicknell, 169 Cay-st., next door to the church mission. At 2.30 o'clock p.m., the mission building was filled, and after opening services Dr. Abbott, the Plymouth Church Pastor, arose, made a neat speech, with the Boys' Brigade at a front face before him, and Albert, the little soldier, about ten years old, was called to the platform, and received his medal in neckness. He is a precocious little fellow, and his companions seemed more pleased than he did at his success. The medal is about the size of a half dollar. On one side, in circle, are the words: "Governor-General's medal. For Conduct and effici-

ency." In centre, an anchor of hope, with "E. B." On the reverse side, "Presented to Boys' Brigade." Dr. Abbott stated that the Governor-General promised to award a medal to that mission brigade every year. The popularity of the Earl must be great in the Canadian Provinces, when his name in the States receives such deafening cheers when mentioned here, by his kind Christian acts.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

A. B. CALDWELL.

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## Personal Mention.

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Bro. J. H. Gilmor, D.S.C.R., has done excellent work recently in building up the courts at Cooksville and Orchardville.

Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, was accorded a most gratifying reception at the meeting of the High Court of Michigan.

Bro. Jno. Chambers, H. S. of Michigan, was taken suddenly ill at the High Court meeting. We are pleased to learn that the worthy brother is all right again.

Bro. G. W. Strickland, H.C.R. of Pennsylvania, is doing great work for the Order in his jurisdiction. He has instituted several new courts, and more are under way.

Brother A. E. Stevenson, American Agent and High Chief Ranger of Illinois, was present at the High Court of Michigan, and conferred the High Court degree on the new members.

Bro. Geo. E. Scroggie, of Court Cairnsmore, recently with the Temperance and General Life Assurance Co., is now pushing things as advertising manager for the *Evening News*, Toronto.

Bro. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., leader of the Conservative opposition in the Ontario Legislature is an indefatigable worker and a faithful and fearless critic of the government of Bro. Sir Oliver Mowat.

Bro. H. S. Lewis, Chief Ranger of Court Mt. McKay, Port Arthur, Ont., has done good work in instituting Court Kakabaka, No. 3131, at Murillo. The court starts out under very favorable auspices.

Bros. Craig and Abbs, of Toronto, have formed a partnership as undertakers and embalmers, at 571 Dundas St. They are both young, capable men, and will doubtless succeed. Their Card is in another column.

Court Deputy Bro. Dr. W. A. Mackay, of Court Grenville, No. 3136, Quebec, has been made a General Deputy High Chief Ranger for the Province of Quebec, and Bro. W. M. Bradshaw has been made a District Deputy.

Bro. T. G. Davey, P. S. T., has done great work for the Order in the past months in organizing courts. He has been instrumental in bringing large numbers into the Order, in London, Detroit, Toronto and other centres.

Brother A. A. Weeks, State Organizer for Michigan, was unanimously re-elected to the position that he filled with so much advantage to the Order. With increased experi-

ence he will, no doubt, be able to give still better service.

Bro. D. M. Deo, the efficient and popular Deputy of Court Orwell, Ontario, has moved to Petrolia. Bro. Deo did much for Forestry in Orwell, and the best wishes of the brethren follow him to his new home. Court Orwell is flourishing.

Bro. Thos. J. Birch, D.S.C.R., is doing splendid work in the west, organizing courts and helping weak ones in their difficulties. He recently visited Court Clinton, Ohio, and gave valuable help that has called forth many expressions of approval.

The case of Bro. Donovan, of Michigan, who was injured recently in an explosion, was brought before the High Court of Michigan, by the Rev. E. Collins, of Detroit. A purse amounting to \$56 was made up for the afflicted brother in a few minutes.

Bro. M. M. Hoffman, H.C.R. of Ohio, was presented by the members of Court Jen, Dubuque, with a gold jewel of the Order in acknowledgement of his many services to the Court and the Order. Court Julien, Dubuque, is the banner court of the state.

Bro. C. C. Whale, as W.M. of Georgina Lodge, A.F. and A.M., is meeting with great success. The Lodge is growing rapidly, and has one of the handsomest places of meeting in Canada. A musical At Home given on the evening of March 14th, was a brilliant success.

Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., though he has passed his 68th birthday is as young in spirits and sprightly in manner as ever. Time is dealing kindly with our venerable founder. He has been actively engaged in promoting the interests of the I.O.F. in the Empire State.

Bro. G. E. Herrick delivered an admirable address on "Philanthropy" before the members of Court Lyme, No. 493, New York. The *Waterloo Times* gives the address in full. It ably sets forth the good work done by the I.O.F. and urges sustained effort for the extension of the Order.

His Honor Judge Wedderburn, Q.C., Supreme Counsellor, has been visiting some of the Courts in the United States. More particularly in New York. His eloquent addresses command close attention wherever delivered and are doing much to make the Order still more widely and popularly known.

Bro. R. H. Gamble, of Court Island City, Brockville, paid our *sanctum* a visit the other day. He was in Toronto attending the annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association. Bro. Gamble is General Agent for Eastern Ontario, and has served the Company faithfully and successfully for a number of years.

The Order in the Parry Sound District lost a staunch friend in the person of Dr. Wade, of Dunchurch. The brother enjoyed the confidence of the community to a more than usual degree. He had been chosen by the Conservatives as their standard-bearer in the next Dominion election. His death is universally regretted.

In addition to his many other duties, Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R. of Ireland, adds that of Convener of the Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. From the report of a meeting of the Committee given in the *Belfast News-letter*, it appears the contributions are increasing.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered by the High Court of Michigan to High Chief Ranger, Lee E. Joslyn, for the prompt, efficient and faithful services rendered, and the sound discretion, efficient and ripe judgment that has characterized his every action and service in behalf of Forestry in Michigan, during the past year.

The labors of Bro. Rev. R. McNair, H.C.R. for Ontario are many and valuable. All that an Executive officer can do is being done by him. He is anxious that the present Forestry year will show as good a record as preceding ones. He has a right to expect the hearty co-operation of the brethren in building up the Order in his jurisdiction.

Bro. W. J. McCaughan has been awarded the Grand Cross of Merit. The presentation was made by Bro. Marshall, D.S.C.R., General Manager for Great Britain, at a great meeting in Belfast, presided over by Bro. Sir Wm. McCammond. We congratulate our brother on the other side of the pond on this new and well earned honor.

Bro. J. Castell Hopkins, of Court Lord Aberdeen, Toronto, won distinction as a clever writer by his "Life of Sir John Thompson." His recent biography of the Honorable Wm. E. Gladstone, Britain's "Grand Old Man," has added to Mr. Hopkins' literary fame. The work has received high words of praise from many able and impartial critics.

Last week (says a late number of the *Saint John Sun*.) Judge Wedderburn occupied a seat on the dais, on the right of the speaker, in the house of representatives, Massachusetts, having been introduced by the chairman of the judiciary committee. The judge and Mrs. and Miss Wedderburn are now in New York. The judge is very much improved in health.

Bro. Alex. McKee, D.S.C.R., for many years Principal of the Uxbridge Public Schools, recently resigned his position. He was presented by his friends with a highly complimentary address, and a valuable gold watch. The address was signed by members of the School Board, and the Mayor and Reeve of the town. Bro. McKee, has been long and favorably known as a loyal and worthy Forester. We congratulate him on these tokens of esteem.

The warmest sympathy of the membership of the whole Order, will go out to Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S.T. and Mrs. Davey, in their second bereavement, through the death of their youngest daughter. It will be fresh in the recollection of many of our readers, that Mr. and Mrs. Davey lost a daughter last August, when they were in Great Britain. This fresh stroke has evoked much sorrow. We assure our friends of our sincere regard for them in a time of great trial.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for Month of February, 1896.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their February Assessment.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Emerado .....	197	Keramos.....	1832
Landmark.....	1110	Utility.....	1910

NOTE. The above Courts not having remitted their Assessments stood suspended on 1st February, and will stand suspended till duly reinstated.

Courts Reinstated Since Last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Habitant .....	1051	Bozeman.....	1358

Receipts, February, 1896.

No. of Members.	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Ass'n'ts.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Ass'n'ts.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
253	British Columbia.....	\$ 296 21	\$ 31 58	\$ 11 50	2621	New Jersey.....	\$ 2733 77	\$ 51 26	\$ 198 75
4963	California .....	5997 46	165 10	442 00	6175	New York.....	6574 32	511 31	473 25
176	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	268 32	10 74	26 75	1174	North Dakota.....	1227 95	36 92	60 75
1069	Illinois.....	1181 84	23 75	92 75	601	N. W. Territory.....	652 12	45 61	20 00
1115	Indiana.....	1210 14	4 97	140 75	1674	Nova Scotia.....	1403 12	155 69	38 50
441	Iowa.....	561 92	3 97	80 25	4050	Ohio.....	4029 15	80 56	228 00
1381	Maine.....	1106 05	281 92	105 09	28301	Ontario.....	27061 23	4183 83	694 67
1316	Manitoba.....	1221 87	102 97	46 00	366	Pennsylvania.....	491 23	5 74	39 75
9125	Michigan.....	8281 37	952 02	347 25	865	P. E. Island.....	627 02	15 28	44 50
1900	Minnesota.....	2129 34	75 87	160 25	9725	Quebec.....	10031 37	2748 48	418 54
790	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	919 45	9 90	35 75	492	Washington.....	490 01	13 55	37 75
4383	New Brunswick.....	4201 39	669 84	151 75	1186	Wisconsin.....	1274 61	10 27	59 25
616	New England.....	532 95	167 01	96 50	411	S. C. Jurisdiction.....	579 81	25 57	46 00
	Received on account of Interest.....				2675	Gt. Britain and Ireland.....	4173 15	16 63	267 96
	Organizing and other accounts.....						1741 72		
	Grand Totals.....				88024		\$ 91,647 72	\$ 10,456 34	\$ 6,981 98

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	\$ 109,089 04
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	\$ 109,089 04

Supply Account.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
Received on Account of Supplies.....	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....
\$ 255 88	\$ 255 88

Investment Account.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
Rec'd on acct. of Principal on Mortgages, etc.....	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....
\$ 2,299 40	\$ 2,299 40

Submitted in L. R. & C.,  
JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Supreme Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of February, 1896.

January, 1896. Initiated 28th January, 1886. Beneficiary, Catherine Lowry, wife. \$2,000.  
 No. 1895. Brother Levi W. DeWitt, aged 49 years, of Cour Norwalk, No. 533, died of *Aneurism of Aorta* on the 29th January, 1896. Initiated 3rd March, 1890. Beneficiary, Franc O. DeWitt, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 1896. Brother F. L. B. Hea, aged 46 years, of Court Loyalist, No. 121, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 17th January, 1896. Initiated 7th April, 1892. Beneficiary, Sarah M. Hea, wife. \$2,000.  
 No. 1897. Brother Jas. Atkinson, aged 45 years, of Court Lindsay, No. 181, died of *Locomotor Ataxia* on the 15th January, 1896. Initiated 8th January, 1886. Beneficiary, Margaret J. Atkinson, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.  
 No. 1898. Brother F. McNaughton, aged 13 years, of Court Hope, No. 1, died of *Phtthisis* on the 12th January, 1896. Initiated 4th January, 1886. Beneficiary, Lena McNaughton, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 1899. Brother Jas. R. Surinc, aged 45 years, of Court Unionville, No. 732, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 27th January, 1896. Initiated 16th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Addie M. Surinc, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.  
 No. 1900. Brother Jos. C. dit St. Amour, aged 40 years, of Court St. Roch, No. 701, died of *Fracture of Spine* on the 14th January, 1896. Initiated 21st December, 1894. Beneficiary, E. Bohemier dit St. Amour, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.  
 No. 1901. Brother Wm. J. Crawford, aged 41 years, of Court Mileete, No. 139, died of *Lupus* on the 15th January, 1896. Initiated 1st October, 1884. Beneficiary, Annie Gunter, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 1889. Brother John Freedy, aged 55 years, of Court Welcome, No. 12, died of *pinal Meningitis* on the 15th January, 1896. Initiated 17th January, 1887. Beneficiary, Sarah Freedy, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.  
 No. 1890. Brother George L. Burgess, aged 42 years, of Court Desmond, No. 187, died *Accidentally Drowned* on the 27th November, 1895. Initiated 25th September, 1889. Beneficiary, Mattie J. Burgess, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 1841. Brother Francis T. Phelan, aged 21 years, of Court Raleigh, No. 1293, died of *Inflammatory Rheumatism* on the 20th January, 1896. Initiated 4th January, 1874. Beneficiary, Wm. Phelan, brother. \$500.  
 No. 1892. Brother Robert Blaine, aged 57 years, of Court Lindsay, No. 181, died of *Gastritis* on the 17th January, 1896. Initiated 8th January, 1886. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.  
 No. 1893. Brother Jas. Desmond, Jr., aged 31 years, of Court Mulgrave, No. 824, died of *Consumption* on the 18th January, 1896. Initiated 15th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Florence Ada Desmond, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 1894. Brother David H. Lowry, aged 63 years, of Court Maple, No. 155, died of *Septicemia* on the 6th

of Court Fillmore, No. 1712, died of *Meningitis* on the 18th January, 1896. Initiated 5th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Marie H. Crawford, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1902. Brother Robert Scott, aged 33 years, of Court Vinita, No. 1225, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 7th December, 1895. Initiated 22nd December, 1892. Beneficiary, E. Seo t, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1903. Brother A. De Cow, M.D., aged 49 years, of Court Alvinston, No. 67, died of *Phthisis* on the 11th December, 1895. Initiated 21st May, 1859. Beneficiary, Catherine De Cow, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 1904. Brother Daniel E. Brooke, M.D., aged 39 years, of Court Speedwell, No. 816, died of *Apoplexy* on the 28th December, 1895. Initiated 14th July, 1891. Beneficiary, Betsy Johnson Brooks, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1905. Brother Laurent Gendron, aged 49 years, of Court Magog, No. 1216, died of *Cancer of Stomach* on the 24th January, 1896. Initiated 15th February, 1893. Beneficiary, Euphemie Dufresne, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1906. Brother Wm. G. McKeen, aged 47 years, of Court St. Marys, No. 11, died of *Cancer of Stomach* on the 22nd January, 1896. Initiated 14th January, 1885. Beneficiary, Mary McKeen, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1907. Brother Olivier Frchette, aged 42 years, of Court Jacques Cartier, No. 970, died of *Obstruction of Biliary Duct with Gall Stones* on the 12th January, 1896. Initiated 13th May, 1892. Beneficiary, Melina Pondeau, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1908. Brother Andrew Miller, aged 25 years, of Court Lake Mugantic, No. 538, died of *Congestion of the Brain* on the 22nd January, 1896. Initiated 22nd September, 1891. Beneficiary, Andrew Miller, father. \$1,000.

No. 1909. Brother John Edwards, aged 55 years, of Court Enterprise, No. 4, was *Accidentally Killed* on R. R. on the 4th January, 1896. Initiated 16th January, 1885. Beneficiary, Edward Richards, friend. \$2,000.

