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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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

Monthly Rates of Assessments.

To secure (1) the Insurance Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, and (3) Annuity Benefits, members of the I. O. F. pay the small rates shown in the following

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
18	60	61	60	34	76	81	82
19	61	62	61	35	78	83	84
20	62	63	62	36	80	85	86
21	63	64	63	37	82	87	88
22	64	65	64	38	84	89	90
23	65	66	65	39	86	91	92
24	66	67	66	40	88	93	94
25	67	68	67	41	90	95	96
26	68	69	68	42	93	98	99
27	69	70	69	43	95	100	101
28	70	71	70	44	98	103	104
29	71	72	71	45	100	105	106
30	72	73	72	46	102	107	108
31	73	74	73	47	104	109	110
32	74	75	74	48	106	111	112
33	75	76	75	49	108	113	114

These sums correspond very nearly to the cost of risks as given in the best Actuaries Tables of Mortality.

Special Schedule of Rates.

The rates payable by initiates between 50 and 54 years of age, both inclusive, are as follows:

RATES FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

AGE	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
50	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$7.50
51	2.60	5.20	7.80
52	2.70	5.40	8.10
53	2.80	5.60	8.40
54	2.90	5.80	8.70

RATES FOR THE HALARBOUR CLASS.

AGE	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
50	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$7.80
51	2.75	5.50	8.25
52	2.90	5.80	8.70
53	3.05	6.10	9.15
54	3.20	6.40	9.60
55	3.35	6.70	10.05

In the I. O. F. there are no Assessments on Death.

Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional, and are \$3 per week for the first two weeks and \$5 per week for the following 10 weeks of any one illness, and \$50 towards Funeral expenses.

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

At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment
18	\$0 40	36	\$0 41	44	\$0 49	52	\$0 55
19	41	37	45	45	46	53	56
20	41	38	45	46	47	53	56
21	42	39	46	47	48	54	57
22	42	40	46	48	49	54	57
23	43	41	47	49	50	55	58
24	43	42	47	50	51	55	58
25	44	43	48	51	52	56	59

Our Investments.

Our funds are always invested with a due regard to safety. The bulk of the funds are deposited with the Government, and with sound monetary institutions, subject only to the joint cheques of the whole Executive Council. Moneys invested in this way are called

Permanent Reserve Fund.

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

Post Office Savings Bank	\$ 14,231 61
High Courts	5,926 06
Receiver-General of New Brunswick	20,000 00
Deposit in Great Britain (\$20,000)	97,533 53
Mortgages	1,019,242 31
Debentures	161,234 06

From the above it will be seen that we already have in the PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

\$1,314,567.51.

The above is subject only to the joint cheques of the undermentioned members of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

- S.C.R., Oranhyatchka, M.D., J.P., Editor INTERNATIONAL GOOD TEMPLAR, Toronto.
- P.S.C.R., E. Lottier, House of Commons, Ottawa.
- S.V.C.R., Hon. D. E. Aiken, M.C., Flint, Mich.
- S. Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto.
- S. Treasurer, T. G. Davey, Manager G. T. R. News Co., London.
- S. Phys., Thos. Millman, M.D., Toronto.
- E. Coun., Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q.C., Hampton, N.B.

With what we have in the current bank account, our total reserves as at last report was the magnificent sum

\$1,317,522.61.

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THE EARL OF ABERDEEN,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

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GOV.-GENERAL OF CANADA, AND HONORARY
MEMBER OF COURT LORD ABERDEEN,
NO. 1802, TORONTO.

We have much pleasure in giving in this issue, a portrait and sketch of the distinguished nobleman who represents Her Majesty the Queen as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Earl of Aberdeen commands the confidence and esteem of all who know him, not only for his exalted rank and high official position but also for his high character and worth as a man. By Foresters he will be regarded with especial interest, by reason of his honorary membership in the Order, and his courtesy in responding so readily to the invitation of the Supreme Chief Ranger to lay the corner-stone of the Foresters' Temple on the 30th of May.

The Right Hon. Sir John Campbell Hamilton Gordon is the seventh Earl of Aberdeen. He is now in his 48th year. He succeeded to his title of Earl of Aberdeen in 1870. His grandfather, the 4th Earl of Aberdeen, was Prime Minister of Great Britain in 1853, a statesman of commanding ability, and for many years the colleague of the great Sir Robert Peel.

The Governor-General of Canada had a distinguished University career, first at St. Andrews, Scotland, and afterwards at Oxford, where he graduated with high honors in 1871. When he took his place in the House of Lords, his sympathies were with the Conservative party, and until 1878 he supported the policy of Lord Beaconsfield. At that time, however, in company with Lord Derby and Lord Cairnmarvon, he differed from the Government's policy in connection with the dispute between Russia and Turkey, and since that time his great influence has been with the Liberals. He has rendered valuable service as chairman of several important committees. In 1880, he was appointed Lord Lieut. of Aberdeenshire. From 1881 to 1885 he presided as Lord High Commissioner at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, a position which he filled with great acceptance, his geniality, courtesy, and tact, winning for him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he had to do.

In 1886 he was appointed by Mr. Gladstone Lord Lieut. of Ireland. The duties of this important and sometimes difficult position, he discharged with conspicuous ability, and probably no one in recent years won, as completely as did the Earl of Aberdeen and his amiable Countess, the confidence and affections of the Irish people. Their name is fondly cherished by the people of the Green Isle, and they continue to take a lively and practical interest in whatever affects the social or industrial prosperity of Ireland.

Lord Aberdeen has made a special study of the labor question, and has devoted time and means to schemes for the amelioration of the

condition of the poor. In him, the working classes have one of their ablest and most judicious friends.

The Boys Brigade movement, in Canada, has received great assistance at his hands, and all religious and philanthropic enterprises find in him a warm and liberal supporter.

On the 18th of September, 1893, he was sworn in as Governor-General of Canada by Sir Henry Strong, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Since that time, he has been actively identified with every movement that has for its object the advancement of the community.

By some, the office of Governor-General may be considered a sinecure, but those who have followed the career of the Earl of Aberdeen for the past two years, have discovered that his life is a very busy one, and that he has sought in every way to render valuable service to the Dominion, in whose prosperity he takes the liveliest interest.

The Governor-General is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, in which he is an elder, but his attachment to his own church does not prevent him from entertaining warm regard for every other branch of the Christian church.

In the Countess of Aberdeen, His Excellency has in every sense a true helpmeet. She is a lady of high mental attainments, speaks several languages with fluency, and is widely read in philosophy and current literature. She is a ready and graceful writer, and a frequent contributor to British and American magazines. She takes a practical interest in working women, and has been instrumental in founding a Friendly Society for young women in Scotland, and in this way she is in close touch with friendly and beneficiary work, such as is being done by the Independent Order of Foresters. As president of the National Congress of Women, which organization owes its inception to her, she has helped to demonstrate what women may do for women, by wise and comprehensive schemes for the advancement of women.

On the formation of Court Lord Aberdeen in Toronto, His Excellency was requested to allow himself to be elected an honorary member, and to permit them to name the court after him, and to both requests he readily and cordially assented. It is needless to say that the growth of the court has been rapid, and that among its members are many of the best known young men in Toronto.

On the occasion of the laying of the corner stone, Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen showed a lively interest in the Order, and his addresses both at the luncheon tendered to him at the Queen's Hotel by Dr. Oronhyatekha and the Executive Council, and at the laying of the corner stone, were timely and judicious, and were greatly appreciated by the Foresters who had the privilege of hearing His Excellency. He visited the Head Office, and acquainted himself with some of the details of the work. He expressed his pleasure at meeting with the large staff, and noted with especial satisfaction that the great majority of them were young ladies.

The Order is under obligation to His Excellency for his courtesy in laying the corner stone of the Temple. We are sure we voice the sentiments of the Foresters of both continents when we express the hope that Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen and his aimable and gifted Countess may be spared for many long years to enjoy the honors of their exalted position, and to give to the world the services that they are so well qualified to render, by reason of their high station, ability, and devotion to the public weal.

Thos. Blezard, Esq., M.P.P.,
EAST PETERBORO'.

Bro. Blezard was born in the township of Otonabee, of English parentage, 24th June,



T. BLEZARD, M.P.P.

1838. He is a son of John Blezard, one of the early pioneers of Otonabee, and captain of the militia. He received his education at the public schools, is a farmer, and now lives on the beautiful farm where he first saw the light of day. He was married in 1865 to Mary Meikle, a native of Scotland. The family consists of two sons and two daughters. He has always enjoyed positions of trust and confidence, having sat nine years in Otonabee Township Council, and five years in the County Council. He was first returned to the Legislative Assembly, Toronto, at the general elections, 1879, for East Peterboro', and re-elected at the general elections, 1883, 1886, 1890 and 1894, with a sweeping majority. Since becoming an honorary member of Court Westwood, he takes a deep interest in everything Forestry, is a regular attender at meetings, and always ready and pleased to further the interests of Forestry. In religion he is a Methodist; in politics, a Liberal.

W. H. Taylor, M.P.P.,
NORTH MIDDLESEX.

Bro. Taylor was born at Durham, 1848, where his father held the position of reeve.



W. H. TAYLOR,

He remained with his father on the farm till 1872, when he removed to the township of McGillivray, Co. Middlesex, and engaged in farming in that township, an occupation which he has followed ever since. Is a Liberal. Has held the municipal positions of councillor and reeve of his township, for several years, and has been warden of the county. At the elections, June 23rd, he was returned for North Middlesex by 128 majority. Bro. Taylor takes an active

interest in Forestry. He is a member of Court Parkhill, and a Past Chief Ranger. He is deservedly popular with all classes.

Worth Repeating.

Definition of Home.

A prize was offered recently by the London *Tit Bits* for the best answer to the question, "What is Home?" Here are a few of the answers that were received:

The golden setting, in which the brightest jewel is "mother."

A world of strife shut out, and a world of love shut in.

Home is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit.

An abode in which the inmate, the "superior being called man," can pay back at night, with fifty per cent interest, every annoyance that has met him in business during the day.

The place where the great are sometimes small and the small often great.

The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world.

The jewel casket, containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.

Where you are treated best and grumble most.

Home is the central telegraph office of human love, into which run the innumerable wires of affection, many of which, though extended thousands of miles, are never disconnected from the one great terminus.

The centre of our affections, around which our heart's best wishes twine.

A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world, where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.

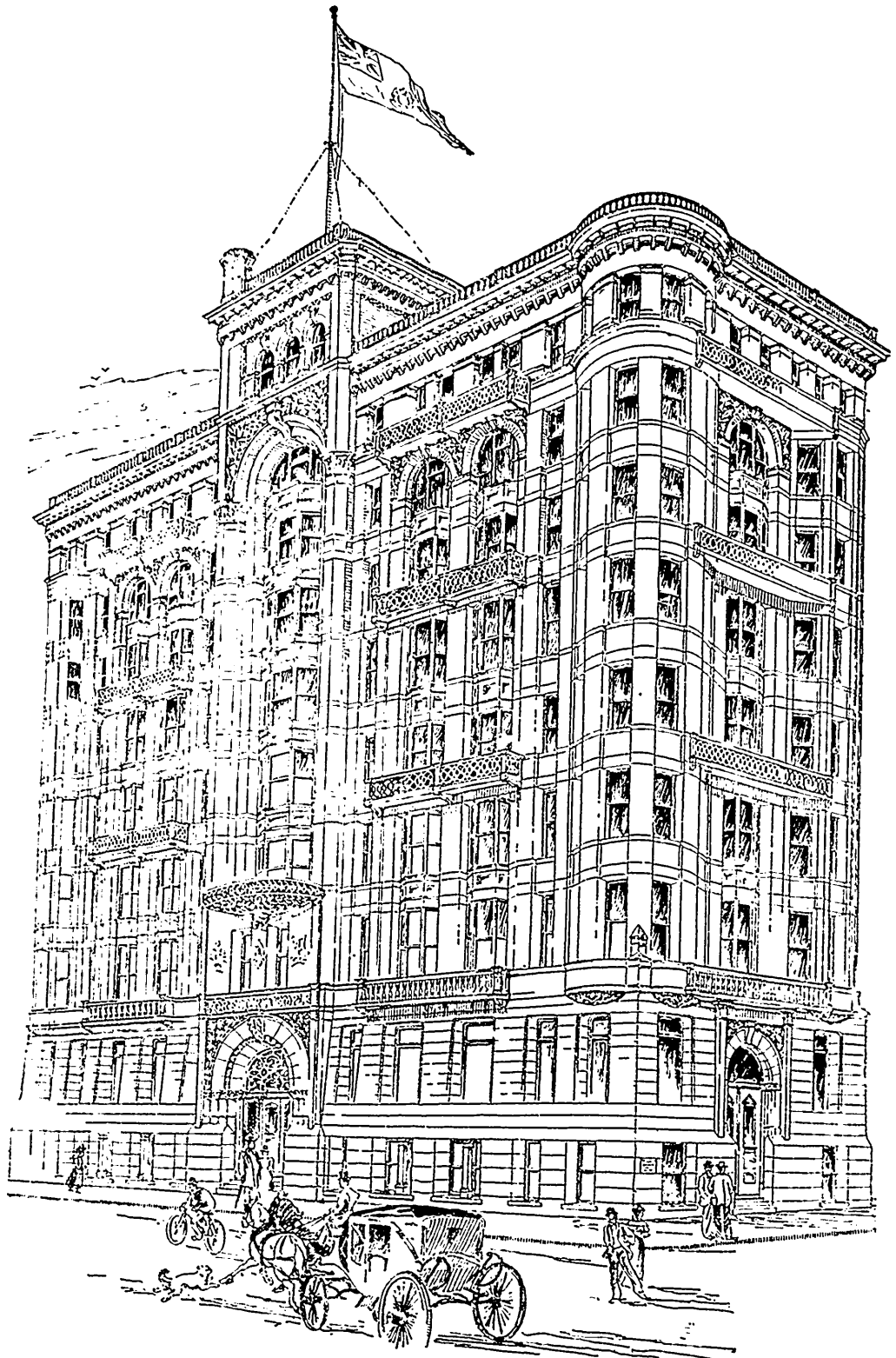
A popular but paradoxical institution, in which woman works in the absence of man, and man rests in the presence of woman.—*Exchange.*