No. 1910. Brother Thomas J. Saunders, aged 42 years, of Court Occident, No. 467, died of *General Paresis* on the 4th December, 1895. Initiated 9th November, 1888. Beneficiary, Margaret Thompson, sister. \$400, and \$0 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 1911. Brother P. E. Boucher, aged 52 years, of Court Richelieu, No. 1348, died of *Heart Disease* on the 3rd February, 1896. Initiated 10 July, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 1912. Brother Alex. St. Pierre, aged 28 years, of Court Temiscouata, No. 1170, died of *Phthisis* on the 7th February, 1896. Initiated 7th April, 1894. Beneficiary, Colina Proude St. Pie, mother. \$2,000.

No. 1913. Brother John Wilkinson, aged 48 years, of Court Myrtle, No. 5, died of *Pneumonia* on the 2nd February, 1896. Initiated 23rd July, 1894. Beneficiary, Kate Wilkinson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1914. Brother E. E. Clark, aged 25 years, of Court Ebenezer, No. 857, died of *Consumption* on the 3rd January, 1896. Initiated 25th November, 1893. Beneficiary, R. G. Brown, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1915. Brother P. H. Carrick, aged 40 years, of Court Onward, No. 553, died of *Thoracic Aneurism* on the 17th January, 1896. Initiated 25th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Catherine Sheehan, sister. \$1,000.

No. 1916. Brother W. Birmingham, aged 52 years, of Court King Richard, No. 3065, died of *Purpura Haemorrhagica* on the 5th February, 1896. Initiated 25th March, 1893. Beneficiary, Emily Birmingham, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1917. Brother Geo. Coleman, aged 43 years, of Court Cairnsmore, No. 432, died of *Apoplexy* on the 17th February, 1896. Initiated 1st May, 1890. Beneficiary, Eliza G. Coleman, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1918. Brother Geo. Disney, aged 21 years, of Court Silver Leaf, No. 519, died of *Peritonitis* on the 18th December, 1895. Initiated 5th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Henrietta Disney, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1919. Brother John Kilrain, aged 34 years, of Court Erwood, No. 1097, died of *Cirrhosis of Liver* on the 4th February, 1896. Initiated 9th January, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary E. Kilrain, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1920. Brother Jas. T. Riley, aged 37 years, of Court Mecca, No. 1666, died of *Pneumonia* on the 16th February, 1896. Initiated 26th December, 1895. Beneficiaries, Martha J. Riley and Bridget M. Haslon, wife and mother. \$3,000.

No. 1921. Brother R. J. Muckle, aged 38 years, of Court Tri City, No. 1609, died of *Consumption* on the 4th February, 1896. Initiated 20th July, 1894. Beneficiary, Anna L. Muckle, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1922. Brother Lewis M. Cook, aged 38 years, of Court Ucanoonuc, No. 1962, died of *Pneumonia* on the 5th January, 1896. Initiated 26th June, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary A. Cook, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1923. Brother J. Fleming, aged 46 years, of Court Sundridge, No. 671, died of *Cancer of Stomach* on the 8th February, 1896. Initiated 2th March, 1894. Beneficiary, Jane Fleming, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1924. Brother John Kennedy, aged 36 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, died of *Meningitis* on the 19th February, 1896. Initiated 16th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Isabella Dick Donald Kennedy, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1925. Brother F. G. Aumam, aged 27 years, of Court Columbus, No. 920, died of *Phthisis* on the 8th February, 1896. Initiated 2nd March, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary A. Aumam, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1926. Bro. H. J. Saunders, M.D., aged 48 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, died of *Pneumonia* on the 19th February, 1896. Initiated 6th September, 1888. Beneficiary, Katherine M. Saunders, wife. \$2,000.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of February, 1896.

During the month of February, the Medical Board reviewed 2,261 medical examination papers, of which 2,029 were accepted and 235 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the paper emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.
Arizona.....	5	1	New York.....	237	17
British Columbia.....	5	1	North Dakota.....	117	15
California.....	119	18	N. W. Territories.....	6	2
Colorado.....	7	1	Nova Scotia.....	20	1
Connecticut.....	3	3	Ohio.....	139	6
Illinois.....	122	16	Ontario.....	252	39
Indiana.....	28	5	Oregon.....	3	1
Iowa.....	17	2	Pennsylvania.....	14	1
Kansas.....	2	2	P. E. Island.....	11	3
Maine.....	74	14	Quebec.....	227	26
Manitoba.....	47	2	Vermont.....	2	2
Massachusetts.....	3	2	Washington.....	15	1
Michigan.....	205	16	Washington, D. C.....	1	1
Minnesota.....	8	7	Wisconsin.....	37	10
Missouri.....	8	8	England.....	41	4
Montana.....	24	4	Ireland.....	17	1
New Brunswick.....	49	3	Scotland.....	10	1
New Hampshire.....	35	12	Wales.....	4	4
New Jersey.....	66	8			
			Total.....	2029	235

Yours in L. B. & C.,  
T. MILLMAN, M.D.,  
Sec. of Med. Board.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of February, 1896.

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report.....	\$1,517,336 45
" Supreme Secretary.....	89,976 00
" Interest.....	1,741 72
" Cheque No. 1563 cancelled.....	1,000 00
2199 .....	1,000 00
	\$1,610,954 17

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By claims paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

George J. Gunter.....	Court Melicite, 139.....	\$1,000 00
John S. Miller.....	" Energy, 799.....	333 34
John Freedy.....	" Welcome, 12.....	500 00
Jacob A. Davis.....	" Adirondacks, 1284.....	1,070 00
For. McNaughton.....	" Hope, 1.....	1,000 00
David H. Lowry.....	" Maple, 155.....	2,000 00
Levi W. DeWitt.....	" Norwalk, 533.....	1,000 00
F. LeB. Bea.....	" Loyalist, 141.....	2,000 00
James Desmond.....	" Mulgrave, 834.....	1,000 00
James Atkinson.....	" Lindsay, 181.....	500 00
James R. Surme.....	" Unionville, 732.....	500 00
Robert Marshall.....	" Midland, 87.....	1,000 00
Joseph Christian.....	" St. Roch, 761.....	1,000 00
Robert Scott.....	" Voixla, 1225.....	1,000 00
Abraham De Cow.....	" Alvinston, 67.....	500 00

Daniel E. Brocke, Court	Speedwell, 846.....	\$1,000 00
Laurent Gendron, "	Magog, 1216.....	1,000 00
Oliver Fréchette, "	Jacques Cartier, 970..	2,000 00
Wm. G. McKeen, "	St. Mary's, 145.....	1,000 00
Andrew Miller, "	Lake Megantic, 558...	1,000 00
John Edwards, "	Enterprise, 48.....	2,000 00
John Wilkinson, "	Myrtle, 5.....	1,000 00
E. E. Clarke, "	Kebeome, 857.....	1,000 00
John McDonald, "	Riceville, 953.....	1,000 00
Wl'd Birmingham, "	King Richard, 3365...	1,000 00
Thos. J. Saunders, "	Occident, 467.....	500 00
George Coloman, "	Cairnsmore, 432.....	1,000 00
Patrick H. Carrick, "	Onward, 553.....	1.0 00
Alex. St. Pierre, "	Teniscouata, 1170....	2,000 00
Jopher K. Barnes, "	Monterey, 613.....	2,000 00
W. L. Curtendall, "	Rifle, 714.....	500 00
Robert Blain, "	Lindsay, 181.....	1,000 00
Geo. C. Disney, "	Silver Leaf, 540.....	1,000 00
Phelias E. Boucher, "	Richelieu, 1318.....	1,000 00
I. F. Kilrain, "	Elwood, 1997.....	1,000 00
Geo. P. Burgess, "	Desmond, 187.....	1,000 00
Renaldo J. Muckle, "	Tri City, 1609.....	2,000 00
Lewis M. Cook, "	Uncanoonuc, 1962....	1,000 00
J. Fleming, "	Sundridge, 671.....	1,000 00
John Kennedy, "	Frontenac, 59.....	1,000 00
F. G. Aumann, "	Columbus, 920.....	1,000 00
Albert J. Saunders, "	Frontenac, 59.....	2,000 00

Fraternal Monitor Co.....	\$45 00
G. A. Harper, Travelling expenses.....	14 30
Toronto World, advertising.....	100 00
Robert Kidney, salary as organizer.....	75 00
W. T. Bingham, ".....	75 00
W. White, 3 of salary for January.....	38 50
W. P. Gorman, ".....	40 00
Rev. E. Adams, ".....	60 00
A. McKee, ".....	45 00
J. W. Holby, on act. of salary for January.....	27 60
A. J. Messenger, balance for January.....	40 00
C. L. Coulter, salary for January.....	200 00
New York office expenses.....	17 33
Rent of New York office.....	35 00
J. M. Fletcher, salary as organizer.....	60 00
A. E. Stevenson, salary for January.....	150 00
A. E. Stevenson, to pay organizers for expenses.....	264 78
Chicago office expenses.....	50 00
E. F. Stringer, salary for January.....	50 00
Nelson R. Butcher, to pay for typewriter and ribbons.....	108 50
C. H. Russell, salary for Jan'y as organizer.....	60 00
T. J. Birch, ditto and expenses.....	189 68
Sundry Expenses re I.O.F. Bill.....	953 75
A. B. Caldwell, salary and expenses, Jan'y.....	120 67
A. B. Powell, Guaranty Assurance.....	85 00
Free Press, advertising.....	8 00

Paid Disability Benefits to Brothers—

F. S. Gilmartin, Cadillac, 863.....	\$50 00
W. B. Laur, Elgin, 29.....	1,000 00
Medical Examinations re Disability Claims.....	5 00
Expenses re Loans.....	69 12
Legislation.....	115 10
License Fees.....	106 70
Valuation of Loan.....	25 00
Investigating Mease Case.....	20 50
Collection Charges on Debentures.....	9 95
5 per cent. to General Fund.....	4,49 29
	\$ 6 337 66
Balance.....	1,558,313 17
	\$1,610,981 17

Government Fees, amendment of Charter Bill.....

Grand & Toy, office stationery.....	38 70
Toronto Lithographing Co.....	87 85
G. N. W. Telegraph Co. account.....	24 33
The Barber & Ellis Co., amount of account.....	17 95
American Desk and Seating Co., Chicago.....	45 60
J. D. Henderson, salary and expenses.....	64 00
W. M. Drannan, organizing expenses.....	48 48
W. L. Fowler, salary and expenses.....	67 85
W. A. Parkinson, on act. salary.....	25 00
W. H. Perry, stenographing.....	5 00
B. W. Greer, salary as Auditor for May and June.....	100 00
James Glendennig, salary and expenses.....	91 48
A. J. Kniffen, salary as organizer.....	67 67
A. D. Perry, balance of salary.....	26 87
J. D. Bickly, ".....	41 67
A. W. Rogers, ".....	50 00
Isaac T. H. Brown.....	16 96
C.P.R. Telegraph Co., amt. of account.....	26 12
Wm. Sanderson, on account, salary.....	100 00
The Incandescent Light Co. amt. of account.....	53 37
Jno. A. Cowan, advertising in Freemason Directory.....	25 00
W. H. Lowrie, on account, salary.....	6 10
Toronto Album Publishing House.....	150 60
The Mail Printing Co., advertising.....	39 00
The Globe advertising.....	137 10
Holland Bros., re Bill, Banking and Commerce Committee, Hansard Report.....	245 30
C. R. Fitzgerald, draft to cover disbursements on organizing account.....	86 00
W. G. Mutton, on account, salary.....	75 00
Orange Sentinel, advertising.....	50 00
Mission Work in Illinois.....	30 00
Canadian Fraternal Association, annual fee.....	175 00
A. McKee, balance for January.....	50 00
A. E. McLaughlin, stenographing.....	23 94
Elliott S. Rowe, mission work.....	10 00
F. F. D. Albery, fees Ohio legislation.....	10 85
G. W. Allen, on acct. salary.....	260 00
National Fraternal Congress Journal.....	50 00
S.C.R., expenses Ottawa, Detroit, Chicago and Saginaw.....	11 20
Daniel Rose, printing.....	150 00
" postage.....	64 26
Dickson & Clark, legislation, Ohio.....	3 00
James J. Knowles, fees refunded.....	14 00
Evening Star, advertising.....	6 55
Postal cards.....	66 00
W. A. Parkinson, on acct. salary.....	60 00
G. A. Harper, travelling expenses.....	25 00
T. J. Lorden, organizing expenses.....	42 30
S. A. Lindsay, sundry fees refunded.....	35 00
State of Iowa Auditors' fees for filing statement.....	4 50
Superintendent of Insurance, tax on assessments collected in Colorado.....	25 00
Superintendent of Insurance of Illinois, for filing statement.....	26 28
H. A. Collins, travelling expenses—visiting Bolton, Victoria Corners, Cedar Springs, Brown City, High Court of Michigan and Saginaw.....	5 00
	96 60

**Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.**

**RECEIPTS.**

To Balance per last Report.....	\$ 81,215 81
" Supreme Secretary.....	10,456 34
" Cheque 507 cancelled.....	50 00
	\$ 91,721 95
<b>CONTRA—CR.</b>	
Paid Sick Benefit Claims.....	\$ 8,187 14
" Funeral Benefit Claims.....	725 00
Five per cent. to General Fund.....	522 84
Balance.....	\$2,286 97
	\$ 91,721 95

**General Fund.**

**RECEIPTS.**

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 6,984 98
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit receipts.....	4,495 29
" Five per cent. S. and F. Benefit receipts.....	522 84
Balance.....	1,661 80
	\$ 13,664 91

**CONTRA—CR.**

By duty, express charges and exchange....	\$ 112 02
Postage for January.....	312 85
Charter Fee returned to Courb Weekham..	5 00
T. G. Davey, salary and expenses as organizer for January.....	175 00
Chas. W. Allan, salary as organizer.....	75 00
S. C. R., salary for February.....	833 33
S. S., ".....	600 00
S. T., ".....	168 66
S. P., ".....	600 00
James H. Gilmour, salary as organizer for January.....	68 00
E. A. Mack, salary and expenses as organizer.....	155 70
Alexander Henry, salary and expenses, Jan'y and Feb'y.....	250 05
Thomas Clarke, organizer.....	50 00
Thomas Waddell, ".....	105 55
D. M. Card, ".....	65 00
Expenss re Legislation in Iowa per Perry Perkins.....	25 00
Select Knights of Canada, Journal and Advocate.....	2 00

Employees wages for February.....	\$ 2,294 65
Disbursements. Great Britain.....	1,946 64
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	\$13,664 91

Supply Account.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 255 88
" Balance.....	2,895 64
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	\$3,151 52

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Duty and Express.....	\$ 13 18
American Supplies.....	55 00
A. H. Howard, engrossing certificates.....	20 91
Toronto Lith. Co.....	98 30
Fred Pardy.....	21 30
I. C. Fell & Co.....	30 25
J. S. Russell.....	22 00
Matthew Bros.....	9 20
John Macdonald & Co.....	4 80
G. F. Foster, Son & Co.....	161 00
The Hunter, Rose Co., Ltd., supplies.....	494 90
W. F. Hall Printing Co.....	357 52
American Supplies, freight and duty.....	26 51
G. F. Foster, Sons & Co.....	169 00
Hunter, Rose & Co., Ltd., FORESTER.....	1,424 50
Engrossing Certificates and Charters.....	199 9
Postage and Telegrams.....	112 45
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	\$3,151 52

Surplus.

Post Office Savings Bank.....	\$ 14,281 81
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Great Britain, deposit.....	97,333 33
Mortgages.....	1,177,539 55
Debentures.....	147,091 32

Total Invested Surplus.....	\$1,456,246 01
Current Account Surplus.....	102,067 16

Total Mortuary Surplus.....	\$1,558,313 17
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	82,286 97

Grand Total Surplus.....	<hr/>
	\$1,640,600 14

Yours in L. B. and C.,  
H. A. COLLINS, *Sup. Treas.*

New Courts.

**COURT MENIGOSHE, No. 3083, BOTTINEAU, N.D.**  
Instituted on the 1st day of February, 1896, by James Storrar.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Fred. W. Cathra; Chaplain, Geo. Clark; Physician, John A. Greig, M.D. 23 members.

**COURT PENIBINA RIVER, No. 3104, WELFORD, NORTH DAKOTA.**

Instituted on the 7th day of January, 1896, by F. N. Burrows, M.D.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., J. J. Weeks; Chaplain, H. Morris; Physician, F. N. Burrows, M.D. 24 members.

**COURT SHERWOOD FOREST, No. 3105, TORONTO, ONT.**

Instituted on the 14th day of February, 1896, by Oronhyatekha, M.D.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Thos. Lawless; Chaplain, John A. McGillivray; Physician, —. 11 members.

**COURT GOLDEN VALLEY, No. 3106, EDINBURG, NORTH DAKOTA.**

Instituted on the 3rd day of February, 1896, by J. D. Seney.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. E. Adams; Chaplain, —; Physician, A. A. Flaten, M.D. 27 members.

**COURT KAKABAKA, No. 3107, MURILLO, ONT.**

Instituted on the 29th day of January, 1896, by Heber S. Lewis.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Alex. Pelletier; Chaplain, R. B. Martyn; Physician, —. 12 members.

**COURT KEARSLEY, No. 3108, FLINT, MICHIGAN.**

Instituted on the 5th day of February, 1896, by J. A. Frise.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., H. A. Holden; Chaplain, Homer A. Day; Physician, E. R. Campbell, M.D. 0 members.

**COURT WALHALLA, No. 3109, WALHALLA, NORTH DAKOTA.**

Instituted on the 3rd day of February, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., A. C. Bridon; Chaplain, Harry Riggers; Physician, W. W. Scott M.D. 21 members.

**COURT ANDERSON, No. 3110, ANDERSON, INDIANA.**

Instituted on the 28th day of January, 1896, by I. H. Shaffer.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., I. H. Shaffer; Chaplain, Giles E. Faucett; Physicians, J. H. Hammond, M.D., and J. O. Morrison, M.D. 31 members.

**COURT SNOQUALMIE, No. 3111, EVERETT, WASHINGTON.**

Instituted on the 21st day of January, 1896, by James Campbell.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Andy Fritz; Chaplain, Andy Fritz; Physician, G. W. Stockwell, M.D., and J. E. Stauffer, M.D. 18 members.

**COURT IDEAL, No. 3112, CANTON (HENSAL), N.D.**

Instituted on the 5th day of February, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Arch. J. McLean; Chaplain, Joseph Irwin; Physician, Dr. Archer. 24 members.

**COURT PISCATAQUA, No. 3113, DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

Instituted on the 4th day of February, 1896, by James Gunn.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Frank F. Fernald; Chaplain, Wm. A. Jenness; Physician, Geo. A. Tolman, M.D. 22 members.

**COURT LOWELLTOWN, No. 3114, LOWELLTOWN, MAINE.**

Instituted on the 2nd day of October, 1895, by A. S. Leonard.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. C. Mayo; Chaplain, Willard Stinson; Physician, J. M. Boothby, M.D. 31 members.

**COURT CALDWELL, No. 3117, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.**

Instituted on the 27th day of January, 1896, by John A. Belch, M.D.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Fred J. A. Belch; Chaplain, Wm. J. Parks; Physician, Frank H. Buller, M.D. 20 members.

**COURT PONBAKIN, No. 3118, FRANKLIN FALLS, N.H.**

Instituted on the 6th day of February, 1896, by James Boddy.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., J. E. Barnard; Chaplain, Rev. Claudius Byrne; Physician, S. W. Jones, M. D. 37 members.

**COURT OAK PARK, No. 3119, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS.**

Instituted on the 4th day of February, 1896, by John Bickley.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., F. H. Belcher; Chaplain, C. F. Kannenberg; Physician, —. 16 members.

**COURT MATTAWOSA, No. 3121, DE KALB, ILLINOIS.**

Instituted on the 4th day of February, 1896, by J. M. Fletcher.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., Frank L. Howard; Chaplain, Rufus B. Chandler; Physician, C. H. Wilder, M.D. 18 members.

**COURT LAKEVILLE, No. 3122, LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA.**

Instituted on the 18th day of February, 1896, by J. C. O'Keefe and J. C. Hamel.

*Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., T. B. McKelvey; Chaplain, Albert Nason; Physician, Dr. W. M. Dodge. 20 members.

**COURT WONEWOC, No. 3123, WONEWOC, WISCONSIN.**

Instituted on the 17th day of January, 1896, by D. Jay Adams.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., J. B. Fisk; Chaplain, Rev. N. C. Bradley; Physician, C. H. Golden, M.D. 11 members.

**COURT SVEA, No. 3124, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS.**

Instituted on the 8th day of February, 1896, by A. D. Swanson.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Carl J. L. Borine; Chaplain, Axel Nystrum; Physician, B. C. Anderson, M.D. 18 members.

**COURT MIDDLEMISS, No. 3125, MIDDLEMISS, ONT.**

Instituted on the 5th day of February, 1896, by J. Foreman.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., George Watson; Chaplain, Rev. James Pollock; Physician, John F. James, M.D. 19 members.

COURT KIRKFIELD, No. 3131, KIRKFIELD, ONT.  
Instituted on the 5th day of February, 1896, by J. R. Graham.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Edward Mosgrove; Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Shier; Physician, J. W. Wood, M.D. 12 members.

COURT OLIO, No. 3128, EUREKA, ILLINOIS.  
Instituted on the 11th day of February, 1896, by A. D. Perry.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., C. A. Porter, D.D.; Chaplain, Rev. A. A. Wilson; Physician, C. F. Banta, M.D. 20 members.

COURT RAY, No. 3132, RAY, NEW YORK.  
Instituted on the 13th day of February, 1896, by E. E. Adams.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., —; Chaplain, Zeno Griswold; Physician, Hiram Nichols, M.D. 16 members.

COURT STEVENS POINT, No. 3133, STEVENS POINT, WIS.  
Instituted on the 12th day of February, 1896, by W. T. Henning.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., W. D. Kerr; Chaplain, C. D. Walsh; Physician, F. Wheel, M.D. 10 members.

COURT BLUE ISLAND, No. 3120, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.  
Instituted on the 8th day of February, 1896, by J. N. Rogers.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., N. T. Galloway; Chaplain, F. E. Hays; Physician, R. L. James, M.D. 14 members.

COURT TYNER, No. 3126, TYNER, NORTH DAKOTA.  
Instituted on the 8th day of February, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., James McHardy; Chaplain, Wm. Inglis; Physician, Dr. Farrow. 31 members.

COURT GALA, No. 3127, DESERONTO, ONTARIO.  
Instituted on the 13th day of February, 1896, by J. A. Wright.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. A. Wright; Chaplain, S. Green; Physician, Dr. Simpson. 31 members.

COURT GLENWOOD, No. 3129, HOOPLE, NORTH DAKOTA.  
Instituted on the 12th day of February, 1896, by J. D. Sency.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., J. McIver; Chaplain, —; Physician, J. C. Suter, M.D. 17 members.

COURT PROVIDENT, No. 3130, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.  
Instituted on the 13th day of February, 1896, by W. T. Bingham.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. W. Gilby; Chaplain, T. R. Harvey; Physician, Robt. R. Sinclair, M.D. 32 members.

COURT SHOAL LAKE, No. 3115, SHOAL LAKE, MAN.  
Instituted on the — day of —, by —.  
*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., —; Chaplain, —; Physician, —. — members.

COURT MILITARY, No. 3116, TORONTO, ONTARIO.  
Instituted on the 8th day of February, 1896, by W. G. Mutton and H. A. Collins.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., P. L. Mason; Chaplain, —; Physician, —. 10 members.

COURT REGES, No. 3134, HANFORD, CALIFORNIA.  
Instituted on the 11th day of February, 1896, by G. A. McElfresh.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., L. L. Law; Chaplain, J. E. Meadows; Physician, W. Hinton Miller, M.D. 17 members.

COURT —, No. 3135, GLANWORTH, ONTARIO.  
Instituted on the 2nd day of January, 1896, by D. McIntosh.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Donald H. McPherson; Chaplain, Robt. C. Fisher; Physician, Dr. Mel-drum. 30 members.

COURT GRENVILLE, No. 3133, GRENVILLE, QUEBEC.  
Instituted on the 17th day of February, 1896, by A. A. H. Raymond.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. A. McKay, M.D.; Chaplain, Rev. W. Harris; Physician, Dr. W. A. McKay. 18 members.

COURT PAW-PAW, No. 3137, PAW-PAW, MICHIGAN.  
Instituted on the 1st day of February, 1896, by R. H. Cole.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., George M. Harrison; Chaplain, Rev. F. M. Corbett; Physician, J. C. Maxwell, M.D. 16 members.

COURT KOOTENAY, No. 3133, NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
Instituted on the 12th day of February, 1896, by F. W. Swannell.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., —; Chaplain, F. Short; Physician, E. C. Arthur, M. D. 26 members.

COURT IDRIS, No. 3139, MONSON, MAINE.  
Instituted on the 1st day of January, 1896, by Edwin C. Lockett.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., W. A. Mills; Chaplain, Wm. Pennington; Physician, Nathaniel H. Crosby, M.D. 36 members.

COURT BIG RUN, No. 3140, BIG RUN, PENN.  
Instituted on the 20th day of February, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. Hetrick; Chaplain, Q. S. Reams; Physician, John C. Cochran. 14 members.

COURT ALAMOOSOOK, No. 3141, BUCKPORT, MAINE.  
Instituted on the 19th day of February, 1896, by Thos. Clarke.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., W. A. Heywood; Chaplain, W. T. Trewory; Physician, H. E. Smith, M.D. 26 members.

COURT —, No. 3142, PORT HURON, MICHIGAN.  
Instituted on the 17th day of February, 1896, by John Chambers.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. W. Harris, M. D.; Chaplain, John Wonnacott; Physician, Geo. W. Harris, M.D. 18 members.

COURT —, No. 3144, DEXTER, MAINE.  
Instituted on the 6th day of February, 1896, by Edwin C. Lockett.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., C. P. Gilman; Chaplain, Frank Flagg; Physician, Dr. J. W. Sawyer. 21 members.

COURT CLARA, No. 3145, DEUX RIVIERES, ONT.  
Instituted on the 24th day of February, 1896, by W. H. Code.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., Sam. Richardson; Chaplain, T. A. Bromley; Physician, Dr. Hinshall. 12 members.

COURT LANGDON, No. 151, LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA.  
Instituted on the 22nd day of February, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

*Officers Installed.*—C. D. H. C. R., J. E. Truax; Chaplain, A. F. Stewart; Physician, J. Semple, M. D. 32 members.

The kicker who kicks just enough to stir matters up in the lodge-room is a first-rate brother to have around, but the one who kicks right and left behind and before all the time, is dangerous not only to the lodge, but to himself, for frequently he kicks his own fraternal head off, and then the only tears shed come from his family.—*Fraternal News.*

Sir Matthew Hale: Consider before you speak, when the business is of moment; weigh the sense of what you mean to utter, and the expressions you intend to use, that they may be significant, pertinent, and in-offensive.

George W. Childs: Do good constantly, patiently and wisely, and you will never have cause to say that life was not worth living.

## Among the Courts.

### High Court of Ontario.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER, I.O.F.

Carleton Place, March 26th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the High Court of Ontario:

DEAR BRETHREN,—I wish to thank the Subordinate Courts for the good work they have done since the last meeting of the High Court of Ontario. Notwithstanding the depression in trade, felt alike in city, town and rural district, which has militated considerably against the success of all societies, the I.O.F. has made encouraging progress. More might have been done had all courts and Foresters borne a share in the honorable work. There are men, scores of men, in every community who, had they the facts before them, would gladly seek for themselves and their families the protection the I.O.F. is able to give.

The individual member has done much to build up our noble Order to its present stately proportions. I appeal to every brother of the Mother High Court to give me his earnest co-operation in a great effort to place the I.O.F. still higher among all the fraternal societies doing business in Ontario.

Remember that in securing a member for the Order, you not only extend valuable benefits to the brother and his family, but you also increase your own security.

You are enjoying the benefits of the protection of the Order for *less than one half* what old line companies would charge you. You will show your appreciation by doing what you can to build up the I.O.F. We count on you.

More than ever before, we have reason to be proud of our Order. With a membership of over 90 thousand, and a surplus for our protection, of \$1,640,607.13, we have all the evidences of prosperity. We were to have been invited to our funeral long ago, but it is now certain that we are going to outlive our grave-diggers.

There remains yet three months before the Forestric year closes. Make them the best of the twelve. The High Standing Committee, is anxious to present the best report in the history of the High Court of Ontario.

I again call upon all officers of Subordinate Courts, as well as upon our 28,500 loyal members to use every means to have our membership increased by July 1st, to 31,000, at least. In order to encourage weaker courts, a dispensation is granted to all courts that choose to avail themselves of it, to initiate during the months of May and June at charter rates. A fine list of prizes as seen on Circular No. 4, are offered for competition. It is hoped that all will strive together that our aims may be realized.

Let "work" be the watchword from now till June 30th, let there be a determined effort all along the line.

Yours very truly in L. B. and O.,

ROBT. MCNAIR, H.C.R.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 4.

OFFICE OF HIGH SECRETARY,  
CREEMORE, March 27th, 1896.

To the Court Deputy.

#### PRIZE LIST.

Following former precedents, the High Standing Committee offers for competition the following prizes:

##### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

(1) Five cash prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5, to members that bring into their own Subordinate Courts, between May 1st and June 30th, 1896, the highest number of new members. The number of members introduced must at least be equal to the number of dollars in the prize. To the winner of the first and second prizes, the High Chief Ranger will issue a G.D.H.C.R.'s commission, and present the sash and badge of the office respectively.