"Whether men believe it or not, most of them are trustees. Their lives, their capacities, their opportunities, are not wholly theirs. They are held and managed, or should be, for others as well as for themselves, and it is morally, at least, a breach of trust for any man to neglect to make such provision for those dependent upon his earnings as he is able to make. The husband or father who has no higher idea of using his earnings than that of increasing his possessions, or of spending them for immediate personal gratification, will find in the end that his investments are bad, and that he is a pauper in spirit, if not in pocket."

It keeps the devil busy to hold his own against a praying mother.

The man who has a business for which he cannot pray, has no business to say very much in church.

"Bear ye one another's burdens," is a holy injunction. By accepting a personal risk to bear our portion of another's burden, we can do it with more ease if we are associated with a multitude.



FORESTERS' TEMPLE, TORONTO.

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Corner Stone Laid on the 30th May by the Governor-General, the Earl of Aberdeen.

AN IMMENSE CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE WITNESS THE IMPOSING CEREMONY.

Temple will be Eight Stories High, Absolutely Fireproof, and the Equal in Point of Completeness of any Public Building in Toronto.

May the 30th, 1895, marked an epoch in the history of Independent Forestry, not only in Toronto, but wherever the Order is established.

For some time past it has been apparent that the extension of the Order, and the increase of the office staff, had outgrown the present office accommodation. Larger quarters would be required in the near future, and the question suggested itself to the Executive whether it would be better to pay a high rental for larger premises, or to erect a building that would not only furnish accommodation for the staff, but permit of renting business premises and offices. After careful consideration it was decided to build. An eligible site was secured at the corner of Bay and Richmond-streets. That the site was secured at a bargain was evident from the fact that the Executive were offered several thousand dollars in advance of the price they paid for it a few days after they came in possession.

The temple will be within a stone-throw of the new civic buildings, and will probably be complete and ready for occupation before the civic pile is finished. Already a large number of applications have been received for office room. On every hand it is conceded that the Temple will prove an excellent investment, as its location is acknowledged to be the best in the city for office purposes, and is only another link added to the chain of evidence that the Supreme Chief has the "great head" in Canada.

May 30th was an ideal summer day. The heat was somewhat excessive, but the great crowds of Foresters and their friends seemed quite indifferent to its effects. The colors of the Order were prominent on the streets from an early hour, and it may be said that for the day Independent Forestry was in possession.

Those in charge of the various arrangements worked with enthusiastic good will. Every detail was complete from beginning to end, and everything went off without a hitch. Large numbers of Foresters from all points within easy reach of Toronto were present, taking a lively interest in the proceedings.

The strength and aggressiveness of the Order was manifest on every hand, and was more fully recognized by the community than ever before. The result will doubtless be a great impetus to the Order in Toronto, where already it has over thirty subordinate courts.

Of the city courts, Court Lord Aberdeen was most fully represented. This was doubtless owing to the fact that His Excellency is an honorary member of the court. The members turned out in full force, and made a splendid appearance; they were the cynosure of all eyes.

The first order of the day was

THE LUNCHEON

tendered by the Supreme Chief Ranger and his colleagues of the Executive to His Excellency the Governor-General. Lord Aberdeen and a large company of distinguished guests including many representative citizens and prominent members of the Order at the Queen's Hotel. The Supreme Chief Ranger presided, and Bro. H. A. Collins, H. C. R., C. Fitzgerald, H. S., New York, and Lee T. Joslyn, H. C. R., Michigan, occupied the vice-chairs. On the chairman's right were seated His Excellency the Governor-General, Rev. Professor Clark, Mr. William Laidlaw, Q. C., Judge Fitzgerald, and Principal Kirkland; and on the left Hon. D. D. Aitken, Congressman for Michigan; Rev. Archdeacon David London; W. F. Maclean, M. P., Mr. Campbell, A. D. C., and John A. McGillivray, Q. C., H. S. Among those present, and who were permitted to His Excellency the



ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R.

Governor-General, were many brethren in high standing in Forestry, and officers of kindred societies.

The luncheon was admirably served, and was followed by two toasts, that of the



JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Q.C., S. SEC'Y.

"Queen" and "Governor-General." In proposing the latter, Oronhyatekha made felicitous reference to the high esteem in which His Excellency and Countess Aberdeen were held by the people of Canada, among whom they were doing a great work. Not only in Canada, but wherever His Excellency had held office of the Crown, he had won the affection of the people.

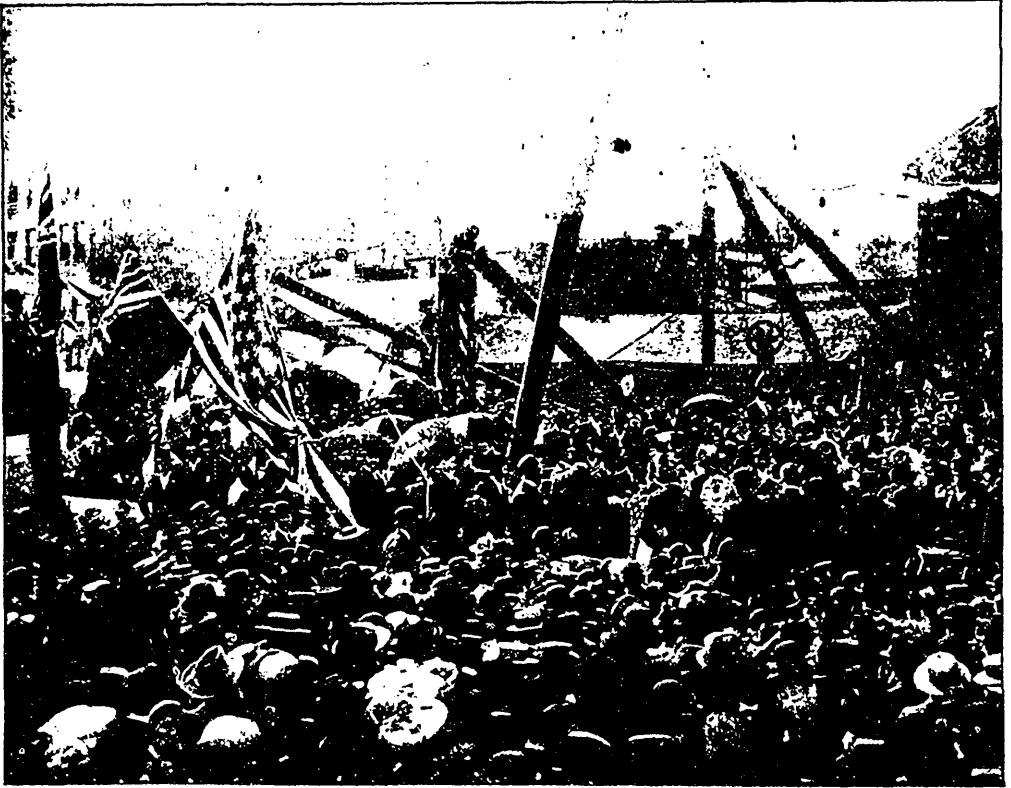
In reply His Excellency said:—Supreme Chief Ranger and Gentlemen—This is a certainly very gratifying experience for me, and even if I could eliminate, which I am sure I could not do, all I hear of any personal reference in connection with the kindly manner in which this toast has been proposed and received—if I could regard your cordiality as dictated solely by your public spirit, your loyalty and hospitality, that would surely be enough to cause that feeling of gratification to which I have referred; but I, of course, am not insensible to the manner in which the Supreme Chief Ranger contrived to interweave some very genial personal allusions. (Applause.) And, gentlemen, I appreciate your sentiments none the less, because this is what may be regarded as an international occasion; we appreciate the presence here of those distinguished representative members of the Order from the United States. (Applause.) Indeed, in view of the far-reaching and comprehensive character of this great organization, such a gathering as the present would certainly not have

been complete without some leading representatives from that great nation. Gentleman, I ought to know a great deal about the Order of Foresters, for this, among other reasons, that not long ago, through the courtesy of your Supreme Chief Ranger, I became the possessor of a very handsome and imposing volume, giving a complete history of this noble Order from its foundation up to the present day. I dare say many people would be inclined to say that the Governor-General, not having very much to occupy his time, notwithstanding the bulky character of this volume, should have perused the whole of it during the past few weeks; but, gentlemen, I had better be frank, and admit that I have not yet reached the concluding pages. (Laughter.) As to the want of occupation, I am behind the scenes in that matter, and have my own opinion on the subject (renewed laughter)—though I could not complain if any one were to tell me that I ought to find no great difficulty in obtaining leisure, because I confess that prior to my acceptance of the office of Governor-General, I did not anticipate that the claims upon one's time, apart from the strictly official matters demanding attention, would have been so incessant. Well, gentlemen, it is better to have too much to do than too little; but I hope if more leisure does come—for I am beginning to be doubtful on that point—that I shall be able to use it properly, and in such a way as to further the general well-being of the country. (Applause.) Meanwhile, I am thankful



G. W. GOUINLOCK, D.S.C.R., ARCHITECT.

that the office does give opportunities for coming into contact with the many features of the national life of the Dominion. (Applause.) And, certainly, anyone occupying such an office ought to welcome most glad-



LAYING THE CORNER-STONE FORESTER TEMPLE.

ly such an opportunity as the present for the coming in contact with the representative members of what I have already alluded to as a far-reaching and comprehensive organization of great interest and importance. (Applause.) I must thank you for the manner in which I have been greeted to-day, and especially for the reference to the Countess of Aberdeen, who has been busy this week in the work of a convention of what I may venture to call an Order of no mean dimensions—the National Council of the Women of Canada. There, too, she has received representative ladies from the United States, because that Council, like yours, has an international organization, and has been taken up most warmly in the United States as well as in Canada, and also in various other parts of the world, and I trust that its administrations will be for the good of the world at large. Again I thank you for your courtesy. (Applause.)

The company then entered carriages, and proceeded to St. George's Hall, to join the procession for the laying of the corner-stone of the Foresters' Temple, while His Excellency drove to the head offices of the I.O.F., accompanied by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and by Hon. D. D. Aitken, United States Congressman, and Supreme Vice Chief Ranger of the Order, and inspected the various departments of the office. His Excel-

lency was evidently surprised, and greatly pleased to find the staff so largely composed of ladies, and graciously expressed a desire to have them presented to him, which was accordingly done by Dr. Oronhyat kha.

THE CORNER-STONE.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Foresters' Temple, at the north-west corner of Bay and Richmond-streets, was performed in the afternoon by His Excellency the Governor-General, before a large and fashionable audience. The scene was a very brilliant one, rendered the more so by the number of ladies who braved the torments of the heat, and added very materially to the picturesque effect. The waving of the many flags, the crowd extending in every direction, and the appearance of the regimental guard of honor, presented a scene which will long be remembered by those who were present. An additional interest was lent to what would at any time have been an impressive occasion by the presence of the Governor-General, himself a Forester, and of Dr. Oronhyat kha, the veteran who has done so much for the Order, and who has won the respect, confidence, and affection of all its members. Another distinguished visitor was Congressman Hon. D. D. Aitken, of Flint, Michigan, who is expected to receive the nomination for Governor of the State at the next elections,

and who holds a very high rank in the Order of Foresters.