(2) To the member who introduces into his own court ten members, a copy of the large picture of the High Standing Committee, 1895-96.

(3) To each Chief Ranger who initiates six new members, a silver-mounted oak gavel, suitably inscribed.

(4) To each member who introduces five new members, the small lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or a morocco-bound copy of the History of the Order.

(5) To each member who introduces three new members, a copy of the History of the Order bound in cloth.

(6) To the General Deputy High Chief Ranger who institutes largest number of courts from November 1st, 1895, to June 30th, 1896, the charter membership to be in each at least 15, a gold watch. The number of courts must be at least 10.

(7) A second prize of \$30. Number of courts must be at least 7.

(8) A third prize of \$20. Number of courts must be at least 5.

##### COURT PRIZES

To any new court instituted between April 1st and June 30th, 1895, with a charter membership of 40 or more, a set of officers' badges.

No member or court will receive more than one prize.

A certified statement of the number of members brought in must be sent to the High Secretary not later than the 15th July, 1896, over the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Lt. Secretary, and seal of the court for Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Individual Prizes, and General Deputies will report to the High Secretary not later than 15th July, 1896, for Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

The competition will be from 1st May to 31st June, 1896, for Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 of Individual Prizes, and for the Court Prizes to 30th June.

Any claims made for prizes after 15th July, 1896, will not be entertained. It would be well to send returns by registered letters, and, if not acknowledged in due course, communicate at once with the High Secretary.

Brethren of Ontario, the Executive of your High Court invites and expects your individual and collective aid in furthering the interests of our beloved Order within the jurisdiction. We know you will respond.

Wishing you all a large measure of prosperity and happiness

We remain, yours fraternally,

R. J. NIDDRIE,

High Secretary

R. MCNAIR,

High Chief Ranger.

#### Court Langton, No. 631, Langton.

The annual concert of our court, held recently in the town hall and was a great success. Mr. Harry W. Rich of Toronto was the entertainer of the evening, and in his numerous comic specialties succeeded in eliciting favorable applause from the large audience. The workings of the Order were very ably dealt with by Mr. Courtney, D. S. C. K., of St. Thomas. The Rev. A. Barclay, Presbyterian minister from Lynedoch, read some good selections from different authors. The Langton Orchestra fully sustained its reputation as discourses of sweet music and the whole evening's entertainment was enjoyably spent. Our popular Court Physician, Dr. J. M. Tweedale, presided over the entertainment. After the concert was over, the ladies of the various brethren of Court Lang-

ton showed their great skill and excellent abilities to cater to the inner man. All Foresters, and their friends, at the entertainment were invited to partake of the sumptuous repast. The court is prosperous.

#### Court Success, No. 191, Oil Springs.

The evening of March the 6th was a memorable one for Court Success and the good people of Oil City. A complimentary supper and concert were given in the Masonic Hall. Upwards of 400 were present. The place was very tastefully decorated. Bro. Rev. C. P. Wells discharged the duties of the chair with marked acceptance. A select programme of music and recitations was rendered. The feature of the evening was the address of Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, and P.H.C.R. of Ontario. His wit and eloquence went straight to the hearts of the people, and several applications for membership have been received. Court Success is well named.

#### Court Black Creek, No. 504, Bradshaw.

What this court lacks in numbers, it makes up in zeal. The anniversary service of the court was conducted in the Methodist Church, on March the 8th, by the Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto. A very large congregation listened to an earnest sermon, on the "Religion of every day life." On Monday evening the church was again filled, to enjoy the third annual concert of the court. A good programme of music and readings was given, and Bro. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, delivered an address on the principles and benefits of Forestry. Bro. Dr. Segar, of Brigiden, made an excellent chairman. The concert realized \$35, a goodly sum. After the concert the court met and initiated five candidates.

#### Court McGregor, No. 6, Chatham.

This is one of the strongest as it is one of the oldest courts in Western Ontario. It has a membership of 137, which is steadily increasing. The best possible spirit prevails among the brethren. The court gave a complimentary concert recently, which was largely attended. Bro. Hughes, P.C.R., presided. A first-class programme of reading and music was rendered. Dr. Rutherford gave a spirited address on the Order, in which he spoke highly of its principles, and vigorous and efficient management.

#### Court Brigiden, No. 581.

The I.O.F. has a distinct lead, that it is increasing over all other societies in Brigiden. The best men in the place are in the Order. The anniversary service of the court was held in the Presbyterian Church, on the evening of March 5th. The fine building was filled to the doors. The accomplished pastor of the church, Rev. W. McKee, conducted the devotional part of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, who retained throughout the rapt attention of the congregation. The court has a membership of 56, with applications in hand.

#### Court Sarnia, No. 55.

This is the leading court of the West. Quietly and surely it pushes its way. The

membership is now 156. A very interesting meeting of this court was held on the 10th of March. The chair was occupied by Bro. Proctor, P.H.C.R. Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray gave an exhaustive address, going fully into the present standing and workings of the Order, and showing it to be highly prosperous. On motion of Bro. Keys, seconded by Bro. Symington, a standing vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Macgillivray.

#### Court Kincardine, No. 578.

The Chief Ranger of this court writes: "Bro. C. C. Whale, H.C.I., was here according to promise, and we held an open meeting on Wednesday evening, March 11th, and Bros. Whale and Dr. Tennant, of Lucknow, P.H.P., gave rousing addresses on Forestry, the result of which was that a number took the obligation at once. He remained with us for two days, and secured ten new members and more to follow.

"We are always pleased to see Bro. Whale, and by each visit, not only the I.O.F. at large are benefited by it, but the membership of Court Kincardine always increased."

#### Court Excelsior, No. 79, Almonte.

This court enjoyed a visit from Dr. Ornyatekha on the evening of the 5th March. There was a large turn out of members to receive and hear the head of the Order. The Chief gave a very full explanation of the legislation that had just been passed, and showed how the Order would be advantaged thereby. The rapid growth of the Order was dwelt upon, and the necessity of greatly increased office accommodation alluded to. The court heard the Chief with great interest and satisfaction, and at the close of his address gave him a standing vote of thanks. In Almonte the word among Foresters is still *Excelsior*.

#### Court Cooksville, No. 852.

This court enjoyed the services of Bro. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., of Toronto, for several days recently, with the excellent result that over half a dozen members were added to the court.

#### Court Orchard, No. 1445.

The visit of Bro. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., to this court, counteracted some difficulties that the court recently experienced, and added several new members.

#### Court Lord Aberdeen, No. 1802, Toronto.

The vice-regal court had its officers installed on the evening of March 20th, by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., assisted by Bro. Capt. Parkinson, D.S.C.R. The court had among its members some of Toronto's brightest young men. Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity, is Chaplain, and takes a great interest in the court.

#### Court Rising Star, No. 648., Walshingham Centre.

This court met with unusual good fortune recently. On the evening of the 19th March an open meeting was held that was well attended. Bro. C. C. Whale, High Inspector, was present and gave an address. That it was persuasive will be readily granted when

it is stated that 16 were initiated at the close of the meeting. Well done.

#### Court Avonbank, No. 1219.

This court entertained visiting brethren to the number of about twenty-four at their annual supper, on the evening of March 14th. The oysters were good, and a pleasant time was spent. The visitors were chiefly from Court Carlingford. Our court continues to grow. Initiations take place at nearly every meeting.

#### ONTARIO NOTES.

Still leading with applications for membership.

What is to prevent Ontario securing 2,000 applications for April, May and June?

Seven more courts added in February to the long list of the Mother High Court.

Past H.C.R., H. A. Collins, is in great demand for platform speeches, his eloquent tongue is used to advance the Order.

A very considerable number of courts have been to all intents and purposes asleep during the winter. If sleep refreshes, some of them will be in fine form for work.

Bro. J. D. McDiarmid, of West Lorne, besides attending so well to the Reeveship, is also busy assisting in building up the I.O.F. in his locality. He expects to report a court soon.

For June, 1894, the number of applications received for Ontario were 888. The Provincial election took place that month. This year, with a Dominion election probable, the number of applications ought to be as many.

Court Glen Buell held a very successful At Home on March 17th, at which Bro. Rev. T. Nixon, of Smith's Falls, delivered an able address upon the merits of the Order. Brother Nixon is a good speaker and an enthusiastic Forester.

We would call attention to the circular of the High Chief Ranger. A dispensation to initiate at charter rates will be granted for May and June. This should encourage every court to work hard to initiate many before the end of year.

What response are you going to make to the appeal of Chief Ranger, Rev. Bro. McNair? He has worked, and is working hard. Lend a hand. Surely you know some one that needs the benefits of the Order, and that you can persuade to join.

The High Chief Ranger addressed a card to all courts on the 16th of March, calling attention to the record of the court for the past half year. It is hoped all courts will make a strong effort to improve the time and secure many new applications at once.

Bro W. J. Ingram is a hustler. The High Chief Ranger received word that Court Tecumseth at Havelock was in a declining condition, and immediately sent P.D H.C.R. Ingram to the rescue. In one week 18 new applications were received and more are expected.

Court Minerva has always been a busy and energetic court. At their annual entertain-

ment on the 5th of March, the High Chief Ranger delivered an address. There was a good audience of friends and Foresters. This court promises to put in 10 members, as its share, to make the total membership 100,000 by the 1st of July.

Court Spring Broko writes that their annual entertainment was more than a success, owing chiefly to the presence of H.C. Inspector, C. C. Whale. Bro. C.C. not only made many personal friends, but won golden opinions for the I.O.F. by his stirring address. They want him back again soon.

The Cornwall *Standard* says: "The members of Court Stormont, Independent Order of Foresters, are arranging for a grand concert in aid of the Cornwall Hospital Fund, to be held on Wednesday evening, April 8th. Some of the best talent in the country has been secured for the occasion, and a splendid entertainment is assured."

Court Hay Bay held a successful social on 25th Feby. The house was well filled with citizens who were anxious to learn more of the good deeds of the I.O.F. The H. C. R. delivered an address which was well received, and at the close of the meeting 12 applications for membership were received. The H.C.R. does his best to encourage and build up weaker Courts. The prosperity of Court Hay Bay is now ensured.

The High Chief Ranger of Ontario would most respectfully call the attention of all courts to the effort that is being made to increase our membership to 100,000, and asks all courts to share in that effort. Can our courts not average two members per month? Will all Court Deputies kindly call the attention of courts to this? Nothing is to be gained by idleness. "Nothing succeeds like success." Let one and all work and it shall be done.

Bro. N. W. Campbell, the popular School Inspector of South Grey, recently visited Court Medonte, and delivered a carefully prepared address upon the principles of the I.O.F. Anything Bro. Campbell does, he does well, and this address was listened to with great pleasure by all present. He was loudly applauded as he brought out point after point to show the stability and usefulness of the I.O.F. Many of the leading men of Medonte afterwards signified their intention of uniting with the Order. Work tells. The Court was glad that the High Chief Ranger had sent Bro. Campbell.

#### Quebec.

Court Lower Ireland, No. 1672, has initiated four members during February, with several applications for March.

Court Pioneer, No. 3097, was instituted on January 10th, by Rev. A. O. Watts, of Inverness. The court starts out with a small membership, but we have been assured that there is material sufficient in the locality to form a large court in the near future.

Court Helena, No. 1475, has initiated 24 members in February, having more than doubled their membership. Look out for the

High Court prize on increased percentage. Bro. J. S. X. Dusseault, G.D.H.C.R., of Montreal, spent three days with the brethren of this court which accounts for the increase in membership.

Court Isle aux Noix, No. 1080, of Clarenceville, held a banquet and entertainment in the Townsend Memorial Hall, on the evening of February 18th, which was attended by about 250 people. After the banquet the company assembled in the Entertainment Hall where addresses were delivered by Bros. John A. McGillivray, Esq., Q.C., Supreme Secretary, of Toronto, and Geo. F. Slack, M.D., of Farnham. The singing by home talent was excellent. The orchestra, led by D. J. A. Macfie, discoursed some very fine music during the evening. At about 11 p.m. the entertainment was closed by all uniting in singing God Save the Queen.

### Prince Edward Island.

#### NOTES.

The Order in the little Province is growing. The average number accepted by the Medical Board during the year 1895 was 22 per month. For January, 1896, 28 were passed. Five new courts have been organized since August last. High Secretary Fowler is devoting his whole time to the work.

The High Court will be held with Court Silvan at Montague Bridge, on June 11th and 12th.

Bro. L. E. Prowse, M.P.P., has been making a name for himself as an auctioneer at "socials" this winter.

Brothers John Goss, Past High Conductor, and H. A. Compton were re-elected by acclamation to the Town Council of Summerside.

Death has dealt lightly with us during the year 1895. Only two of the brethren were called home, Rev. William Maggs and John McQueen.

Bro. Carver, H. Coun., is expected home from Boston, where he has been attending the Law School, in June. He will be present at the High Court meeting.

Bro. Rev. Richard Opil, of Court Prince Edward, has received an invitation to the Little York circuit. We are all pleased that the Rev. Bro. will not go to N. B. for some years yet.

Dr. H. D. Johnson, High Chief Ranger, was elected a city councillor for the city of Charlottetown in February. Some of the friends thought he was on the wrong ticket, but Harry "got there all the same."

Bro. Rev. W. J. Kirby, now in the Second Methodist Church, Charlottetown, has developed into a lecturer like the rest of the leading Methodists. His brethren in Minnewawa Court are no doubt pleased about it.

Bro. Neil McQuerrie, Stipendiary Magistrate, has, we are sorry to say, been in poor health during the winter, unable to attend to his judicial duties. Brother H. E. Wright, Stipendiary for Prince County, is acting for Bro. McQuerrie.

Brother James Herring, of Court Murray, has been the only member we have lost by death since 1896 came in. The brother had been totally disabled by sickness for five months before his death. The fact of his being on the free list was a great benefit to his poor wife and small children, even while he lived, as they were relieved from paying his monthly assessments.

Courts Avondale, Aberdeen, Beausejour, Onawa, and Wesmorland, have held their usual socials or anniversaries. Court Minnewawa had a public installation of officers. The High Chief Ranger was present, and did his part to make the meeting a success. Courts Chautauqua and Cabot, both located in the town of Summerside, are preparing for a joint concert, but the affair will be all over by the time the April FORESTER reaches us.

### Manitoba.

#### Court Brandon Hills, No. 1660.

The supper and concert of this court on the evening of March 13th, was quite a success. The chair was ably filled by Bro. Boles, C.R. Able and convincing addresses were given by Bro. Thos. Waddell, H.C.R., Rev. Bro. Lewis, Bro. Creelman and Organizer Speers. The musical part of the programme was of a very entertaining character. The lady friends of the brethren furnished an excellent supper.

#### Court Greer Ridge.

Court Green Ridge held their annual gathering on the evening of New Year's Day. Although the weather was exceedingly stormy, this did not prevent a large and enthusiastic gathering from meeting; the Presbyterian Church was crowded. Before the programme was opened, the newly elected officers were installed by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Thos. Waddell, assisted by Bro. Rev. W. P. McHaffie, High Marshal, after which a splendid programme was taken up, consisting of songs, choruses, duets, readings, etc., all of which was well received, several encores having to be responded to. Interspersed in the programme were addresses by Bro. McHaffie, the High Marshal, and the High Chief, setting forth the principles and objects of the Order, each of the speakers seemed to vie with each other in lauding the Order in high terms of commendation. This young court has a membership of over 50, with several propositions on hand; and we are now getting material ready to build a new hall to be dedicated to Forestry next summer. Green Ridge Foresters are a lot of hustlers.

### Ohio.

Court Lima, Ohio, invited representatives of neighboring courts to meet and discuss plans and methods for the extension of the Order. Quite a number of courts were represented, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. Bro. L. E. Prentiss, H.T., was present representing the High Standing Committee. The idea of forming a "Court

Deputy's Association," was discussed and received with considerable favor. Those present thought that such an organization could do the organizing in the district that they represented. The matter is to be further discussed in the Subordinate Courts with a view to action. We believe the idea could be carried into effect.

#### Court Fairport, No. 1889.

Fairport Harbor is a small lake port town on Lake Erie, but that does not keep it from having a good court of Foresters. When this court was instituted, which was on the 24th day of June, 1895, with 15 members, a number of outsiders gave us but six months to exist, as two lodges had gone under here already, but now they are changing their minds. We have thirty members now, and three more applications before the medical board. At our meeting on Thursday, March 5th, we initiated two candidates out of the thirty. *Twenty-six of the members were present, which is saying a good deal for a court that was supposed to die in six months.* After the meeting refreshments were served by some of the members. Our Court Deputy and Chief Ranger are good, wide-awake men, and you will hear from this court later. Will be delighted.—*Ed.*

### Michigan.

Official Circular, No. 1, 1896-7.

HIGH COURT OF MICHIGAN, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

BAY CITY MICHIGAN,  
March 2nd, 1896.

To the Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the I.O.F. of Michigan.

BRETHREN,—At the meeting of the High Court of Michigan, held in Lansing on the 25th and 26th days of Feb. last, your representatives again honored me by choosing me as your Chief Executive Officer for the coming year, and I take this opportunity of again thanking the Foresters of Michigan for the renewed expression of confidence which they have reposed in me, and for the great honor again conferred. It will be my aim during the coming year to aid in every possible manner in advancing the interests of Forestry throughout this jurisdiction.

Much of the growth of the Order during the year depends upon the interest taken by the local courts, and the work done by the individual members. Why cannot each member make a pledge that between now and July 1st he will secure at least one new member for his local court? It is the duty of every officer to do this, and there is no reason why every member should not do so.

#### THE STATE ORGANIZER.

Bro. A. A. Weeks was unanimously re-elected State Organizer, and will visit such courts as will express a willingness to give him assistance during his visits. He will be sent to courts which first apply for his ser-

vices, the locality in which the court is situated being taken into consideration. Courts desiring his services should at once write me, stating the best time for work in local courts, and also promising to give assistance that may be needed. It will be impossible for Bro. Weeks to visit more than fifty or sixty courts during the year, and those courts desiring his assistance should be prompt in complying with the above requirements. Michigan has not yet passed Quebec in the race, and we must do this before July 1st; to do this it is necessary that every member should push the work. It only needs about four hundred members to pass Quebec, and if we go in with a determination we shall certainly win.

Hoping that the year may prove one of the most prosperous of our Order, and wishing every court continued success, I remain,

Fraternally yours in L. B. and C.,

Attest, LEE E. JOSLYN,  
JOHN CHAMBERS, High Chief Ranger.  
High Secretary.

### High Court Meeting.

The tenth Annual Communication of the High Court of Michigan, Independent Order of Foresters, was held at Lansing, Michigan, in the Representatives Hall, on the 25th and 26th days of February, A.D. 1896, commencing on the 25th at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and was called to order by the High Chief Ranger, Brother Lee E. Joslyn.

On roll call the following officers and members responded:—

H.C.R., Lee E. Joslyn; P.H.C.R., J. A. Frise; H.V.C.R., Emory Townsend; H. Sec., John Chambers; H. Treas., O. A. Taggett; H. Phys., N. D. Campbell; H. Coun., G. R. Campbell; High Auditors, J. R. Muchler, R. S. French; H. Chap., Rev. John Ferris; H. S.W., Charles F. Hemmelle; H. J. W., Louis Landsberg; H.S.B., Geo. W. Cherryman; H. J.B., F. J. Schlegler; H. Mar., Joseph Morris; H. Mess., M. M. Callaghan; H. Con., D. F. Gardner.

Brother R. A. McKay was appointed High Journal Secretary, and was duly installed.

The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, was unavoidably absent, greatly to the regret of all.

High Chief Ranger Stevenson, of Illinois, conferred the High Court Degree on one hundred and twenty-six brothers.

The High Chief Ranger, Brother Lee E. Joslyn, then announced the appointment of the following committees:—

Constitutions and Laws: R. J. McDonald, G. R. Campbell, John C. Ryan, W. F. Dwyer, and M. S. Parker.

New Business: William M. Cline, Paul W. Swarts, Thomas Dow, C. B. Gibson, and Dr. W. H. Hammond.

Mileage and Per Diem: S. R. Birchard, George E. Hunt, and J. Yost.

State of the Order: H. H. Aplin, W. J. Cummings, H. A. Waite, Dr. Anderson, F. W. Webb.

Credentials: John Chambers, John A. Dalicka, H. C. Walis, E. A. Keep, John Baird, John W. Dexter.

Distribution: R. A. McKay, John R. Smith, John W. Anderson, George H. Reibo, John J. Ruttle.

Finance: J. S. Starkweather, R. C. McAllister, George H. Burge, and Charles E. Gerhardt.

Appeals and Petitions: S. W. McKee, L. E. Stauffer, W. J. Cushman, W. H. Scott, and W. E. Rice.

Press Committee: F. W. Welch, A. A. Weeks, M. D. Blosser.

The High Chief Ranger read and submitted his annual report. We give it in full in another column.

The following preamble was moved by Bro. A. A. Weeks, of Court Grand Rapids, No. 1765, and supported by Bro. Guy C. Norton, of Court Grattan, No. 986:—

Whereas, The Foresters of Michigan have learned with no small degree of surprise of an action recently begun by one Bro. J. A. Simpson, of Toronto, against our beloved Supreme Chief, Oronhyatekha, M.D., and our able and beloved Executive Council, charging mismanagement in office, misappropriation of the funds of our Order, securing and trying to secure legislation not in the interests of Forestry, and especially objecting to the building of a Foresters' Temple in the City of Toronto;

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the representatives of two hundred and fifteen Courts, representing over nine thousand Foresters, in High Court convention assembled, denounce in unqualified terms the action of Brother Simpson and his followers.

And be it further resolved, That we re-assure the Supreme Chief Ranger of our loyal support, and pledge to our Supreme Executive Council our hearty co-operation in their efforts to secure legislation now pending before Parliament, believing the same to be in the best interests of Forestry.

Resolved further, that we heartily approve of the action of the Supreme Executive in the building of a Foresters' Temple in the City of Toronto, believing the same to be a wise measure, and a good investment for our Order, viewed from a financial standpoint.

Resolved further, that this High Court has implicit confidence in the integrity, ability and responsibility of our Chief, and his able assistants, to discharge the duties of the trust reposed in him and them.

This was referred to a committee that brought in the following resolution:—

We believe it unnecessary for this Committee or this High Court to express its confidence and esteem in the Supreme Executive when it is known by every member of this Order now, but in order that all Foresters throughout the world may know that the Foresters of Michigan have the utmost confidence in the I. O. F., their beloved institution, and its Supreme Chief, the idol of their heart, and its Supreme Executive, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, that we assure the Supreme Chief Ranger of our loyal support, and pledge to our Supreme Executive Council our hearty co-operation in their efforts to secure legislation now pending before the House of Par-

liament, believing the same to be in the best interest of Forestry.

Resolved, that we heartily approve of the action of the Supreme Executive in the building of a Foresters' Temple in the City of Toronto, believing the same to be a wise measure, and a good investment for our Order.

Resolved, that this High Court has implicit confidence in the integrity, ability, and responsibility of our Chief and his able assistants to discharge the duties of the trust reposed in him and them.

H. H. APLIN,  
W. J. CUMMINGS,  
H. A. WAITE,  
DR. ANDERSON,  
F. W. WEBB.

It was moved and supported that the report as read, and the resolutions therein contained be adopted.—Carried.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the High Chief Ranger and Representatives of the Committee on Finance:

We respectfully recommend that the salaries of the chief officers for the ensuing year be, and the same are hereby fixed as follows:

For High Chief Ranger, the sum of.....\$500 00

For High Secretary, the sum of..... 900 00

For High Treasurer, the sum of..... 200 00

For High Auditors, \$3.00 per day for actual time spent in addition to expenses.

For State Organizer, the sum of \$1,200.00, to be paid *pro rata* for the time actually in the field and at work.—Adopted.

We further recommend that all State Organizers and Deputies give a bond in the amount and form approved by the High Standing Committee for the faithful performance of their duties.

We further recommend that persons visiting any Subordinate Courts, under the direction of the High Standing Committee, or High Officers, be required to fill out a written report of his inspection of the books and records of the Subordinate Court, and file a duplicate with the Subordinate court and with the High Standing Committee, and this within ten days after such inspection.

Bro. H. A. Collins, the Supreme Treasurer, installed the following officers:

H.C.R., Bro. Lee E. Joslyn; H.V.C.R., Bro. Miles M. Callegan; H. Sec'y., John Chambers; H. Treas., Bro. O. A. Taggett; H. Phys., Bro. O. N. Moon; H. Coun., Bro. John L. Starkweather; H. Jour. Sec'y., Bro. Richard A. McKay; H. Chap., Bro. George H. Burge; H. Mar., Bro. E. W. Donovan; H. Con., Bro. George H. Rebo; H. Mess., Bro. Charles S. Cavis; H.S.W., Bro. Victor C. Pool; H.J.W., Bro. William Kaiser; H.S.B., Bro. Richard Thompson; H.J.B., Bro. Andrew Cutler.

#### THANKS.

Resolved, that we tender to our Lansing Brethren a rising vote of thanks, as an appreciation of the very cordial reception tendered us, and the thoughtful arrangements

made for our comfort and entertainment during our stay.—Carried unanimously.

By Bro. R. A. McKay—

Resolved, that the thanks of this High Court be extended to the press of the city for the kindness shown this Court and the full report of our proceedings.—Carried.

There being no further business to come before the court the H. C. R., proceeded to close the same in due form. Bro. Rev. E. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

JOHN CHAMBERS,  
*High Secretary.*

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of Michigan, Independent Order of Foresters, in Annual Session Assembled:

BRETHREN,—For the third time I take pleasure in handing to this High Court, the "jewels" of my office as High Chief Ranger, with a full confidence that they are as unsullied as when first received by me, the twenty-ninth of August, A.D. 1893.

The progress of fraternity and of fraternal societies during the past year has been onward and forward, although hampered and fettered by adverse interests, and opposition from those who would oppose us because of the very success, progress and development which we have made and are making. The Independent Order of Foresters stands to-day, not only a solid, substantial, and enduring fraternal beneficiary organization, but among those which are classed as "the best."

GROWTH OF FORESTRY.

In my last annual report attention was called at some length to the growth of the Order at large, showing that the membership at that time was upwards of seventy thousand and the surplus over one million two hundred thousand dollars; to-day the membership hovers around the ninety thousand mark and the reserve fund exceeds one million seven hundred thousand dollars. In all of its history the Order has been pre-eminently noted for its fair dealing with its members and the prompt adjustment and payment of every valid claim presented against it.

GROWTH IN MICHIGAN.

The following table shows the Michigan membership of the Order from the first day of January, 1890, and each year from that date, to January, 1896, with the net increase during each year:

YEAR.	MEMBERSHIP.	INCREASE
1891.....	3,404	1,541
1892.....	4,676	1,272
1893.....	5,812	1,136
1894.....	6,509	697
1895.....	7,893	1,484
1896.....	*9,010	1,117

Membership Jan. 1, 1890, 1,863.

\*Membership Dec. 1, 1895.

The net increase during the past year, 1,117 while it represents the actual net growth of the Order in Michigan, does not represent the work done, as the number of lapses during the year has been large, owing to the in-

ability of numerous members of the different Courts to keep up their assessments.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

In my report of one year ago I called the attention of this High Court to the advisability of biennial sessions, but did not feel called upon to either urge the matter or present extensive argument why biennial sessions should be adopted.

If I thought one year ago that biennial sessions were advisable, another year's experience convinces me beyond any question that no step or move can be taken by this High Court which will so conduce to the interests and development of our Order in Michigan as the adoption of a two year session.

Each session of the High Court is held only at the expense, in round numbers, of three thousand dollars, which amount must increase each year; this amount is almost one half of the total revenue of the High Court. If biennial sessions are adopted, at least fifteen hundred dollars per year can be used by your High Standing Committee, either by placing another State Inspector in the field the whole of the time, or by securing the services of three or four good organizers who will work for a small compensation in addition to the Charter fee allowed for each court organized; and the expenditure of this amount, if used judiciously, can be made to add at least fifteen hundred members per year to the Order in addition to the work which this High Court is now able to perform.

While I realize the benefit to some particular locality where the High Court is held each year, yet the actual results that follow each meeting of the High Court, indicate, if they indicate anything, that as far as any material or noticeable increase of the membership of the Order or of the fraternal spirit therein is concerned, the expenditure of this vast amount of the funds of the Order is in no wise compensated by the results that follow.

For the above reasons and in the interests of the future growth and development of the Order in Michigan, I most earnestly recommend, and trust that this High Court will concur in the recommendation, that, hereinafter our sessions be held only once in two years and that your next session be held in 1898.

HIGH COURT DUES.

I am frequently and repeatedly urged to recommend that the dues to the High Court be reduced in amount; in this connection what I said one year ago is still true, viz.: "This reduction can be made and the High Court perform all its functions, in only one way, viz.: by change from annual to biennial sessions." When the High Court dues were reduced at the meeting at Owosso from \$1.00 to 80c., this High Court was largely in debt to the Supreme Court, and it has never been able since that time to reduce the amount of that indebtedness, except for a few months at a time, and the indebtedness to the Supreme Court is greater in amount to-day than when the High Court dues were reduced; this should not be the situation. By the adoption of biennial sessions it will only be a question of probably the next ses-

sion of this High Court, when a material reduction in the High Court dues can be provided for, and as the membership increases the High Court dues can be reduced accordingly; but until such action be taken, no reduction in the amount of the High Court dues can possibly be made until the membership is much larger than at present without seriously retarding the growth of the Order.