The occasion of yesterday was one which has long been looked forward to by the Order in Toronto, and it was determined that no pains should be spared to make the affair a success. Very extensive preparations had been made for the ceremony, and the scene was gay with flags and bunting. A platform about 60 feet by 80 was erected on the south-east corner of the site of the new building, and the fence erected around it was draped with strips of red, white and blue bunting. An inner ring was also railed off for the accommodation of the members of Court Aberdeen, under whose auspices, jointly with the Supreme Court, the affair was given, and for their friends. The platform was approached



ARCHDEACON DAVIS.
PAST HIGH CHAPLAIN, ONTARIO.

by an entrance from Bay-street, reserved for His Excellency and the chief officers, and another from Richmond for the public, who were admitted by ticket. Both entrances were ornamented with an archway draped in the same colors as the fence, and with crossed British and American ensigns. Flags were also flying from derricks and every other point of vantage, and festoons of bunting were suspended between them. The pile of cut stone on Richmond-street was converted into a platform with draped railing, and was originally intended for the occupation of the band, but was subsequently taken possession of by the outside public. An abutment of Credit Valley brown stone was erected at the south-east corner of the new building, and ready to be lowered into its bed was a square of polished Peterhead granite, from Aberdeenshire, bearing the following inscription:

CORNER STONE,

LAI D BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF ABERDEEN,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA,

30TH MAY, 1895.

A conspicuous part of the decorations was a large banner of the Order, suspended from the side of a house to the north of the platform.

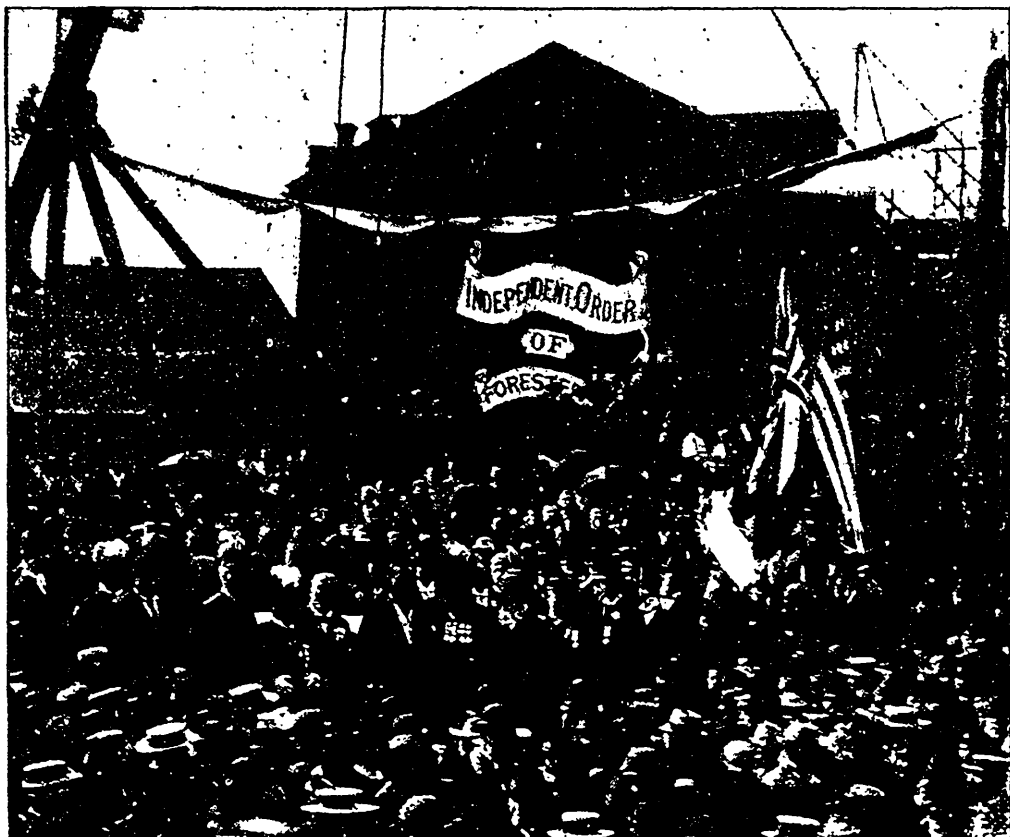
THE GUARD OF HONOR.

The Foresters were also determined to do the appropriate thing by His Excellency, as far as viceregal honors were concerned, and as soon as the arrangements for Lord Aberdeen's presence were completed an application was forwarded to Lieut.-Col. Davidson for a guard of honor from the 48th Highlanders, also for the presence of the Highlanders' band. The band and the guard, one hundred strong of all ranks, paraded at the new armory at three o'clock, and were inspected and sized by Major Macdonald. Capt. Currie then took command, with Lieut. Mitchell as senior subaltern, and Lieut. Campbell and Color-Sergeant Shaw escorting the regimental color. The guard, with fixed bayonets, headed by the band, marched down Queen to Bay-street, and took post opposite the entrance to the building to await the arrival of His Excellency. The guard was on the spot ten minutes before four o'clock, the hour fixed for the ceremony to begin. During the interval, the 48th Highlanders' band played a number of selections. Upon the arrival of the carriage containing His Excellency, the guard presented arms, the colors were drooped in salute, and the band played the National Anthem. The guard presented a very fine appearance. The men, just back from Windsor camp, were tanned brown, and looked like weather-beaten veterans. Belts, spats, and slings were white as the driven snow, and the buckles, buttons, and bayonets glistened in the sunlight. The picturesque costumes of the Highlanders, and the fine appearance of the men, combined to form a very pretty scene, appropriate to the occasion. The guard saluted again on the departure of His Excellency, and were then marched back to the armory and dismissed.

THE SCENE.

At half-past three o'clock, people began to assemble from all quarters, and by four o'clock, the squad of police detailed for the duty had all they could do to keep the sidewalks and the centre of the roadways clear of the throng of sightseers. Shortly after four o'clock the sound of music was heard, and soon the stalwart guard of honor swung into sight, in all their bravery of waving plumes and tartans, and headed by the band of the regiment, their appearance being gladly greeted by the waiting crowd as a sign that the ceremony was about to commence.

The High Chief Ranger of Ontario, who is also Supreme Marshal, with other High officers and members of the Order, met in St. George's Hall, where a procession was organized, and proceeded to the scene by way of Yonge, King, and Bay-streets. There were no fewer than fifty carriages in the procession,



LORD ABERDEEN ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLAGE.

and a feature was the magnificent pipe band of the 48th, which headed the long line, and rendered stirring national airs in honor of His Excellency. The leading conveyances were two four-in-hand drags, occupied by the members of Court Lord Aberdeen, of which His Excellency is himself an honorary member, and which has made wonderful progress since its inauguration. Immediately following the procession from St. George's Hall came the vice-regal party and their escort. The first carriage contained His Excellency, Dr. Oronhyatekha, Hon. D. D. Aitken, and Mr. Ferguson, A.D.C. In the second carriage were Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician, and Rev. Archdeacon Davies, of London. In the third carriage were T. G. Davey, Supreme Treasurer, and John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary.

It was nearly half-past four before His Excellency arrived and took his place on the platform behind the stone pillar, the top of which had been covered with a pale green material, bordered with festoons of smilax, and covered with roses and floral emblems.

THOSE PRESENT.

On the right of his Excellency were the following gentlemen:—Rev. Professor Clark W. Laidlaw, Q. C.; Judge Fitzgerald, Wel-

land; Judge Dartnell, Whitby; Principal Kirkland, Normal School. On the left were:—Hon. D. D. Aitken, Rev. Archdeacon Davis, W. F. Maclean, M.P., Mr. Ferguson, A.D.C., A. Campbell, J. A. McGillivray, Q.C. Among the other officers in the inner circle were the three vice-chairmen—Messrs. Lee, E. Joslyn, Bay City, H.C.R. for Michigan; C. Fitzgerald, Buffalo, H.S., New York State; and H. Collins, H.C.R. for Ontario.

A number of outside lodges from the following places were well represented:—Hamilton, London, Stratford, Belleville, Watertown, Pickering, Uxbridge, Newmarket, Port Credit, Bolton, Toronto Junction, Glenwilliam, Stovel, and St. Hyacinth, Quebec.

Among those on the platform were the following:—

Rev. A. Macgillivray; R. Matheson, Supt. Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville; L. T. Barclay, Whitby; Atwell Fleming, Alex. Henry, Dan. A. Rose, S. E. Bastedo, D. Wiley, C. Bell, C. Chase, W. J. Douglas, D. Ormiston, Whitby; T. C. McGillivray, Mr. Justice Meredith, F. W. St. John, M.P.P., Lieut.-Col. Gray, Dr. Ryerson, M.P.P., W. F. Hamby, chairman Public School Board; Rev. W. Walsh, Brampton; Rev. T. Johnson, East Toronto; W. C. Wilkinson, Secretary Public School Board; J. L. Hughes, Inspector

of Public Schools; Stuart Cumberland, W. Keating, J. Bougard, J. B. King, A. F. Campbell, Dr. Smith, Rev. H. H. Woude, Mr. G. Challes, Dr. J. S. King, J. Collins, Canon Jones, D. T. Aikins, J. S. Williams, Dr. Allen, Capreol, Dymond, Greer, Clark, Ferguson, Grey, Johnstor Cameron, Pardee, McDonald, Pardo, T. W. Dyas, Capt. D. M. Robertson, Grand Secretary, Sons of Scotland; W. H. Hewlitt, J. S. Willison, managing editor of the *Globe*; A. Fraser, president Gaelic Society; W. T. R. Preston, Provincial Librarian, G. Kappele, J. Castell Hopkins, A. H. O'Brien, Rev. Dr. Galbraith, and others. A number of the city clergy and office-bearers of city courts were also present. Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Lady Thompson, Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, and Sir Hector Langevin, and the city members, with the exception of Mr. W. F. Maclean, and the Supreme and County Court judges, who were unable to be present owing to being at the time holding courts.

THE TABLET.

As soon as the party was disposed on the platform, the handsome uniforms of the chief officers, making the scene still more attractive, by request of Dr. Oronhyatekha, Bro. Archdeacon Davis pronounced the beautiful prayer from the Foresters' ritual used on such occasions. At its completion, Bro. John A. McGillivray, the Supreme Secretary, read the following tablet:—

"The Independent Order of Foresters, for whose temple the corner-stone is to be laid by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, on the 30th day of May, 1895, was founded in 1874 at Newark, New Jersey. The Order was established in Canada by the institution of Court Hope, No. 1, at London, Ont., 1874. For seven years the Order remained under the Government of an American Supreme Court.

"In 1881 it came under the management of the present Supreme Executive, at which time it was thoroughly reorganized and placed on its present basis. Since that date, the Order has increased by 75,000 members, and is now firmly established in Canada, and in the principal parts of the Northern States, and in Great Britain and Ireland.

"Since its organization, over \$2,825,278.35 have been disbursed for the relief of the members, and of the widows and orphans of deceased brethren. After paying all the management expenses of the Order, there remains in the treasury, at date, a surplus of \$1,290,338.58.

"The following are the names of the present Executive officers, who manage the affairs of the Order, and who are elected by the Supreme Court at its biennial sessions:—S. C. R., Oronhyatekha, M. D.; P. S. C. R., Edward Botterell, House of Commons, Ottawa; S. V. C. R., Hon. D. D. Aitken, M. C., Flint, Mich.; S. Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q. C., Toronto; S. Treasurer, T. G. Davey, London; S. Physician, Thos. Millman, M. D., Toronto; S. Coun., Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q. C., Hampton, N. B.

"The first two have been continuously in office ever since the reorganization of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Vice Chief

Ranger became an Executive officer in 1891. The Supreme Secretary in 1889. The Supreme Treasurer in 1882. The Supreme Physician in 1882. The Supreme Counsellor in 1891. The staff at the home office in Toronto, Canada, is composed of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, and the Supreme Physician, with a clerical force of 45 persons, including 10 stenographers. Of this staff, no less than 34 are ladies, which, in part, accounts for the efficiency and promptness with which the work is done, and ensures the success and prosperity of the Order.

"There are three subsidiary offices now in existence in Great Britain and Ireland, and in the United States. One at 24 Charing Cross, Whitehall, London, England, which is under the management of Bro. James Marshall, High Chief Ranger of Scotland, and Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, with a clerical force of three clerks. One at Chicago, Illinois, under the management of Bro. A. E. Stevenson, the American agent. One at 1,155 Broadway, New York, under the management of Dr. Chas. L. Coulter.