#### THE STATE INSPECTOR.

One year ago, this High Court elected Bro. Ambrose A. Weeks, of Grand Rapids, as your State Inspector, and I feel sure that after a careful examination of his report, which follows in detail, no one can question either the wisdom of the appointment or the value of the services which have been rendered during the past year. As the report is full and complete I deem it unnecessary to say more than to take this occasion to thank the State Inspector for valuable services rendered in visiting local courts and attending public meetings at times when it has been impossible for your High Chief Ranger to be present.

#### THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE.

I am pleased to again advise this High Court that its relations with the Supreme Court and its officers have been, during the past year, only pleasant and satisfactory in every matter connected with the Order.

I take this occasion to extend on behalf of the High Court and its officers, kindly appreciation of prompt and satisfactory replies to all communications, and courtesies at all times extended by every member of the Supreme Executive.

I have particular occasion, personally to thank our Supreme Chief Ranger, Oronhyatekha, and the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, for courtesies which have been extended under all possible circumstances.

#### THE HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

The work of the High Standing Committee and your executive has been entirely harmonious during the past year. Owing to the fact that business of the Order has at all times been in a prosperous condition with no dissensions or matters of unusual importance arising, but two meetings of your High Standing Committee have been held during the year, one at Grand Rapids, September 9th and 10th, and one at Lapeer, January 16th.

The meeting at Grand Rapids was held in connection with the State fair, at which the State Inspector distributed thousands of circulars advertising the Order, and, which, together with an extended notice in the daily papers, have been the means of bringing a knowledge of Forestry into thousands of Michigan homes.

The meeting at Lapeer was held in connection with a public installation of the officers of Court Franklin, followed by a public meeting addressed by all the members of the committee.

The other work has been conducted by correspondence and by the use of the telegraph when necessary, thereby saving to the Order

several hundred dollars which would otherwise have been expended if the usual number of meetings had been held.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

I have had fifteen appeals for permission to send out circulars soliciting aid for members of various Courts during the past year, most of them in cases of fire. I have deemed it inadvisable to allow but one of the applications, though in three other cases the matters were submitted to other members of the High Standing Committee before refusing the applications. The application of Court Tittabawassee, of Midland soliciting aid for Bro. Donihue, who was nearly killed by an explosion of gasoline, was allowed in January last, and I am advised that very excellent returns have resulted, though many of the Courts have failed up to the present time to respond to the appeal. An application has just been received from Court Custer, of Brown City, which is a meritorious one, and the appeal should, in my judgment, be allowed. When these appeals are sent only at long intervals and in worthy cases, it should be the effort of every Court to do something, if only to contribute "the widow's mite."

#### SUSPENSIONS—ASSESSMENT FUND.

The large number of suspensions during the past year leads me to recommend that each Court make provision, by the enactment of proper by-laws, by which one assessment will be paid by the Court for each member before suspension, the cost thereof being provided for by a system of fines. I have observed several Courts that have adopted this system, and the results are very satisfactory indeed.

#### COLLECTION OF DEPOSIT FEE.

Your High Standing Committee, after the last meeting of the High Court, adopted a resolution recommending that the State Inspector be sent as largely as possible only to those Courts which would signify a willingness to allow him to collect one dollar for each application taken by him. This resolution was made part of official circular No. 1, and in only three instances did any Court refuse to allow the deposit fee to be collected, and in answer to the official circular more applications for the services of the State Inspector were received within ten days than could be filled in the whole year. As a result of this resolution, the revenue of the High Court has been considerably increased, and I think that nearly every Court in the jurisdiction has approved of the action of your committee. The experience of the year has also shown that when the applicant pays a dollar when signing an application that he is much more apt to become interested in and become a member of the Order than when the one dollar is not paid. I therefore recommend that this High Court adopt a resolution authorizing the State Inspector to collect the deposit fee in all cases unless otherwise directed by the High Chief Ranger or High Standing Committee.

#### THE SUPREME COURT MEETING.

The meeting of the Supreme Court at London and the sessions at Glasgow and Belfast were attended by all the representatives

elected at your last session, except Bro. Fleming, of Muskegon, who was unable because of business engagements to attend, and whose place was filled by the High Secretary, Bro. Chambers. Of the proceedings of the meeting, you have been fully informed through the columns of the official organ. An account of the trip and of the doings of the Supreme Court will be given you by some of the delegates, and at this time I only desire to say that to me, personally, the meeting and its environments was an event long to be remembered, any description of which at this time would be inappropriate.

#### GROWTH, EXPENSES, FINANCES.

Our Order, with but one exception, is the only fraternal, beneficiary society in Michigan which has made any material growth during the past two years; and while its growth, as shown by the tables preceding, has been less than one-half of the total number of applications approved by the medical board, owing to the inability of many members to secure employment and meet assessments, even the growth that has been shown could not and has not been accomplished without considerable expense to the High Court.

At the same time, I am pleased to say that your finances are in a very creditable condition. At the meeting at Saginaw in 1893, the High Court authorized the employment of a State Inspector at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per year, with expenses, which have aggregated about seven hundred dollars per year; this additional expense to the High Court was authorized without providing any increase in the revenue other than the increase which would naturally follow from the increase in membership. At Owosso, in 1894, while the salaries of your High Court officers were increased by over six hundred dollars, yet not only was no provision made for any increase of the revenue of the High Court, but the High Court dues were reduced from one dollar to eighty cents, thereby reducing the revenue of the High Court by about fifteen hundred dollars per year at that time.

Public meetings have been held more frequently during the past two years than previous to that time, and more money has been spent in advertising the Order and bringing it before the public than ever before. Previous to 1893, the Supreme Court kept an organizer in the field and paid the expenses thereof; but since 1893 all the work done in Michigan, with the exception of a few months work by one of the deputies of the Supreme Chief Ranger, has been done entirely by the High Court, and the expenses thereof paid out of the High Court funds. With these matters in mind, I call your attention to the following table, showing that the finances of your Order have been carefully looked after and scrupulously guarded.

The reports of the High Secretary, High Treasurer and High Auditors give full itemized statements of all expenses, and I call your particular attention to these several reports.

I have devoted considerable time to the financial condition, present and past, of the

Order, because of misleading statements which have been circulated throughout the entire State to the effect that the Order is over four thousand dollars in debt, and insinuating, if not intending to directly charge, mismanagement and misappropriation of the funds of the Order. In concluding this subject, allow me to say that not a dollar has been used for any purpose except where the expenditure had been authorized or voted (in nearly every case unanimously) by your High Standing Committee.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS, INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

More public meetings and public installations of officers have been held in Michigan during the past Forestry year than in any other year in its history, as a result of which a knowledge of the merits of the Order has been largely diffused and with excellent results. During the year I have addressed thirty-one public meetings, conducted the public installation of the officers of fourteen Courts, and have visited the meetings of twenty-three Courts, not including Courts in Bay City and West Bay City, I have travelled 5,591 miles, devoted fifty-seven days to work connected with the Order, and my total expenses amount to \$226.07, not including postage and stationery amounting to less than \$50.00.

I have received willing assistance and valuable aid in public meetings and installations from Bros. Weeks, Frise, Callaghan, Chambers, Townsend, Donovan, Starkweather and others.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

In addition to the time occupied in visiting Courts, much time has been devoted to the correspondence in connection with the various Courts of this jurisdiction. The services of a stenographer have been absolutely necessary to attend properly to all the correspondence, and during the year I have written 2,397 letters and 312 postal cards. In addition to this, over one hundred letters have been sent in connection with the issuing of District and Court Deputy commissions.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

As it is important that the State Inspector should be present at and take part in the meetings of the High Court, I recommend, to obviate any questions of legality arising, that the by-laws be so amended as to make the State Inspector a member of the High Court, entitled to mileage and per diem.

I recommend that the High Court fix the compensation of the High Auditors, as that is not a matter which should be left to the High Standing Committee.

During the past two years you have authorized the High Chief Ranger to send speakers to public meetings when he has been unable to attend. During the past year I have availed myself of the services of High Vice Chief Ranger, Bro. Townsend, in six instances, and State Deputy C. W. Hitchcock, once. While it has not been necessary to take advantage of this provision in more than seven cases, yet the provision is a valuable one, and I recommend that it be made a permanent rule of the High Court.

At the two previous sessions and at this

session, I have assumed the authority to appoint a committee of three on mileage and per diem. The work of this committee is rendered absolutely necessary and inasmuch as there is no provision in the Constitution for the appointment of such committee, I recommend that a proper by-law be adopted which will authorize such appointment.

CONCLUSION.

The same degree of industry and application that is necessary to succeed in any walk of life is even more necessary in perfecting and developing a great fraternal society such as is Independent Forestry. I surrender to you the trust which you reposed in me one year ago, feeling, in my own mind at least, that I have exerted every effort possible in the interest of the Order. If mistakes, warranting criticisms, have been made, inability and not intention has been and is an explanation. May this body in its wisdom foresee and prevent similar mistakes in the future. May your deliberations be "liberal," tempered by "benevolence," and result in the fullest exemplification of "concord." "And may God, the searcher of all hearts," protect and preserve this High Court, and give it wisdom to legislate with honor to itself and prosperity to our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours in L. B. C.,  
LEE E. JOSLYN,  
*High Chief Ranger.*

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 25th, 1896.

High State Inspector A. O. Weeks reported having visited 31 courts, instituted 6 courts and secured 527 applications, representing \$611,000 insurance.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

LANSING, MICH., Feb. 25th, 1896.

To the Officers and Representatives of the High Court of Michigan, Independent Order of Foresters.

BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the transactions of this office from February 1st, 1895, to January 31st, 1896, inclusive:

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Supreme Executive and my confreres of the High Standing Committee, for their loyal and active support during the past year. I also feel under daily obligations to the courts and Order for generously overlooking imperfections and giving cordial support, which fraternal consideration I am glad of this opportunity to thankfully acknowledge.

Brethren, it has been the aim of your officers to advance the interest, promote the welfare and preserve unsullied the reputation of Independent Forestry. How far they have succeeded it is for you to judge. Whatever be your verdict, may we be inspired by the benediction of the widows and orphans sheltered beneath the banner of our noble Order, put forth greater effort to extended usefulness in advancing the interests of the brotherhood.

With that wish this report is respectfully submitted in L., B. and C., by

Yours Fraternaly,  
JOHN CHAMBERS.

The report of the High Secretary, Bro. Jno. Chambers showed:

MEMBERSHIP.

Total number of Subordinate Courts, Feb. 1st, 1895 .....	203
Total number instituted during the year .....	21
Total .....	224
Suspended during the year .....	5
Consolidated during the year .....	2
	7
Number of courts at date .....	217
Total Membership, Feb. 1st, 1895 .....	8,037
" " " " 1896 .....	9,100
Increase .....	963

The report of the High Treasurer, Bro. O. A. Taggett showed:

Receipts .....	\$12,718 88
Expenditure .....	9,320 63
Balance on hand 1st Feb., 1896 .....	3,398 25

Court St. Croix, No. 408, Hudson.

The fourth annual entertainment was held February 27th. About 400 members and friends were present to enjoy the festivities. Chief Ranger W. H. Thorne called the meeting to order and proceeded with the anniversary exercises, followed by O. W. Arnquist, who delivered the address of welcome.

Col. B. F. Parker, of Milwaukee, H.C.R., was then called upon. He complimented the court very highly upon its last year's work, and explained to the uninitiated the benefits of the Order. A choice musical programme followed.

Supper was in the dining and lodge-rooms of the court, after which the dancing programme was enjoyed. Taken altogether the affair was one of the most pleasant of the season.

At a meeting held Tuesday evening February 25th, ten new applications were received, with many more in sight. The court has been very active this winter, and expect to have a membership of 150 by June 1st.

Court Vassar, No. 337.

From whatever point of view it may be considered, Court Nassar will be found a model, an example of what every court may become. The membership numbers 141, and is being increased at each meeting. The initiation ceremony is elaborate, dignified, and free from anything to which the most fastidious could object. The court-room is beautifully carpeted, and has recently been refurnished with the necessary pedestals, etc., all of elaste and artistic design.

On the evening of February 17th, the High Court officers paid Court Nassar a visit. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, and a very profitable evening was spent. Proceedings were closed with a sumptuous banquet.

At the regular meeting on March 2nd, 65 members were present. The Rev. I. J. Tripp was initiated. At the close he was entertain-

ed by some of his personal friends in honor of the event.

Court Vassar takes a pardonable pride in its fine room, membership, and harmonious meetings. The membership will be 200 before the end of 1896. Well done Nassar. May other courts follow your example.

#### Court Cadillac, No. 863.

Courts Cadillac No. 863, and Bagley, No. 517, joined forces in their annual entertainment on the evening of Feb. 18th, and the result was a most enjoyable and gratifying success. The feature of the evening was a vocal and musical operetta entitled "Queen for a Day," in four acts, composed by Bro. J. F. Moran, of Court Cadillac, and his daughter, Miss Addie Moran, who also took the leading part in the production. The cast included 35 children's voices, and between acts a young ladies' orchestra of ten instruments gave popular musical selections. The operetta was quite a novelty and entirely out of the "run" of usual Forestric entertainments, and appears to have given unbounded pleasure and satisfaction to the large audience of Foresters and their friends who attended, as well as younger brother members and their wives and daughters. A wholesome and appetizing lunch was supplied to the little ones and participants in operetta, ere allowing them to return home, thus putting them in rare good humor, and well pleased with their evening's visit and entertainment. Court Cadillac is the "old reliable" court of Detroit, and probably one of the best known and most popular courts in Michigan, and as for Court Bagley it has been making rapid strides to the front lately, every meeting being emphasized by the initiation of eight or ten new members—in fact Court Cadillac will have to get a "hustle," as the boys say, to keep pace with 517 hereafter. Court Cadillac has been obliged to vacate its old roomy and convenient quarters, but has already secured another well located and comfortable court room, and our meetings will continue without any noticeable obstruction or inconvenience. Our new quarters will be at 213 Woodward Ave., fifth floor, and are centrally and conveniently located for all the members, and brothers visiting the city.

#### MICHIGAN NOTES.

A full list of the districts and District Deputies will be furnished in the next issue.

The High Standing Committee have decided that William A. Oldfield was legally elected as High Auditor.

Court Miranda, of West Bay City, had seven applicants at the last meeting, with four initiations, and is again the banner court in the State.

The High Court will soon move into new quarters, new furniture will be provided throughout in keeping with the growth of the Order.

The unanimous re-election of A. A. Weeks, as State Organizer, was a just recognition of the valuable services which he has rendered during the past year.

F. J. Porter has been appointed District Deputy for district comprising Kent County, and F. W. Welch for district comprising Ingham and Livingston County.

Some differences having arisen in the court at Howell, the High Chief Ranger has directed the State Organizer to organize a new court, and Howell will soon have two flourishing courts.

Official Circular, No. 1, just issued by the High Chief Ranger, should be read in every court in Michigan, and the suggestions therein followed out by the local courts; the circular appears in another column.

Steps are being taken by the courts in Bay City and West Bay City, to have a big demonstration on the occasion of the twenty-second anniversary of the Order. Surrounding courts will be invited, and it is expected that the Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Secretary will be present.

The Supreme Chief Ranger has engaged E. W. Donovan, of Flint, as organizer, and he will engage in the work during the coming year in Michigan. If Bro. Donovan does as much work as his friends anticipate for him, the result will be a material growth in February, because of his appointment.

Joseph J. Ruttle, Court Deputy Court Valley, No. 232, of Saginaw, and a representative to the High Court, died suddenly on Saturday morning, February 20th. Bro. Ruttle was one of the most enthusiastic Foresters in Saginaw, and his loss will be a severe one to Court Valley, and to the fraternity in Saginaw valley.

The High Chief Ranger is making arrangements to divide the State into districts, in each of which a District Deputy will be appointed. All courts in a given district will have matters relating to their district referred to the District Deputy as far as possible. The State will be divided into about twenty or twenty-five districts.

The meeting arranged by Court Saginaw for February 27th was largely attended, and the addresses by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Treasurer Collins, High Chief Ranger Joslyn, and Past High Vice-Chief Ranger Edward C. Collins, were heartily applauded. The result of the meeting will certainly be an increase of interest in Forestry in Saginaw.

The Supreme Treasurer, Harry Collins, on the occasion of his visit to the High Court, and to the meeting of Court Saginaw, at Saginaw, West Side, made many warm personal friends. Bro. Collins is an eloquent speaker, and his remarks, not only with reference to the Order, but on relations existing between the United States and Canada, were heartily appreciated by all Foresters who were fortunate enough to hear him. All Michigan unites in saying good luck to Ontario's Harry.

A Scotch minister said recently, somewhat sarcastically, of a toper, "He put an enemy in his mouth to steal away his brains, but the enemy, after a thorough and protracted search, returned without anything."

### High Court of New York.

Court Knickerbocker has just purchased a set of court jewels or badges for its officers.

Court Greenheart has not only presented its officers with a set of badges, but has decorated each of its members with a "member's badge."

An encampment of Royal Foresters is about being established in Buffalo, and an effort is being made among the 23 courts of Buffalo to make it an honor to the Order.

The smoker given by Court Brooklyn City, No. 1697, was well attended, and appreciably enjoyed by the members, who were well entertained, and the members think of having another soon.

Court Medina evidences new life, and has purchased a set of badges for its officers. Everything bids fair to this being a prosperous court, and we hope to learn soon of a decided increase in their membership.

Court Fort Schuyler, at Utica, has at last aroused itself from the historical lethargy of the Mohawk Valley, and nine applicants were brought in by Bro. Benjamin A. Baker during the last month. Bro. Baker is said to be a manufacturer of sweet confections, and from the result of his work in soliciting members recently, we judge he must be a sweet talker.

Court West End, of Syracuse, is manifesting a little new life, and the members feel just a little encouraged. One candidate was initiated for the first time in over two years. It is said that great credit is due Bro. Rowley for his persevering efforts to hold the membership together, and it is to be hoped that the members will join heartily with him in an effort to increase the membership.

Court De Peyster has purchased a lot, and intends erecting a suitable building to be known as the "Independent Order of Foresters' Temple." Incorporation papers are about to be executed, to enable the court to hold property in its own name. It is said that the brethren are very enthusiastic over the matter, and that the Hon. O. P. Stockwell, High Counsellor, has given them his legal opinion of their status in the premises, and recommended their incorporation before proceeding further.

Court Anoka, of Le Roy, has been receiving some missionary work from Bro. N. E. Fullington, D.D.H.C.R., for the Wyoming District, and it is said the court has already felt the influence and his good works. After a week's laboring, four were initiated, and they have six applications for membership as the direct result of Bro. Fullington's generous labors. New court officers were elected and installed, the unwritten work explained fully, and it is stated upon good authority that there is no reason why the court should not have 100 members if some one of the members will only do some work.

Court Lackawana, after passing through a series of unfortunate circumstances, and reducing its membership down to only five, has, through the faithfulness, zeal, and en-

ergy of Bros. Geo. Reein and Dr. McGill, been reconstructed, reorganized, and developed into a first-class court of 60 members. At their last meeting, 10 applicants, after passing the vigilance of the doctor and his cohorts, were made full fledged members. It might be well to say, right here, that all this was accomplished by the resolution and determination of the two worthy brothers referred to who, without seeking assistance from Supreme or High Court, simply took upon themselves the task of reviving the court they choose to honor, and to labor in the cause in which they had such unbounded faith.

Court Electric City, of Schenectady is taking upon itself the honor of organizing a court in West Albany, and have made preliminary arrangements for holding a public meeting, and expect to institute shortly. This is one of the most enterprising courts in the State. At a recent meeting they worked the first degree upon 14 candidates. During January and February they received 40 applications, and have nine more who have passed the Medical Board. On the 14th of February they celebrated their second annual ball, and the success of the event was beyond the expectations of the committee having the matter in charge. Chief Ranger Schelmerdine and Miss Fagel led the Grand March of nearly 200 couples to the inspiring music of Zita's full orchestra. Supper was served by the city Hotel Caterers, and nearly 400 members and friends participated.

The celebration of Washington's birthday reminds us that the "Father of his Country" died at the age of 67. We are also reminded that on the 20th of February the "Father of Independent Forestry" passed his 68th birthday, hale, hearty and vigorous, and is able to do more now than lots of young men. He is busily engaged in organizing courts for the Order on Long Island, and in New York City and Brooklyn. He reports a court almost ready at Long Island City. He, in company with our esteemed Supreme Counsellor, Judge Wedderburn, have been visiting courts in New York City, and in Newark and Elizabeth, in the State of New Jersey. At a meeting of Court Brooklyn City, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Colonel Caldwell had the distinguished honor of making the Hon. Mayor Wurster, of Brooklyn, an honorary member of said court. Long live the Colonel; long live Mayor Wurster.

It is a coincidence worthy of mention, says the *Buffalo Forester*, that while the Independent Order of Foresters was founded in Liberty Hall, Newark, N.J., it was in that same Hall, only a few years previous, that our esteemed High Secretary, the Hon. Chas. R. Fitzgerald, of Buffalo, received his diploma as a graduate of the Public High School of Newark. The same hall was afterwards called by the Foresters "Liberty Hall," and by which name it is known in the "History of Forestry." No wonder "our Charlie" is a natural horn Forester. That old hall was torn down about four years ago, at 149 Market Street, and a large dry goods store erected on its site. At a recent visit to Newark, by

Col. A. B. Caldwell, the founder, the Newark boys escorted the Colonel to the memorable spot, and when in the back part of the store, the veteran of 68 years, with moistened eye, said: "Right about here, boys, the old gavel sounded to the world, 'Liberty, Benevolence and Concord,' and our beloved Supreme Chieftain, Dr. Oronhyatekha, possesses that gavel, and opened the Supreme Court with it in London, England, August 1st, 1895, and no man can wield it as well as he."

## High Court of Indiana.

### FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The High Court of Indiana met in its fourth annual session in the City La Fayette, on the 12th day of February, 1896. The roll being called, showed a very satisfactory attendance of both officers and representatives. At the opening, some disappointment was manifested at the absence of the Sup. Chief Ranger, but such feeling was soon removed by the presence of his worthy assistant, Bro. G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., who remained throughout the two days' session, and contributed largely to both its pleasure and profit. The first day was largely consumed in preliminary work, the appointment of the various committees and distribution to each its share of the work. The session adjourned at 3 p.m. to accept an invitation to visit Purdue University, the "Pride of Hoosierdom."

In the evening a public meeting was held at Thompson Hall, which was well attended. Addresses were made by Bros. G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., W. R. Wood, H.C.R., and T. S. Legg, P.H.C.R. The music was rendered by the Trinity Church choir. The audience was highly entertained and well repaid for braving the very bad weather.

After the public meeting, the officers and delegates, with their guests, repaired to the St. Nicholas Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared by Court Puritan. A general good time ensued, and many pleasant relations formed. The business of the session was resumed on the morning of the 13th, when the reports of the several officers and committees were submitted. These reports showed the condition of this High Court to be very satisfactory, both as to finance and membership.

On January 1st, 1896, the courts numbered 42, with a membership of 1,086, a net gain of 11 courts and 372 members during the year. The finances have kept pace with the membership, and it was shown that the resources exceeded the liabilities by \$893.55.

The session was harmonious, pleasant, and we trust will prove profitable. No radical changes were made, but the policy of former years continued. More enthusiasm in the Order was displayed, as well as a desire to acquire the honors of office. The election of officers resulted in the following staff of officers:—

H.C.R., J. E. Schultz, Michigan City; P.H.C.R., W. R. Wood, La Fayette; H.V.C.R., C. G. Roehrig, Evansville; H. Secy, W. W. Wilson, Logansport; H. Treas., J. K. E. Risk, La Fayette; H. Phys., R. M. Recobs, M.D., Tipton; H. Coun., C. H. Henderson,

La Fayette; H. Aud., E. Bierhouse, Vincennes; H. Aud., John Coar, Whiting.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

H. Chap., H. W. Coey, M.D., Huntington; H.J.S., C. W. Ennis, Union City; H.S.W., D. H. Sliger, Terre Haute; H. J. W., G. W. Goff, Rensselaer; H.S.B., J. T. Leach, Fort Wayne; H.J.B., A. S. Ehrhart, Anderson; H. Marsh., Chas. McNeill, Veedersburg; H. Cond., E. R. Williams, Elwood; H. Mess., P. E. Whitehill, Peru.

Logansport was selected as the place for next meeting.

Resolutions of thanks to Bro. Harper and other officers of the Supreme Court, and to the La Fayette Court and Press, were adopted. The session was then closed in ritualistic form.

Yours in L. B. and C.,  
W. W. WILSON, H.S.

### Court Miami, No. 661, Peru.

This court celebrated its fourth anniversary in a very auspicious manner. The first three years were not very productive, for on the 16th of March, 1895, there were but 27 members in good standing. Now there are 82 members with 25 applications for membership. This will make Court Miami next to the largest court in Indiana. The guests began to arrive at 7.30 p.m., and by eight o'clock every bit of available space in the commodious I.O.O.F. Temple, was well filled. A supper, got up in the caterer's best art was served to the large company. After the table had been cleared, T. J. Legg, S.P.H.C. R. of Logansport delivered a short but interesting address. Bro. Legg is a pleasing speaker and we always like to hear him. W. W. Wilson, H.S. and S.O., was present, but had to leave to catch a train before he was called upon. A very choice musical and literary programme was rendered. Everybody was delighted. Court Miami is bound to continue prospering. The committee did their work admirably.

## North Dakota.

### NOTES.

Seven new courts instituted in the past 60 days.

No. 13 in rank. Shall we advance? Certainly—*Ed.*

Pembina is now the banner county with 14 courts.

Court Ardoch, No. 496, is one of the reliable courts and is making a steady growth.

Court Cavalier, No. 1118 have their working clothes on and are initiating new members at every meeting.

J. D. Seney, H.V.C.R., has succeeded in instituting a Court at Garder, consisting almost exclusively of Icelanders.

February will show an increase of over 200 applications. Court Langdon, No. 151, has been revived by the addition of 21 new members,

Court Tyne although in a country precinct will give a good account of itself as its members and officers are all A1 men.

Court Arctic, No. 762, of Crystal, is one of the most active and enthusiastic courts in the State, they have assisted in instituting four courts in the past month.

The High Standing Committee have their war paint on and have decided that the I.O.F. must be placed in the lead as a fraternal insurance organization in North Dakota.

Our H.C.R., J. R. Cooper, has visited 10 courts, instituted three new ones, revived two that were dormant, and has two new ones on the string, making a pretty fair record for six weeks' work.

There is a friendly rivalry between Court Dakota, of Bathgate, and Court Bay Centre as to which will be the banner court at next High Court meeting. Court Bay Centre is now slightly in the lead.

The High Chief Ranger has offered a set of officer's jewels as a special prize to the new court instituted by him which will make the most progress by July 1st. The High Standing Committee to be the judges.

Court Park River, No. 182, with the assistance of the H.C.R., has increased its membership from 7 to 40, and is now on the way to prosperity as its members are of the best men in the city and surrounding country.

Court Crescent, No. 708, of Inkster, still retain their reputation of doing the best floor work in the State, they have two candidates for their next meeting and have invited the neighboring courts and the High officers to be present.

Court Bowesmont, No. 681, on the evening of Jan. 6th, had the annual installation of officers, together with the initiation of a candidate. At the close of the meeting, the brethren congregated at the home of Robt. Irwin, there to share with their lady friends in an oyster supper. About fifty were present to partake of the ample spread. Immediately after supper, Bro. Irwin was called to the chair and handed a lengthy programme, consisting of music, songs and addresses, which proved to be both interesting and amusing to all present.

### Minnesota.

The annual reports received by the High Secretary, with few exceptions, show a large gain in membership, and the Court Deputies in their reports to the H.C.R. speak in glowing terms of the prospects for a still greater gain during the ensuing year. Entertainments were given by Courts Fridley and New Brighton during January, which were social and financial successes.

Chief Ranger Neville, of Court New Brighton, has returned from an extended trip through the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada. He is loud in his praises of the many courtesies shown him, more especially by the Courts of Toronto and Collingwood.

The High Chief Ranger, after completing his circuit in installing officers, put on hi

hustling clothes during the first week of February, and made a record for which he might well feel proud. He visited Court Wimona on the 3rd, where he was tendered a banquet, as well as being presented with a beautiful address by the members of the Court, where he made an address on the fraternal and insurance features of the order, which was well received by the audience composed of ladies and gentlemen. He visited Plainsview on the 4th, and reorganized Court Greenwood Prairie, 1888, which had ceased to exist. He visited St. Charles on the 5th, where he made a public address, after which he reorganized Court Limestone, 1825, which was also out of existence. He visited Owatonna on the 6th, and spoke words of cheer to the members of Court Owatonna, which have been struggling against fate, which will certainly bear fruit. He visited Farmington on the 7th, where he addressed a public meeting under the auspices of Court Farmington, and closed the week by instituting Court Lakeville on the 8th.

It is to be regretted that representatives of rival insurance societies in this State should be so envious of our insurance system as to resort to misrepresent our Order in their eagerness to secure members for theirs. While our members are imbued with the motto of "Charity to all, Malice towards none," they have refuted the slanders with disastrous results to the organizations from which they emanated.

A new Court will be instituted during February at St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis.

Courts are also under way at Anoka, Hutchinson and Kasson.

We clip the following from the St. Paul's *Dispatch*:

New Brighton, Minn., Jan 31.—The ball given by the Independent Order of Foresters last night was a crowning success, both socially and financially. The Court deserves much credit for the excellent manner in which the ball was conducted. Especially do the ladies deserve praise for the decorations and the dainty and luscious lunch served.

### Court Duluth, No. 724.

This court had 11 applications before it at a recent meeting. This shows what push in the right direction can do.