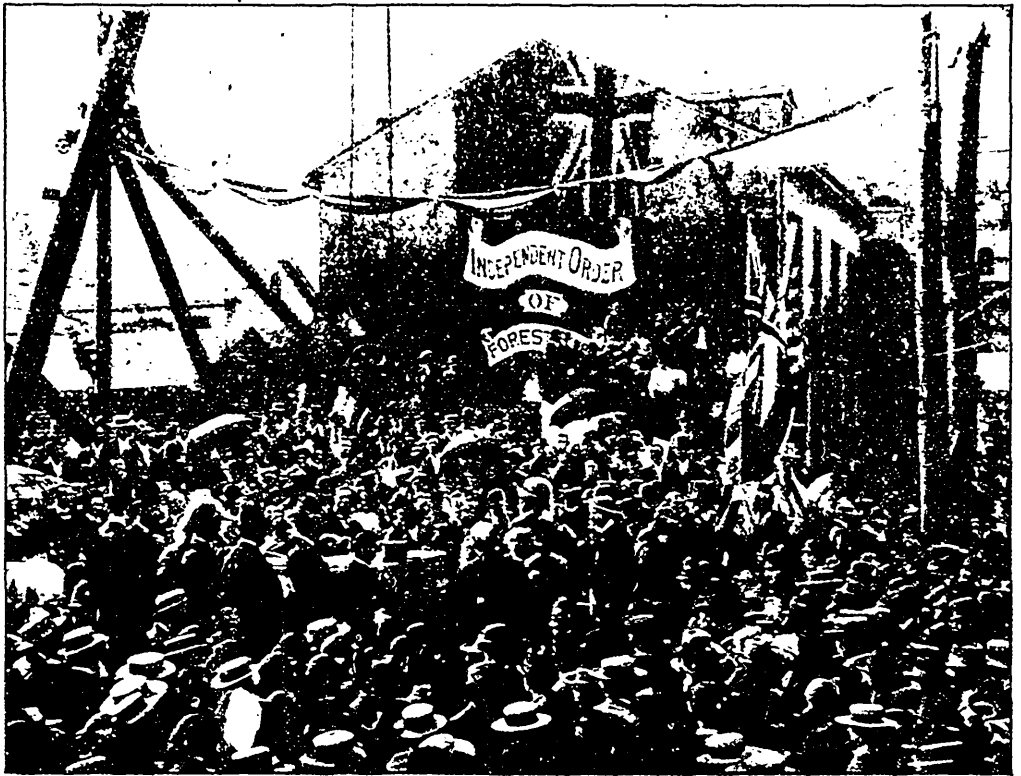
"During the present month of May, to date, the Medical Board has received 3,816 applications for membership.

"Such, in brief, is the record of the Independent Order of Foresters, for whom the temple is to be erected, under the direction of Bro. George Gouinlock, architect, with Bros. Oakey and Holmes as chief contractors. The building will be composed of stone and brick, eight storeys high, besides the basement.

"The architect will now see that the un-dermentioned articles are properly placed within the box which is to be deposited under the corner-stone:—The Act of Incorporation of the Supreme Court, assented to 2nd May, 1880; the constitutions and laws of the Order; the rituals of the Supreme, the High, and the Subordinate courts, together with the Royal Foresters' and juvenile rituals; copies of the charters of the Order; copy of certificate of membership; copies of the various policies; copies of the forms of the I. O. F.; court deputy's badge and a member's badge; the badge of honor; copy of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, the official organ of the Order; copies of the *Mail and Empire*, the *Globe*, the *World*, the *Telegram*, the *News*, the *Star*, and *Saturday Night*; the coins of Canada, the United States, and Great Britain and Ireland." As each article was named, Bro. Gouinlock, the architect, handed it to Bro. Barlow Cumberland, who as acting Superintendent of Works, deposited the article in the box prepared for that purpose, after which the box was deposited in the cavity in the stone immediately under the "corner-stone."

THE CEREMONY.

At the conclusion of the reading of the tablet, which was received by those present with many expressions of approval, an exceedingly handsome gavel and trowel were handed to His Excellency that he might go through the prescribed forms of laying the stone. The gavel was made from cherry wood, brought from the historic Mount Ver-



THE CORNER STONE,

non, the home of George Washington, and was beautifully mounted in silver, bearing on one end the crest of the Order, and on the other the following inscription:—

“Presented to His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, on laying the corner-stone of the Foresters’ temple, Toronto, May 30th, 1895.”

The trowel, which was made by the well-known jewellery firm of P. W. Ellis and Company, was a veritable work of art. The handle was of beautifully veined black onyx, and the blade of silver, handsomely chased and engraved. On one side of the upper portion of the blade was the crest of his Excellency in gold, with the motto “Ne Mimmum,” and on the other the crest of the I.O.F., exquisitely executed in gold and enamel. The inscription ran as follows:—

“Presented to His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of the Foresters’ Temple, Toronto, May 30th, 1895.”

The Governor-General then performed his part of the duty of laying the stone by touching the mortar with the trowel. The word was then given the man in charge in the derrick, who loosened the clutch, and the beautiful piece of granite sank slowly into the place prepared for it, covering up the box containing its many interesting contents, which, judging from the substantial nature of the magnificent building it is proposed to erect,

will lie in the darkness of their prison for many centuries to come. The Governor-General then hammered the corner-stone in true, workmanlike manner with his gavel, and said, “I hereby lay the corner-stone of the Foresters’ Temple.”

When the stone was fairly fitted, the square and level was applied to test its accuracy by the Hon. D. D. Aitken, who reported his finding to the Supreme Chief Ranger, who then declared “that the corner-stone had been well and truly laid,” whereupon Supreme Marshal Collins proclaimed that “the corner-stone of the Foresters’ Temple had been well and truly laid by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada.” Three very hearty cheers were then given for His Excellency, and three equally hearty ones for Dr. Oronhyatekha.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

His Excellency then delivered the following address:

Supreme Chief Ranger, ladies and gentlemen:—The corner-stone of the Foresters’ Temple—a temple, and the designation is appropriate—as you have all heard, has now been well and truly laid. We all know that this great Order of Foresters is designed to promote providence, thrift and prudence. (Applause.) But these important qualities would be dictated by what may be described as the ordinary motives of foresight and good

sense. The Order, however, does more. It recognizes the higher aspects of these qualities and all that they represent and are associated with. Its noble motto, "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord," indicates the lofty aspirations which moved and influenced the founders of the Order, and which I am well assured actuate those in whose worthy hands the present management is entrusted. I desire to congratulate the Supreme Chief Ranger upon this auspicious occasion; I congratulate his colleague, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger of the Order, and the other leading officers of the Foresters, whom we have the pleasure of seeing here to-day. You will pardon me if I go on to say that I think I detected among the many other qualifications of my friend, the Supreme Chief Ranger, a further proof of his fitness for that position by his choice of the material of which this corner-stone is formed. (Hear, hear.) I recognized as soon as the covering was removed that it was of Aberdeenshire granite. (Cheers.) Well, that shows that the Supreme Chief Ranger is what we call in Scotland a "canny man."—(Laughter)—who knew where to go for the right material, and I do not think any true Canadian would complain of the fact that you had to send to Aberdeenshire to make sure of getting exactly what you wanted. (Applause.) There is an old saying in my part of the country:—"Take away Aberdeen and twelve miles around, and where would the world be?" (Laughter and applause.) We can recognize the drift of that saying when we see Aberdeenshire granite placed in such a conspicuous position, and I am sure that under the skill of the architect and the contractors, and those who work with them, it will form a splendid architectural feature among the many others which this city already possesses. Now, I suppose when we saw what was deposited in the tin box placed in the corner-stone we could not help thinking what an interesting thing it would be if we might be present if it should ever happen that that box were to be opened. Whatever effect the lapse of time may have upon any of the structures around us we must recognize that this building will be one of the last to succumb to the ravages of time. (Loud applause.) I am sure, however, we would all like to be present if Macaulay's New Zealander, or any other specimen of the human race, should examine the contents of that box, and it would be especially interesting to observe which one of the newspapers he would read first. (Laughter and applause.) I wish to say that it was a regret to me, and I am sure, also, to some of my friends here, that the Countess of Aberdeen has not been able to be present with us on this occasion. I can assure you that Lady Aberdeen would have been an interested participator in these proceedings, because she claims to be associated with the Scottish branch of the Order of Foresters. (Applause.) She was the president of a provident friendly society for young women, which was afterwards formed into a Court of Foresters, and thus an honorary membership of one of the courts in Scotland was conferred upon her, so that, though not here, Lady Aberdeen cherishes an earnest wish for your

success. (Loud applause.) I now wish to thank you for these valuable tokens which I shall carry away as souvenirs of to-day's proceedings. You will certainly say that I am to be congratulated. Sometimes we think that we do not get enough for our services. (Laughter.) Well, I am afraid you may think that I am unduly well paid for mine to-day, and I can only hope that it will be a stimulus to me to do something to enable me to work off the debt by doing my best in some other way, without pay, to promote the interests of the Order and the public welfare. (Cheers.) This handsome implement of the mason's art will be handed down with great appreciation in my family. The beautiful trowel, I observe, bears an inscription commemorating the occasion, and so does this tastefully designed gavel. I was glad to see when you cheered for the Supreme Chief Ranger that the Foresters are able to appreciate the qualities necessary to enable a man to occupy such a position with distinction and success. (Applause.) It is certainly a high tribute to Dr. Oronhyatekha that he should have been called upon to fill such a position, and it also reflects credit upon the Order that its members have not been slow to detect and recognize in him these qualifications. (Renewed applause.) I have just come from the office of the Order, and I cannot help giving a hearty assent to the allusions made in the address to the efficiency of the staff (hear, hear), nor can anyone be surprised who saw the *personnel* of that staff. (Applause.) I have the privilege of being connected with one of the newest courts of the Order, the founders of which have been good enough to designate it by my name, and I hope I shall always have reason to be proud of being associated with this great international Order. (Great applause.) In conclusion, let me join with you in hoping that the blessing invoked upon this enterprise, from the one ever effectual source of all good, may be abundantly bestowed. (Loud cheers.)

At the conclusion of Lord Aberdeen's address, the formal part of the proceedings was concluded, and a short reception was held, at which a number of those present were introduced to His Excellency. He then entered his carriage with his aide-de-camp, and was driven to his residence, bearing with him several floral emblems which had adorned the stone, and which, by the especial wish of Dr. Oronhyatekha and the other officers, were conveyed to Lady Thompson with the best wishes of the Order. During his departure, the band played the National Anthem, and, at its conclusion, the guard of honor, with sloped arms, returned to their armouries; the members of Court Aberdeen mounted their drags and departed to the merry blowing of horns, and the crowd gradually melted away. Workmen soon commenced removing the platform and stripping the decorations, and the only evidence remaining of the late brilliant scene was the oblong piece of polished Aberdeenshire granite in its setting of brown Canadian stone.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The building, the corner-stone of which was laid on May 30th with such striking cere-

monies, and under such favorable auspices, will be known as "The Foresters' Temple." It will be the finest "headquarters" owned by any fraternal and beneficiary society in the world. In matters of size, design, and finish, it will be unsurpassed by any building in Toronto. It will be an ornament to the city, and a credit, as well as a striking advertisement to the great Order, whose property and home it will be. The building will be "L" shaped, with a frontage of 40 feet on Bay-street, 132 feet on Richmond, with a depth north from Richmond of 108 feet. It will be carried to a height of eight storeys, with a high basement, which will make it, practically, nine storeys high.

The basement will be well lighted and finished, and will contain brokerage and commission offices. The first flat will be suitable for a banking and loan society business. The second, third, and fourth flats will be arranged for suites of professional offices. The fifth and sixth flats will be occupied, throughout, by the staff of the I.O.F., and at the present rate of increase in the Order, probably before the building is finished, a considerable portion of the fourth flat will have to be reserved. The seventh and eighth flats will be fitted up as assembly rooms, with all the necessary adjuncts, and a suite of court and lodge rooms. All the offices will have vault accommodations. The building will be of Credit Valley brown stone and brick, with stone trimmings throughout. It will be absolutely fire-proof—stairways, roof, and every part of the immense structure will be constructed with a view to perfect immunity from fire. The interior will be finished in Canadian hardwoods. The intention of Dr. Oronhyatekha is to have a massive and graceful-looking building, combining in its finish and arrangement, light, convenience, and absolute safety from fire, and all at a reasonable cost. The architect, Bro. George W. Gouinlock, whose sketch was chosen out of ten competitive plans, is a zealous Forester, and an enthusiast in his profession. He is giving personal attention to every detail, and making a study of the requirements of such a building. The ornamentation shows how thoroughly the architect has caught the Forestric idea, and Dr. Oronhyatekha will have in stone, and brick, and iron, an imperishable monument to the principles of "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord," and to the abiding faith of his co-workers and himself in the permanence of Forestry.

The work of construction will be pushed vigorously forward, but Bro. Gouinlock will not sacrifice thoroughness to haste, as he desires, above all things, to give to the I.O.F. a home that will be first-class in every particular, and the equal of the best building of its kind on the continent.

NOTES.

Without a hitch.

Hottest May-day on record.

The amount of advertising the I. O. F. got from the day's doings, made the Chief's heart sing for joy.

Supreme Marshal Collins, in royal Forester's uniform, looked handsomer than ever.

The handsome youths of Court Lord Aberdeen, with their four-in-hands, were the admired of all admirers in the procession.

The guard of honor, made up of the stalwarts of the 48th Highlanders, was magnificent. Capt. Currie was a proud man "yon day."

The High Treasurer of Ontario, the Business Manager of the FORESTER, and Geo. E. Chelles, each in a shining tile, made faultless ushers.

Some one expressed a doubt as to the strength of the platform. Sit perfectly at ease said Architect Gouinlock, the carpenter that built it is underneath, smoking his pipe.

The knowing ones, are one in saying the Temple will be a capital investment. It and the new Civic buildings will be ready about the same time. Already the applications for offices are many.

When the Governor-General, speaking of his visit to the I.O.F. offices, was expressing his pleasure with what he saw, he alluded particularly to the brightness and intelligence of "the lady officers," and truly the lady officers looked quite irresistible as they drove up occupying six carriages.

Building.

We are building every day
In a good or evil way,
And the structure as it grows,
Will our inmost self disclose—

Till in every arch and line
All our faults and failings shine;
It may grow a castle grand,
Or a wreck upon the sand.

Do you ask, what building this,
That can show both pain and bliss,
That can show both dark and fair?
Lo! its name is character.

Build it well, whate'er you do;
Build it straight; and strong, and true,
Build it clean and high and broad;
Build it for the eye of God.

When you are tempted to give up your certificate, first consider your action from the standpoint of your family, who are to be the beneficiaries. If you think it would be immaterial to them to be forced into a servile condition on your death, go ahead and lapse. But be sure you are right before so doing. You may rue your action a little later on and may ask to be reinstated. Are you aware that then your physical condition may bar you from securing another certificate? Before taking weighty steps always take weighty counsel, and the best counsellor we ever heard of is your wife.—*Ex.*

If no drunkard can go to heaven, what is to become of the drunkard-maker?

OF AGE.

THE 21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE I.O.F. CELEBRATED AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK, ON
JUNE 16th AND 17th.

Large and Happy Gathering.—An Impressive Sunday Service.—Great
Gatherings on the Order's Birthday.

5,000 TO 6,000 PRESENT AT FORESTERS' ISLAND.

Presentations to Mrs. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief, and the founder,
Col. Caldwell.

June 16th and 17th were days to be remembered. The occasion was auspicious, being the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Order. The weather was ideal, bright, and breezy, with all the fragrance and beauty of June. The scene is the peer of any we know in the picturesque extent of Canada. The welcome had in it the warmth of friendship, with its agreeable complement of gracious and generous hospitality. The company was large, appreciative, and as such could not help being agreeable. From the hour when the first one arrived, Saturday noon, till the last one left, Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Oronhyatekha, the Mistress of the beautiful Island, was unwearied in her attentions to the comfort of her many guests. No matter how many came, there appeared to be always room for one more. Pavilion, dining-hall, "wigwam," cottage, log-cabin, booth, etc., each had its complement of guests, and every guest declared that the arrangements were just lovely. Some extra touches have been given to the buildings and grounds since last season, and the whole surroundings are as complete as one could wish. A large number of ornamental trees have been set out, additional paths have been made, and the facilities for rest and pleasure are unsurpassed.

The members of the Executive, the office staff, with a number of distinguished visitors from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and New York left Toronto Saturday morning. Col. Caldwell and others followed in the afternoon, and the number was still further increased on the arrival of the night train. It took but a little while to get domiciled, and not a very long while to get acquainted.

The quiet beauty of Sunday morning was enjoyed by every one. The busy town of Deseronto, with its many industries, was still. With the exception of a stray skiff now and then, the beautiful bay was deserted. The healthful, invigorating calm of the day of rest was everywhere, and none but felt that a day devoid of toil was a Divine institution, having its warrant in both the physical and spiritual needs of man. The advocates of a secularized Sunday were not heard on the Island—they were not there. A morning hour was devoted to a service of song-praise in the Pavilion, in which all joined heartily. Early

in the afternoon people began to assemble for the anniversary service of the Order. About three in the afternoon the *Ella Ross* brought 100 members of Court Deseronto, and several hundreds of their friends.

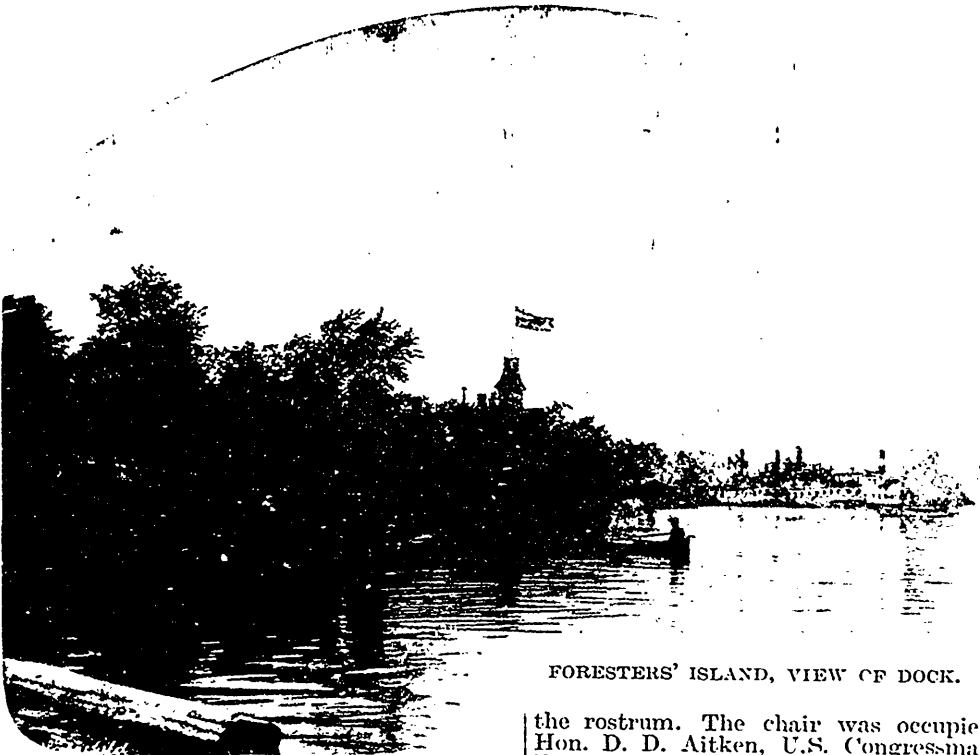
THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

was conducted by Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, of Toronto, Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, and a former High Chaplain, who preached in the pavilion to an immense congregation, more than 1,500 people being present, all of whom listened with the greatest attention to an earnest and able address. The text was founded on the 12th verse of the CXXVI. Psalm. In the course of the sermon the preacher pointed out how God's care was constant, and for all time, and covered all the cares and anxieties of life. Such fatherly loving care called for profound gratitude on the part of every member of the human family, and a loyal determination to illustrate in lives of reverent obedience the great principles of justice, mercy, liberty, benevolence and concord. The sermon was the subject of many favorable comments from those who heard it.

A unique feature of the service was the singing by a Mohawk choir, under the leadership of Miss Oronhyatekha, of a number of well-known hymns in the Mohawk language, those whose tongues were not yet acclimated sang the hymns in English. The following is one of the hymns sung in Mohawk and English:—

TEYERIHWAHKWATHA 15. C.M.
Turner.

- 1 Jad kah thoh ji ni shon gwa wi,
Ne n'yon gwe ti yo se:
Ne ya ga we ryah si yo se
Ska ni gon rat i genh!
- 2 Te yon da be no ronh kwa se
Ke ris tos sha go wih
Ji tyoh na wa deht ne yoh skats
Wa don hets he ri yo.
- 3 Ka ya ne ren ka ronh yah geh
Ne sa ne ra honts ha
Enh sa de tenh sten eh non ga
Ne jit kon di tye se.



FORESTERS' ISLAND, VIEW OF DOCK.

HYMN 15. C.M.
Turner.

- 1 Lo, what an entertaining sight,
Those friendly brethren prove,
Whose cheerful hearts in bands unite
Of harmony and love!
- 2 What streams of bliss from Christ the
spring
Descend on every soul;
And heavenly peace with balmy wing
Shades and revives the whole.
- 3 'Tis pleasant as the morning dews
That fall on Zion's hill,
Where God His mildest glory shows,
And makes His grace distil.

Monday witnessed the arrival of many more excursionists, amongst whom were large contingents from New York State and Michigan, the steamer Empire State bringing a large number from Watertown, N.Y. This latter party brought with them the splendid band of the 39th Separate Company of Watertown, dressed in their fine uniform. The Mohawk, Deseronto, and Picton bands were also present, and each added greatly to the day's enjoyment. The forenoon and part of the afternoon were entirely devoted to pleasure, everyone seemingly being bent on making the most of the excellent facilities afforded them for enjoyment.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At 3 p.m. an immense public meeting was held, the spacious band-stand being used as

the rostrum. The chair was occupied by Hon. D. D. Aitken, U.S. Congressman, of Flint, Mich., S.V.C.R., and among those on the platform were Dr. Oronhyatekha, Mrs. and Miss Oronhyatekha, H. A. Collins, H.C.R., Ontario; Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R.; John A. McGillivray, Q.C., S.S.; Dr. Millman, S.P.; T. G. Davey, S.T.; Atwell Fleming, H.T.; Dr. Clark, P.H.P.; L. T. Barclay, P.H.C.; A. R. Milne, P.H.C.R.; Col. Long, H.V.C.R., Ill.; Col. Parker, H.C.R., Wisconsin; W. E. A. Faichney, H.C.R., New York; C. R. Fitzgerald, H.S., New York; W. F. W. Carstairs, D.S.C.R., New York; J. S. R. McCann, H.A., Kingston; D. Rose, D.S.C.R.; Dan. A. Rose, D.S.C.R.; Col. Cadwell, Syracuse, P.H.C.R., member of the Order; Wm. Green, D.S.C.R., Ontario; K. Murdoch, G.D.H.C.R.; A. P. Parker, of the Lodge Record, Watertown, N.Y.; Wm. Green, D.S.C.R., Toronto; S. H. Johnston, P.H.C.R., N. Y.; Thos. Lawless, S.A., Toronto; B. W. Greer, S.H., London; M. W. Drennan, ex-Mayor of Kingston; Alex. Henry, ex-Mayor of Napanee; James Stokes, Deseronto; J. Parker, St. Thomas; Judge Lazier, Belleville; Robert Matheson, S.J. Sec. Superintendent Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville; Rev. Mr. Stratton, Selby; Dr. Mallory, Campbellford; E. S. Cummer, P.S.S.; George Brown, Chas. Stone, Jas. Gilmour, A. E. Stevenson, D.S.C.R., Chicago, United States agent of the Order; C. C. Whale, High Inspector for Ontario; Geo. Challes, D.S.C.R.; G. R. Lancefield, and many others.

Telegrams of congratulations and of regret for inability to attend were received from the following gentlemen:—Bros. Murphy Townsend, and Sine, Portland, Oregon; D. E. Sweet, Watertown, N.Y.; Peter Strathearn

P.H.C.R., Quebec; Colin McArthur, P.H.C., Quebec; Oliver Cruise, H.S., Seattle, Washington; W. H. Perry, H.S., Los Angeles, Cal.; Perry Perkins, H.S., Des Moines, Iowa; T. J. Legg, P.H.C.R., Indiana; and congratulatory cables from James Marshall, general



COL. ALONZO B. CALDWELL, P.S.C.R.
FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

manager for Great Britain; and Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Belfast, Ireland.