### Court New Brighton, No. 3058.

You may want to know what Court New Brighton is doing. We have initiated seven new members this last month and have now twenty-eight members in good standing and fair prospects for more.

### MINNESOTA NEWS.

New courts will be instituted in the near future at Morton and St. Louis Park.

Court Hillside will give a musical and literary entertainment on April 13th. A fine musical programme has been arranged.

The St. Paul courts are becoming active again and the members will endeavor to retrieve their lost laurels to Minneapolis, as being the banner city in the State numerically.

The High Chief Ranger and High Secretary paid an official visit to Court Fairview on Feb. 25th. Court Fairview intends to retrieve its lost laurels to Court Minnesota as banner court of St. Paul.

Court Convention City gave a musical and literary entertainment at their hall on Monday evening, March 9th. A splendid address was made by High Secretary O'Neill, on the many features of the Order.

The High Chief Ranger made a good selection when he appointed Bro. Hamil as Deputy for Dakota County. Through his earnest labors Dakota County has four flourishing Courts with prospects of one more before the end of March.

High Vice-Chief Ranger Morrison of Duluth will, during the month of March institute a court with a larger membership in the Zenith City. Bro. Morrison is showing himself worthy of the honor conferred upon him by the recent High Court convention.

High Treasurer Howe has been slightly incapacitated through illness in the early part of March, the brothers will be glad to learn that his illness has been only of a temporary nature, and as Deputy of Court Red Wing he is again recruiting his forces to make Court Red Wing the banner court of Minnesota.

Committees of the Minneapolis courts held a meeting recently and entered into an agreement to have a uniform rate of initiation fees for taking in members, the agreement will undoubtedly be ratified by the courts, and much dissatisfaction will be avoided on account of dispensations issued in June and December.

A new court was instituted at Hastings on March 2nd, by the High Chief Ranger and District Deputy J. C. Hamil of Dakota county, while the court was started with 11 members, 16 more members have been secured since the institution, and Court Hastings starts out with bright prospects of being one of the leading courts in the State.

The twelve Minneapolis courts have made arrangements for the presentation of an original drama entitled "The Heart of Nevada," written by Chief Ranger McDermott of Court Adelpi, 1505. The entertainment is to be presented at the Lyceum Theatre on April 16th, and judging from the sale of tickets, each court will net a good sum for their respective treasuries.

The High Chief Ranger accompanied by several brothers of Court Hastings, visited Court Red Wing on the 9th of March. Addresses were made by the High Chief, Capt. Tucker, and Past Chief Ahern, of Hastings, as well as several of the local members. After the meeting the visitors were entertained at cards, and refreshments and cigars were served.

Court New Brighton was visited on Feb. 26th, by the High Chief and many visiting brothers from Minneapolis. Two candidates were initiated and conducted over the R. & R. R., after which addresses were made by Bros. Metzger, Caissman, as well as by sev-

eral members of the Court. This court will be one of the leading courts in the state, if they keep up the gait they have struck since their institution.

Court Century had a largely attended meeting on Wednesday evening, March 4th. Two candidates were initiated, both of whom are "limbs of the law," and the boys saw that they got their money's worth. His Honor, Judge Kerr was present at the meeting, to enforce the payment of fines should an emergency arise. A smoke social followed the closing of the meeting. Through the efforts of Chief Ranger Young, the meetings of this court are becoming very attractive.

The High Chief Ranger visited Belle Plaine accompanied by District Deputy F. J. Leonard, of Scott County, on March 3rd. An open meeting was held under the auspices of Court Belle Plaine, which was presided over by Chief Ranger Irwin. Both of the visiting brothers made addresses on the fraternal and insurance features of the Order, which were well received by the audience that taxed the hall to its fullest capacity. A fine musical and literary programme was rendered by members of the Court and their lady friends which added much interest to the occasion.

### Washington Territory.

Court Silver, No. 1568, Spokane.

An esteemed brother writes: "The meeting of this active court was held Thursday, January the 22nd, at Oliver Hall, one of the finest equipped halls in the City of Spokane. The attendance on that evening was one which I think that every Forester present shall never forget. There were members present from the three courts in the city. The cause of this large gathering was the installation of officers by our P. H. C. R. Bro. Campbell, who performed the duty like a veteran. C. R. Bro. McKinney made a neat speech, in which he went on to tell what was expected of every member connected with the Independent Order of Foresters. His successor, Bro. Marsh, is also a true worker for the Order. As for the V. C. R., Bro. Rhodes, he is hard to beat in any court young or old. There is seldom a meeting that one or the other has not got a new name for membership. At the conclusion of the installation of officers, the new C. R. briefly addressed the court, thanking the brothers for the honor conferred upon him and expressed his intention of doing all in his power to promote the welfare of the Order in this city."

### Ireland.

BRILLIANT REUNION IN THE ULSTER HALL.

*Belfast Telegraph.*

A most successful and enjoyable social meeting, the first of its kind under the auspices of the High Court of the above society, was held last night in the Ulster Hall annex. The arrangements were in every respect worthy of so prosperous an organization, and reflected credit on the experience and tact of

the officers. The entire floor was carpeted with crimson, and the general effect of the furnishing of the building was highly pleasing to all who had the good fortune to be present. The Order, which is rapidly extending its membership throughout Belfast, has accumulated funds to the amount of £305,000, and over half a million sterling has been paid in benefits. It may well be said that, although its membership is now almost 85,000, the Independent Order of Foresters is apparently only on the threshold of its career. In 1881 Dr. Oronhyatekha became Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order, and during the past four years it has trebled its membership. From half-past seven o'clock an excellent tea was supplied to an exceedingly large company. The following ladies presided at the tea-tables:—Mrs. Scott, Miss McKnight, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Dr. Gibson, Mrs. McCaughan, Mrs. Dr. Williamson, Mrs. Davis, Miss Noble, Miss Orr, Mrs. Quinn, Miss Reid, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Dr. Kevin, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Dr. Moore, Miss J. Shaw, Miss McLachlan, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Cregan, Mrs. Baillie, Mrs. Wilson, Ballymena. The following chief officers were present:—Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R.; J. D. Williamson, M.D., P.H.C.R.; R.W. McKnight, H.V.C.R.; Wm. Gibson, M.D., H. Secretary; John McCaughey, J.P., H. Treasurer; Chas. Kevin, M.D., H. Physician; R. W. Mehaffey, H. Coun.; James Wilson, H.A.; J. Purdy, H.A.; Rev. James Cregan, H. Chap.; H. J. Hunter, H.J.S.; Wm. Bell, H.S.W.; William Moore, H.J.B.; John Dunlop, H.S.B.; John J. Wilson, H.J.B.; Alexander Nixon, H. Mar.; Baptiste Gamble, H. Con.; William Irwin, H. Mess. Bro. Sir Wm. McCammond, Bro. Rev. P. J. Lyttle, Bro. Rev. James Knowles, and a large number interested in the progress of the society were also present. Letters of apology were announced from the Moderator of the General Assembly (Rev. Dr. Buick), the Lord Mayor (Mr. W. J. Pirrie, J.P.), Rev. J. D. Lamont, Messrs. G. W. Wolff, M.P.; William Johnson, M.P.; Jas. Musgrave, D.L.; John McCaughey, J.P.; James Johnston, J.P.; and James Thompson, J.P., Macedon. Dr. M. C. Ward, H.C.R., High Court, London, sent a congratulatory telegram, which was read amid applause. After tea, on the motion of Bro. William Gibson, M.D., seconded by Bro. Chase, Londonderry, Sir William McCammond, J.P., was called upon to preside. After the singing of the opening ode, the Chairman, who was received with applause, said he could assure them that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be there that night.

Mr. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., said it gave him great pleasure to rise, in response to the chairman's call, and to proceed with the installation of the officers-elect of some courts meeting in their immediate neighborhood. There was to him a pleasure in the performance of this act itself, but, above and beyond that, there came to him a great satisfaction in view of what that ceremony meant. It was conclusive proof, for instance, just as that large and influential gathering was a proof that the Independent Order of Foresters, under whose auspices they were

now convened, had obtained a firm foothold in Belfast. To those of them who know what the Order was, who were familiar with the pages of its history, and were acquainted with its untarnished record for over twenty-one years, this came to them as a matter of course; and it appeared as if it were almost a necessity for him to recognize that opposition to them that came as a matter of course; but then, some of them knew well where that opposition came from. He called to mind, for instance, the case of a poet who was considerably railed at and belittled. There was sufficient trust in himself to be undaunted, however, and so, in epigrammatic fashion, he replied to his critics, and he adopted his reply as applicable to all their critics. He said—

“Every critic in the town  
Runs the minor poet down;  
Every critic—don't you know it?  
Is himself a minor poet.”

He would say that they took it as no mean boast that their great fraternal brotherhood had not only lightened the load of sorrow in many a home by many kindly acts, but that it had given substantial proof of the safety and soundness of its financial system by handing into the homes and to the dependents of their deceased brethren the large sum of over £660,000, for that was the amount they had paid in benefits. They would gather from this that the business of the Order had assumed a considerable magnitude. In proof of this he had but to say that, besides having paid that large sum in benefits, they had accumulated surplus funds amounting to over £325,000. He commended to them this Order of theirs, and hesitated not to urge every man to secure the advantages of membership, so that he might do the best possible in insurance matters for his own family and help forward the general weal. (Loud applause.)

The officers-elect of several courts were then formally installed. A most interesting part of this ceremonial was the presentation to Bro. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger, of a very handsome gold jewel—viz., the “grand cross of merit,” the inscription on which reads—“Presented to Bro. the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., by the Supreme Court, for distinguished services, 1895.”

Bro. Marshall said that he was telling no secret when he said that not one of their eighty odd thousand unpaid workers stood higher in the estimation of his brethren than did Bro. McCaughan. (Applause.) The Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Executive realized, and now in slight degree desired publicly to recognize what he was daily doing for them as a labor of love. It was very pleasing to see the unbounded enthusiasm which was evoked as he (Bro. Marshall) pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. McCaughan. He thought himself privileged in being the deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and thus the bearer of the honors and exalted degree to Bro. McCaughan. He now declared him a chevalier of the Order. (Applause.) He knew whereof he spoke when he said the honor had been worthily won. (Loud applause.) The jewel is a Maltese

cross, in gold and enamel, within a golden wreath, and crown, pendant from a blue ribbon, with three gold and enamelled clasps.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan, who was received with much enthusiasm, said he desired to thank the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Executive for conferring upon him the highest honor it was in their power to bestow. (Applause.) The gift, he could tell them, came to him as a great surprise. It was altogether unexpected. He had no idea he had discharged any particular duty to entitle him to rank among the chevaliers of the Order. He accepted the cross not so much on his own account as on account of his brethren, because he believed the success of the Order in Belfast and in that country was not so much owing to himself because he happened to occupy the honorable position of High Chief Ranger in Ireland, but because they had supported every movement with enthusiasm and energy, and he had been rewarded for this. On behalf of his brethren, he thanked the Supreme Chief Ranger and his representative for the honor conferred upon him by making him one of the chevaliers of the Order. (Applause.)

Bro. J. D. Williamson, M.D., said he desired to congratulate the Foresters in the North of Ireland and their friends on that large and enthusiastic meeting. He had to congratulate the worthy chairman, Sir William McCammond, on the honor that had been conferred on him by the Queen. (Applause.) He congratulated the brethren who had been so highly honored by the Supreme Executive of the Order of Foresters.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Kevin, seconded by Bro. R. W. Mehafty, a hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the teamakers and the performers.

Bro. Rev. James Crgan proposed a vote of thanks to Sir William McCammond for presiding. Bro. James Wilson seconded the motion, and Bro. the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, in putting it to the meeting, said there were many great men connected with their Order, but there was one they would always recollect, and that was that Sir Wm. McCammond was the first Lord Mayor in the United Kingdom who joined its membership. (Applause.)

The resolution was enthusiastically passed.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was gone through. Miss Daisy Creeny gave Hope Temple's "Thoughts and Tears," and, in response to a warm encore, sang with much acceptance, "The Minstrel Boy." She also sang "Good-bye," (Paulo Tosti), which was well received. Mr. Curran was warmly applauded for his singing of "My Queen" (Blumenthal) and "Bedouin Love Song" (Pinsuti). Mr. W. Turner sang in pleasing style, "The Last Watch" (Pinsuti) and "The Death of Nelson" (Braham). Mr. William Hart contributed a couple of humorous selections, which caused much laughter. The accompanist was Mr. J. Jones Troughton. The singing of the National Anthem brought this portion of the proceedings to a close. Subsequently the carpet was removed and dancing was indulged in for several hours.

The catering was in the hands of the Bloomfield Bakery, Ltd., and Mr. H. McMillan,

managing director, personally superintended the arrangements, which left nothing to be desired.

We clip the following from the *Belfast News*'-letter of recent date:

#### COURT LAGAN VALE, (DROMORE.)

"If evidence were required to convince the sceptical that the Independent Order of Foresters was a most popular organization, it is to be found in the fact that the courts are rapidly being multiplied. Daily the membership is increasing, and it is safe to say that the society has at present a firm footing in Ireland. It is founded on a firm financial basis, and the benefits it confers on its members are multitudinous. In Belfast during recent years the growth has been little short of phenomenal. This fact can also be recorded regarding the Order in many towns in Ulster. In Dromore especially it has progressed with wonderful rapidity. Last evening a most enjoyable social meeting, under the auspices of Court Lagan Vale, No. 2040, was held in the Rampart Street schoolroom, Dromore. The gathering might well be termed one of the gayest held in the town for many years. The decorations were simply splendid, and the introduction of a large number of Chinese lanterns helped to make the scene more effective. The artistic skill displayed in arranging the decorations reflects much credit on those who carried out the work so effectively. The Foresters have often showed that whatever they take in hands they do well, but the arrangements in connection with last night's meeting in Dromore eclipses anything they have yet done in that town. The transformation wrought on the walls of the prosaic-looking schoolroom was little short of wonderful. The attendance was large, and the proceedings were most harmonious. The members entered upon the undertaking with much enthusiasm, and it was the general consensus of opinion that it was a great success. Such meetings cannot do otherwise than deepen the interest in the Order.

"Rev. W. J. McCaughan and Dr. Williamson were unable to be present, but sent letters commendatory of the Order and expressive of their regret."

#### Court Dalriada, No. 2016.

The usual monthly meeting of this Court was held in the Foresters' Chambers, 5 Royal Avenue, on Thursday evening. Bro. the Rev. W. J. McCaughan presided, in the absence of the Chief Ranger (Bro. Henry H. Lauser). The routine business of the Court was gone through in the usual systematic manner. Bro. Baptist Gamble received his commission as Court Deputy. An important communication was read from Bro. R. J. Hunter, Dromore. The Sick Committee reported that all their members were in good health, except one, and he was recovering. A letter was also read from Bro. the Rev. J. A. Kelly, Rade-mon. Bro. A. E. Carter, recording secretary, read a sketch of the history of the Court, and submitted a most satisfactory annual report. Bro. Carter referred to the fact that



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