A letter was also received from W. H. Perry, High Secretary of California, in which it was stated that during the month which has elapsed since the visit of Dr. Oronhyatekha to California, the membership has increased by more than 400. At the meetings of only three lodges in Los Angeles held last week, Mr. Perry had assisted at the initiation of more than 100 members, and this phenomenal increase was likely to continue for some time.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Hon. D. D. Aitken, M.C., said the Independent Order of Foresters was, like most good things, an American institution, having been founded at Newark, New Jersey, on June 17th, 1874. He was happy to say that in his own State of Michigan, Forestry is now in the front rank of beneficiary orders. From information received from other High Courts, and from his own personal knowledge, he was pleased to say that peace reigned within all their borders, and perfect satisfaction was everywhere expressed with the Supreme Chief Ranger and his colleagues. Forestry might be called an infant in the United States, but it was bound to grow and become a great and powerful force for good, because of the solid foundations on which the Order was built. (Applause). It was no discredit to the founder of the Order, Col. Caldwell, whom all rejoiced to see present, to say that the real

progress of the Order dated from the time that the present leader, Dr. Oronhyatekha, became chief officer. (Renewed applause). The first seven years of the Order showed that it had great prosperity so far as rapid growth was concerned, but other things were necessary to continued life and prosperity of every beneficiary Order, one of the most essential being the proper selection of members, and the submission of all applicants to a searching medical examination. That those conditions were not always observed in the early days of the Order, was shown by the high death-rate which then prevailed, all of which, he rejoiced to say, had been completely changed. There were present, of course, in the earlier days of the Order, other conditions which need not be specially mentioned, but which at one time threatened the very existence of their beloved Order; but just as the Order was nearing a most critical period, the then members secured the services of a man of a different nationality from themselves, their present Supreme Chief Ranger, who, by his admitted ability and forethought as a leader, turned the tide, until to-day the Order is second to none on the American continent. (Great applause.) The Chairman then called upon the Supreme Secretary to make a presentation.

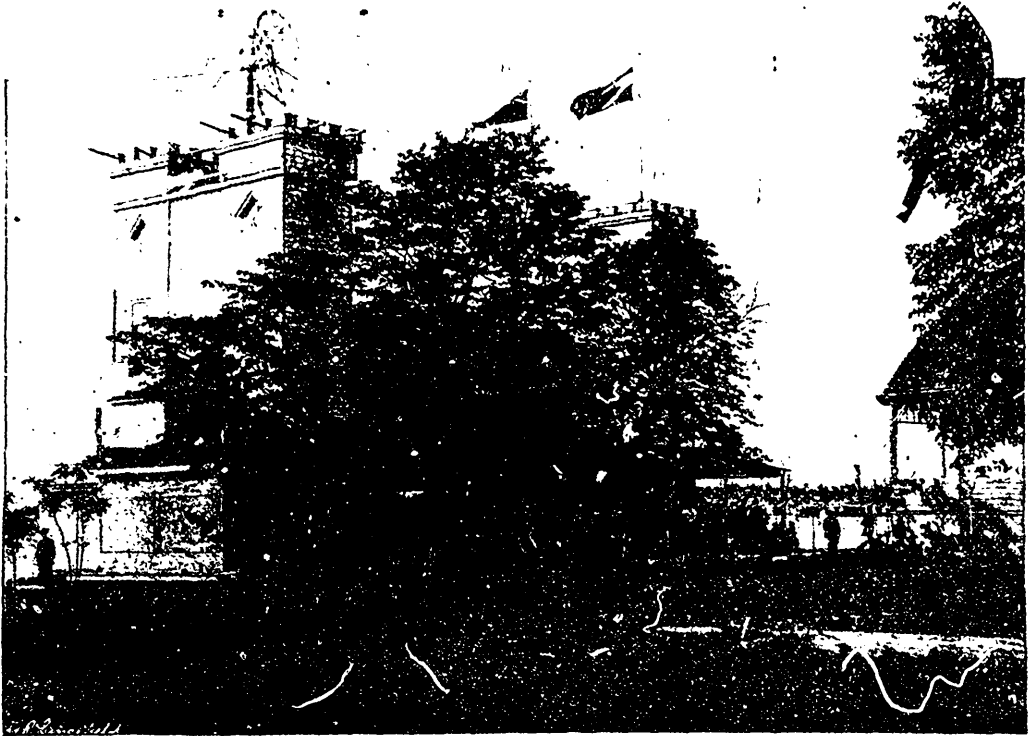
PRESENTATION TO MRS. ORONHYATEKHA.

He then introduced Bro. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, who in a very brief



H. A. COLLINS, H.C.R., ONTARIO.

but happily-phrased speech, presented Mrs. Oronhyatekha with a magnificent china dinner service of one hundred and forty pieces, and an address, beautifully illuminated, and signed by more than seventy representative members of the Order. The address was as follows:



THE PAVILION—FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

"To Mrs. Oronhyatekha, Foresters' Island Park.

"DEAR MADAM,—On two occasions during last summer, many of us enjoyed the pleasure of visiting your island home, and enjoying your gracious hospitality. About twelve months ago we took part in the formal opening of this beautiful park, and saw it dedicated to Forestric gatherings and innocent recreations. Again, on August 15th and 16th, we assembled to rejoice with your noble husband and his colleagues of the Executive on the fact that the reserve of the I.O.F. had reached and passed the "million dollar" mark.

"The pleasantest recollections that we carried away with us, and that are still green in our memory, are of your cordial and abounding hospitality—a hospitality that was as enjoyable as your welcome was kindly.

"To-day we desire to make grateful mention of the many kindnesses we received at the hands of Miss Oronhyatekha, the doctor, and yourself, and we ask that you accept as a souvenir of those delightful visits this dinner set.

"Rest assured, dear madam, that it is the earnest wish of your thousands of friends, who esteem you for your own and your husband's worth, that you and yours may enjoy for many long years to come the delights of

this charming home, the loving regard of an ever-widening circle of friends, and the choicest of heaven's blessings."

Then followed the signatures.

Miss Oronhyatekha was also presented on behalf of the Order, with a magnificent set of gold enamelled sleeve links and buttons.

FOR THEIR LEADER.

Mr. H. A. Collins, High Chief Ranger of Ontario, was then called upon. Ontario's first officer was received with marked cordiality. With ready eloquence he outlined the work done by the Provincial High Court, and spoke of its splendid progress and unswerving loyalty to the Order and its Supreme officers. He believed that the future of the Order would show still more remarkable progress than even the marvellous record of the past. (Applause). In the Order, all the too frequent and irritating dividing lines of race, of creed, and of party were obliterated, and the members simply thought of doing good, and of that alone. In Ontario, the I.O.F. was in the van, leading the procession. He expected to meet the High Court in October with 30,000 members. (Applause.) On behalf of the High Court of Ontario, after paying an eloquent and well-merited tribute to their leader, "the Chief," he presented Dr. Oronhyatekha with the following address, which was superbly illuminated, and bound in handsome Russia leather:—



GROUP OF SOME OF THOSE PRESENT AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

'Dr. Orshyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger.'

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On behalf of the High Court of Ontario, the mother High Court of our beloved Order, we desire on the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the Order, to extend to you our hearty congratulations on your being privileged to see the Order attain its majority under circumstances that speak so favorably of the soundness of the principles and the value of the benefits of the I.O.F., as well as of the efficient management that has characterized the administration of its affairs, especially since you became the chief Executive officer. Its present strength and popularity are the best auguries of continued prosperity.



L. T. BARCLAY., P.H.C.

"It is hardly necessary to assure you that

the High Court jurisdiction of Ontario, whose High Chief Ranger you were for four consecutive years, entertains for you personally the warmest regard and affection, and reposes in your executive and administrative ability the fullest confidence. We acknowledge that to your wisdom and devotion the Order owes in a large measure its phenomenal prosperity.

"We are sure that we voice not only the hope and prayers of all the memberships in Ontario, but also of all members wherever Independent Forestry is known, when we say 'Long may you be spared as Supreme Chief Ranger, to direct the affairs of the Order, and to safeguard the interests of the women and children in tens of thousands of homes.'

"We beg to assure you of our appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to us, on this and former occasions, by your family and yourself at your beautiful island home.

"We trust that you may be spared to witness the jubilee of the Order, and that the years as they come and go may bring you health, prosperity, and happiness, and will witness the ever-widening influence of the Order, that you have made great, and that we all love.

"H. A. COLLINS, H.C.R.

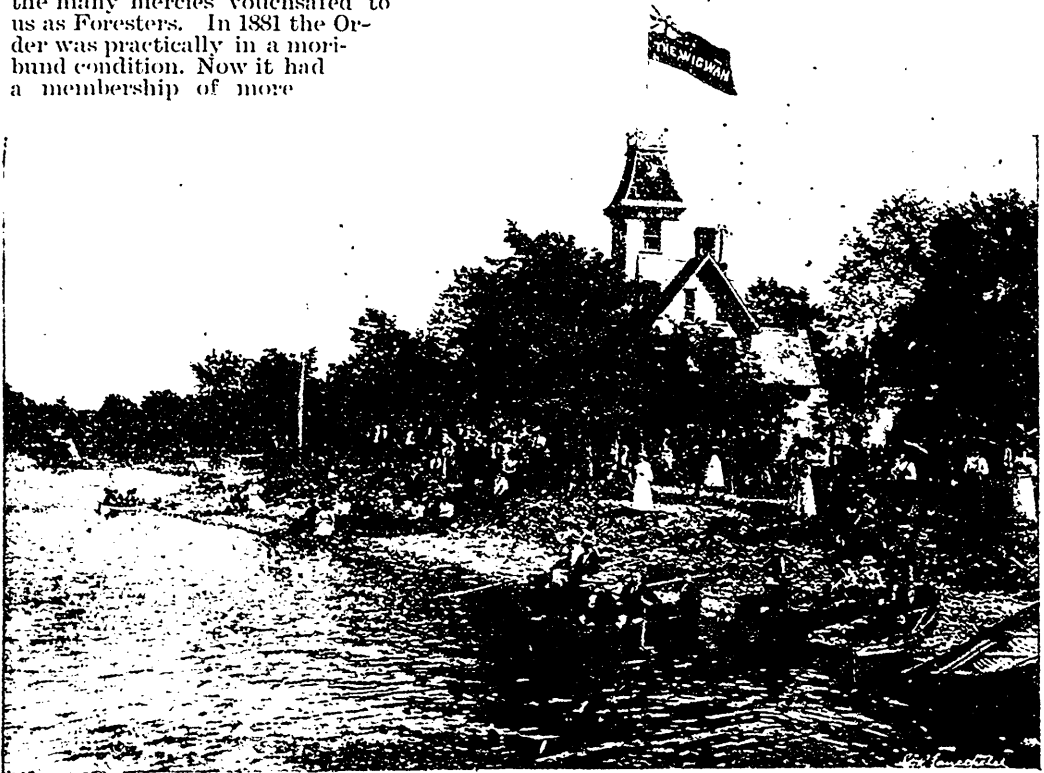
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 "REV. R. MCNAIR, H.V.C.R.
 "JAS. B. HALKETT, H.S.
 "ATWELL FLEMING, H.T.
 "A. H. BACKUS, H. C.
 "J. S. TENNANT, M.D., H.S.P."

The reading of the address was received with great applause.

THE CHIEF'S REPLY.

On rising to reply, Dr. Oronhyatekha was vociferously cheered. On behalf of Mrs. and Miss Oronhyatekha he desired to express the great gratitude they felt at receiving such very handsome and valuable presents. The courtesies which were referred to in the address and by Bro. McGillivray had been to his wife and daughter pure labors of love, and had given to each of them, perhaps, more enjoyment than to their friends. These very beautiful presents would be cherished as long as life lasted, for the very pleasant and happy associations connected with their presentation. It was more difficult to speak of the address presented to himself, because he felt that sometimes too much might be made of men who simply did their duty, and he also felt that the able and loyal colleagues with whom he was fortunately associated had done nobly in the work of placing the order where it now stood. (Applause.) When looking back on the remarkable progress made by our great and beloved Order, one could not but be filled with gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the many mercies vouchsafed to us as Foresters. In 1881 the Order was practically in a moribund condition. Now it had a membership of more

than 80,000, and in the month of May just closed the Supreme Physician reports that he received over 4,000 applications for membership. (Applause.) The monthly increase in actual membership was steadily rising. In 1881 the order was \$4,000 in debt. At the present moment every Forester felt himself to be a millionaire--(laughter)--for the accumulated funds of the order exceeded one million three hundred and seventeen thousand dollars--(applause)--which was the absolute property of the members, and held exclusively for their benefit. The revenue of the order from all sources was between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per month, and the good which was being done daily in aiding and comforting the afflicted and sorrowing ones was beyond all human power to calculate. The improved condition of the Order and the exceeding great care displayed in the selection of members could not be put to a more crucial test than that of the death-rate we have lately been experiencing. In 1880 the death-rate was more than 10 per 1,000, but this had fallen to 6.40 per 1,000 in 1891, and in 1892 to 6.25 per 1,000. But notwithstanding that these figures were very low, yet in 1893 the rate was still lower, having dropped down to 5.47 per 1,000, when it was considered impossible to have a further reduction, for these figures were far below the experience of all other societies and companies of the



SCENE ON FORESTERS' ISLAND.

same age as the I.O.F., and this, too, during a period when the general death-rate had shown a tendency to increase. But the figures for 1894 were much more gratifying and satisfactory, for the death-rate went down to the unprecedentedly low figures of 5.29 per 1,000 (applause) a rate which showed that the medical examinations of the applicants for admission to the Order were conducted with extraordinary care and precision. It would be quite understood that if this rate of reduction in the number of deaths continued year after year the time seemed near at hand when the members would refuse to die at all, but live to enjoy the immense reserve fund,

was making rapid headway. The people had confidence in its principles and administration, and the members in his state were working unitedly and energetically for Independent Forestry.

Col. Long, High Vice-Chief Ranger of Illinois, who is recognized as one of the most gifted orators of the United States platform, followed with a brief speech. He, too, had had experience of the head of the Order in temperance work, and found the same ability and success characterized him in that great reform. He was happy to be associated with him in the work of the I.O.F., an institution that was doing a glorious work in promoting



NORTH SHORE, FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

which the Order is accumulating. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. W. E. A. Faichney, High Chief Ranger, New York, spoke briefly of the progress of the Order in his State, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to work with his Canadian brethren in the noble cause of Forestry.

Col. Parker, High Chief Ranger, of Wisconsin, widely and popularly known as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I.O.G.T., of the world, spoke of his long and pleasant association with the Chief in temperance work. Though a busy man he accepted office in the I.O.F. because of his friendship for and confidence in the leader of the Order. (Applause.) He was happy to say that in Wisconsin the Order

fraternity, developing thrift, and averting want.

PRESENTATION TO COL. CALDWELL, FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

The Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, who was enthusiastically received, then presented the following address, also illuminated and superbly bound, to Col. A. B. Caldwell, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, and founder of the Order:—

“Dear Sir and Brother,—Twenty-one years ago to-day your desire to found a fraternal and beneficiary Order of Foresters, suited to the needs and genius of this continent, found effect in the institution of the most worthy High Court of the Independent Order of For-



GROUP OF PROMINENT FORESTERS AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

esters. The success that has waited on the Order is proof, not only of the sagacity and energy of the promoters, but also of the soundness of the principles that underlie the Order, and its adaptability to the needs of a large and important class of the community.



COL. LONG, D.S.C.R.

To-day, on behalf of a membership of 80,000 Foresters, who regard you with pride and affection as their father in Independent Forestry, we extend to you our hearty congratulations on being privileged to participate in this auspicious anniversary, and to see the infant whose cradle you rocked, and whose childish steps

you guided, attain its majority, under circumstances that speak of a prosperous past, and that bespeak a yet more glorious future.

"We thank you for giving us so goodly an institution, and aiding us in its advancement and development by your wise counsel and mature experience.

"We welcome you within the bounds of the jurisdiction of the Mother High Court of the Order. The enthusiasm with which you are

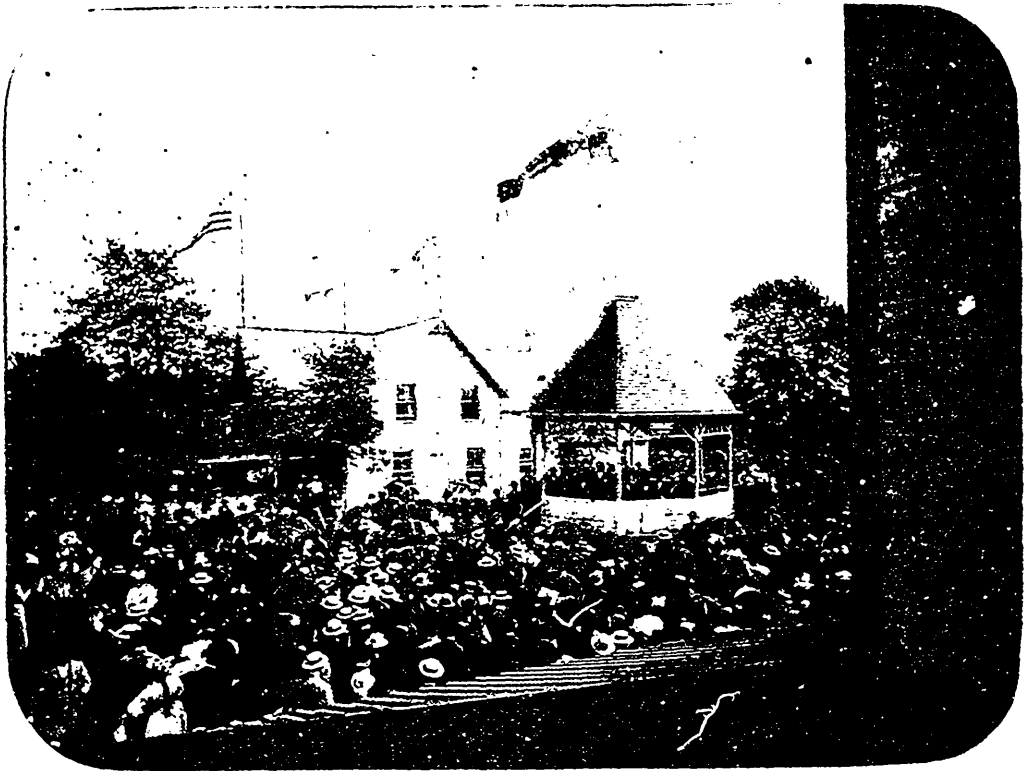
received by your Canadian brethren is to you a proof, if proof were needed, of the warmth of their affections, and the thoroughly cosmopolitan character of our great and noble Order. We rejoice to note that, notwithstanding your all but three-score years and ten, you show so much of the vigour and activity of youth. Be assured that our united prayer, and the prayer of the thousands for whom we speak, is that you may for many years to come, enjoy health and prosperity, and the happiness that springs from the affections of devoted friends and the consciousness of a great work attempted and accomplished."

The address was signed by the members of the Supreme Executive.

Col. Caldwell replied in an eloquent speech, full of reminiscences of the early days of the Order, and depicting Forestry in glowing colors in impact of its future.

COST OF MANAGEMENT.

The Chairman then, on behalf of the Supreme Executive, presented Dr. Oronhya tekha with a silver trowel and mallet as a memento of the laying of the foundation stone of the Foresters' temple. These two articles are exactly like those presented to Lord Aberdeen on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the building, but with an inscription setting forth the circumstances under which the presentation was made.



DR. ORONHYATEKHA ADDRESSING THE ASSEMBLAGE AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

In replying, Dr. Oronhyatekha, after gratefully acknowledging the kindness of his brethren, manifested in so many different ways, said among other things it was charged against the Order that the management was following the same plan as that of the old insurance companies. He regarded such a charge as a great compliment to the Order. The insurance companies of Canada were managed with as



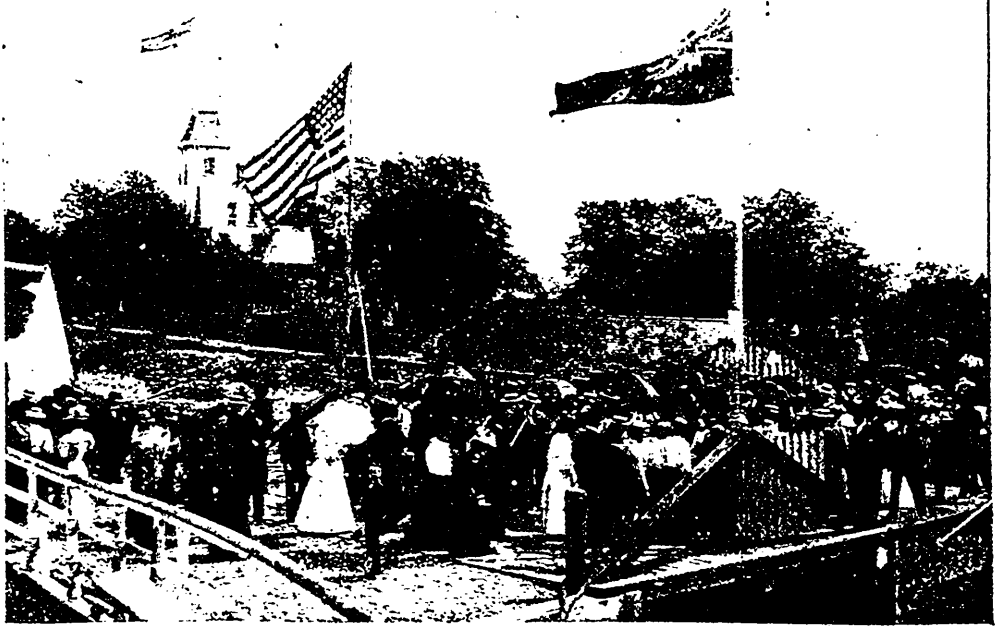
JAS. STOKES, D.S.C.R.

to the men at the head of the concerns, but to the fundamental differences in the systems of carrying on the business. A comparison of the amount of expenditure in securing new members by the insurance companies and the Order they all were so proud of would show how favorably the Order stood. From the returns made to the Superintendent of In-

assurance it appeared that the Sun Life had expended in management expenses an average of \$64 for each new insurer secured during the past five years, whilst the Ontario Mutual, a concern conducted nominally on the lines of the Independent Foresters, spent \$57 for each member added to its roll in the same period. The North American, one of the most efficiently managed offices, with an able manager, spent \$65 for each new insurer accepted by that company; the Confederation spent \$95, and the Canada Life \$171, in the past five years, as against an average expenditure of \$5 during the same period for each new member added to the membership roll of the Independent Foresters. The reason the cost was so low in the Order was that in each of the more than 2,000 lodges scattered all over the land men were at work bringing in new members without the expenditure of a cent on the part of the Supreme Court. On the contrary, the members paid to be allowed to work for the Order, and in that way the expenditure was as low as it is, and would continue low for all time to come. (Loud cheers.)

The proceedings closed with cheers for the Queen and the President of the United States.

In the evening, one of the best and most enjoyable concerts given by Jubilee singers was given by Thomas' Jubilee Singers in the Pavilion. By the time the concert was over, the Island was ablaze with hundreds of Chin-



VIEW AT THE WHARF FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

ese and other lamps, which gave an enchanting view to the place while the fireworks

"wee sma' hours." There was not a hitch nor an accident to mar this the 21st anniversary of the Order at Foresters' Island Park.



REV. ALEX. MACGILLIVRAY, P.H.C.R.

were in progress, after which dancing began in the Pavilion, and was kept up till the

NOTES.

The spirit of agreeableness seemed present with everyone.

The voice of the grumbler and fault-finder was notably absent.

I hope this will be an annual affair, was the opinion of more than one of the "fair lady officers."

"Will the Order soon be of age again?" asked a fair young maiden. "This is so perfectly lovely, that it cannot come too often."

As an hostess, my lady Oronhyatekha left nothing to be desired. Her bright smile and hearty greeting will be a pleasant memory to many.

Like a patriarch among his people, was the Chief among his thousands of friends and admirers. The dignity of a high position becomes him well. Gracious without condescension and cordial without familiarity, he never disappoints his most critical friend.

It is easier to issue a warrant than to execute it. So found the Island Constabulary. The prisoner is still at large. Lawyers for and against are still loaded for bear. The verdict is unpronounced, and the legal curio of the versatile Caldwell did not find the occasion it was to adorn.

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When a member joins a court by card.

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How do you like our new dress?

For this number we have an issue of 100,000.

For May, applications were 4043, beating the best record of any former month by hundreds.

A large amount of news from New York and other jurisdictions is crowded out - will appear in next issue.

Returns for June are not in yet. If promises are all fulfilled, it will be better than May.

A slight gain on last year and we will close the Forestric year upon which we have just entered with 100,000 members. It will be done.

At the beginning of the year we said, "Let us have 75,000 members by the 30th June." We find the membership is 5,000 more than we were asking for. We are astonished at our moderation.

It is claimed that each day we live we may, if we like, make some life happier and brighter. With 365 days in the year, and a good many years behind you, you could have made happy a good many. What have you done?

Hats off to Quebec. For the second time during the year, this jurisdiction led all others. For May, Bro. Victor Morin and his hosts were on top with 617 applications, leading Ontario with a margin of 33. Well done Quebec.

One's opportunity is the measure of one's responsibility. Opportunities are sent us. We are not responsible for the number of them. We are only responsible for the way we improve them. That is about responsibility enough.

All cannot be prominent. All may be useful. Henry Clay would rather be right than be President. No one need be wrong; that is, morally wrong. The highest success is in doing conscientiously one's part. How well things would be, did everyone do this.

Delays are dangerous. What you would do, do now, to-morrow is not yours. Inten-

tion without effort is no more substantial than a shadow. To intend to do, and then to fail to put forth an effort, is worse than useless; it leaves the moral fibre of your nature weaker than before. **

California is reaping the benefits of the Chief's visit. The Golden State is fourth with applications for May. It shows up well with 363 accepted. The ball is to be kept rolling. **

Michigan, with 321 accepted applications, stands fifth for the month. A good showing, but one that will be improved on next month. If the reports that reach us turn out well-founded, Michigan may be second for June, if not first. **

The year is closed. Did you bring in your member? Did you try to bring one in? We brought ours in early in the season. To show that it could be done again, we went out and captured another, had him examined, accepted, attached and policed inside of 24 hours. We are entitled to wear two honor badges. **

The individual share of each member in the surplus has been steadily increasing for the last ten years, and is now \$6.00 greater than it was five years ago. Does anyone remember hearing any able actuary or an insurance expert saying some time ago that "the surplus had ceased to grow, and would forthwith begin to diminish." **

Our greetings to Patriarch Caldwell, Chief Ranger Faichney, High Secretary Charlie Fitzgerald, and the fighting legion of New York, on the excellent showing for May. 402 accepted applications, places the Empire State third among the twenty-seven High Courts of the Order. The smile of the High Secretary is not losing any of its geniality. **

We will be glad when the regalia worn by Foresters, will be one and the same everywhere. The variety one sees in a parade is startling. The time has come to give a little more attention to externals. Very often in the march the line is not the straightest thing on earth. A little practice in advance of a church parade or any public function would improve appearance wonderfully. **

Kind words like these, from a New York Correspondent, "do us proud."

"I consider THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER a valuable exponent of the Order. It is the best journal of any Order, and is prepared and printed in a careful manner, and the

members of Court Brooklyn City, No. 1697, wish that every member of the I.O.F. would read THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER to their own interest." **

Prizes won in the recent competition, will not be distributed till September. The returns will not all be in till near the end of July. The absence of the members of the Executive, in London, attending the meeting of the Supreme Court, will necessitate some delay. But every one who has won a prize in the recent competition, may rest assured that the prize will be received by him. **

You speak of this great Order to which we belong. What have you done to make it great. How are you busy just now, making it greater? There are several ways. First, be greater yourself. Help others who are in to attain in the same direction. Bring others in. If it is a good Order for you, and has helped you, as a benevolent man you will want to extend its benevolence and help to others. **

The Queen City of the Dominion was in the possession of the Foresters on the 30th of May, when the Governor-General laid the cornerstone of the Foresters' Temple. Foresters were everywhere, and their colors could be seen on every street. The completeness of the arrangements, and the success of the whole proceedings in connection with the placing of the block of Aberdeen granite, was remarked by many not in any way connected with the Order. **

We expect that something of a re-action will manifest itself in July and August, after the special efforts of May and June. The workers are certainly entitled to a holiday. Many of those active in the work of the Order will be absent, attending the meeting of the Supreme Court, the greater part of both months. Notwithstanding all this, we hope that courts will keep at the good work. There are only twelve months in the year, and we cannot afford to let the work stand over for one month, nor even a week. At it every day should be the rule.

The Independent Forester.

As we enter upon our 16th year, and begin a new volume, we may be permitted to say a word about ourselves. We are about to greet our readers in a new dress, that our publishers, The Hunter, Rose Co., Ltd., assure us is quite becoming, and in which we

look more attractive than ever. We trust that not only in appearance, but also in matter and manner, we show an improvement.

The type is the manufacture of the well-known type-founding firm of Miller & Richard, of Edinburgh, and is cast from their celebrated extra-hard Scotch metal. This type has a world-wide reputation for its lasting qualities and handsome face.

We remember a contemporary that came out one morning renewed in outward garb, and of whom a cynical critic said that all that was needed was "a change of heart." Our heart has always been in the right place, our enemies even being judges, and beating true to the interests of the Independent Order of Foresters.

For the favors shown us at the hands of our rapidly-increasing constituency of readers we are grateful. Many kind words have reached us that made us glad, that told us we were not laboring in vain, and that still encourage us to labor on. If a word reached us that was not intended to make us glad, we tried to be becomingly humbled by it, and as soon as possible forgot it. We have studied to give news concerning the Order that we love, and that through love we tried to serve. When a brother in a far-off jurisdiction complains of our columns containing little concerning his corner of the world, he should kindly remember that we publish such news as we receive, due regard being given to the space at our disposal, and to the comparative importance of the news in our possession.

It is as true of the editorial sanctum as of the brickyard, that "bricks cannot be made without straw." Sometimes we condense. We would certainly prefer if our correspondents would condense the news themselves, and sometimes, alas, we establish communications with the waste basket. But with malice towards none, and charity towards all, seeking, according to our light, to discharge duty as we understand duty, we have striven in the past, and shall continue to strive, to give a clean, readable organ.

Our hope is to write so that our words may

be helpful; our grief will be if any wound is made by a word of ours.

Counting on your sympathetic co-operation, we give you No. 1 of Volume XVI., and our aim shall be that each number shall be better than the one preceding, and our hope for you, kind reader, is that each day may bring you a yet fuller measure of the good things of this life, and a surer hope of the better things of the life that lies beyond.

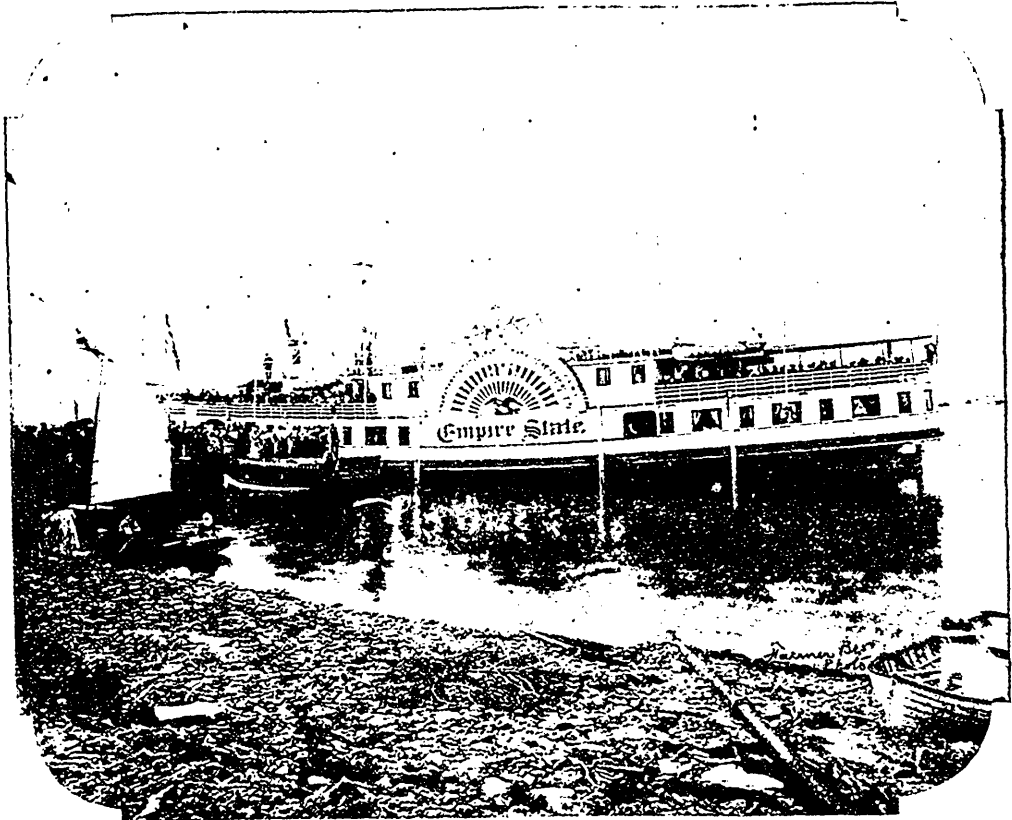
Thanksgiving.

We are pleased to learn from every quarter that the 16th of June was all but universally observed by the subordinate courts of the Order as a day of public thanksgiving to the Almighty for His many mercies to the Order as a whole, and to the members as individuals. There are, of course, instances where courts hold their anniversary services on a day other than that officially announced. Local circumstances often determine the particular date that the court chooses for its annual service. The first end to be gained is to have a special service in connection with the Order wherever established, and then to have the service attended by as many members as possible, and lastly to have it, as far as practicable, on the same day. The public judge individuals and societies by the life, rather than by the creed. Whether a man is desirable as an associate or not is determined by the man's conduct.

Character is seen in action. The public usually estimate pretty correctly the true nature of those who come before them.

The Independent Order of Foresters has of late years made remarkable progress in popular confidence and favor, not only by reason of the sound principles underlying the Order, and the many benefits it confers, but also on account of the moral and religious character of its membership as a body. People are not slow to observe the moral conviction and regard for the Divine favor that are implied in devout and reverent attendance in the house of God. It has been frequently remarked that on no occasion do the members appear to equal advantage as when attending some place of worship as a body.

Experience for some years back shows that during no month in the year are there so many applications for membership received as in June, the month in which the annual service of the Order is held. We take it as an indication of deepening interest in the



THE EMPIRE STATE, AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

welfare of the Order, as well as of a growing regard for what is both proper and profitable that the attendance at church by the members on the Sunday that the Court decides to attend as a body, is improving year by year, and that this year it was better than ever before. In many instances we learn that every member was present, or else had his absence satisfactorily explained. This is highly commendable. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and we rejoice to know that Independent Foresters are as quick to acknowledge the goodness of the Almighty as they are zealous in their efforts to advance the interests of the Order. Let it always be said of our membership that they are God-fearing men.

In many of the large centres where there are two or more courts, the courts united, making a most impressive appearance, and in many instances a neat programme of the service was specially prepared. That by the subordinate courts and encampments of Royal Foresters in St. John, N.B., was particularly attractive.

Of Legal Age.

Infancy, childhood, and youth are now behind. The Order attained its majority on the 17th of June, and in legal phraseology is henceforth "entitled to self-government." That the I.O.F. does credit to its age is evident to any observer. Like Saul among the Israelites it stands head and shoulders above kindred organizations. In the race for popular favor it has outstripped all competitors, and leads by no inconsiderable distance all rivals in the country where it has its home, and is reaching out towards a more prominent place than that which it now enjoys in the United States and Great Britain. What greatness and success the future has in store for it is somewhat difficult of estimation, but taking past years as an indication it will be one of great prosperity and influence, increasing in greater ratio as the years go on.

The "Coming of Age" celebration, a full account of which is given in our columns, was in every way worthy of the Order. We should rather say celebrations, for Quebec

Michigan and other places, had immense gatherings to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Order. Some of the notable features that members regard with lively satisfaction are the rapid growth of the surplus, that has increased more in the past 12 months than in any equal period of our history.

The proportion of the surplus per member, is to-day greater than ever before, and fully \$6.00 more than it was five years ago. The death-rate is lower than it has been in the last half dozen years, and the increase in membership surpasses that gained in any former 12 months.

Those who are in touch with the membership have no hesitation in declaring that harmony and confidence exist more than ever, and that the feeling of the rank and file towards those who administer the affairs of the Order is one of the greatest confidence and esteem. Long tenure of office on the part of the Principal Executive Officers has only increased their zeal for the extension of the Order, and vigilance in guarding the interests committed to them. It is quite within the mark to say that at no period since he was intrusted with the administration of the affairs of the I.O.F., did the Supreme Chief Ranger command as fully as he does at the present time the confidence of those whom he has served with such great ability, and at no time did he labor more zealously to justify their high regard. Indeed, it is within our personal knowledge, that of late his colleagues have had to insist, on more than one occasion, that he should cease from constantly overtaxing his strength, for there is a limit even to his great strength and capacity for constant work.

The proceedings at Foresters' Island Park on the 17th of June, were indicative of all that we have said. The address from the High Court of Ontario, and the presentation of the beautiful mementoes of the laying of the corner-stone of the Temple by the Executive, and the spontaneous enthusiasm of the thousands present, showed a degree of public favor of which any leader might be proud.

Now that the Order has passed the experimental stage, and that by a considerable distance; and now that adverse criticism has grown less frequent, and lost what evil effect it might once have possessed, it may be reasonably expected that the Order will go on increasing more rapidly than ever before, and that the work of extending it may be done at less cost.

Members are now seeking admission, where they formerly had to be solicited. Grateful for the past, and thankful for the divine goodness that has led and directed the Order, let the members go forward to still further exemplify the principles of Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

Bon Voyage, Brethren.

On the 20th inst. the members of the Supreme Executive, and the representatives to the Supreme Court will sail from Philadelphia on the good ship *Kensington*. Many of the members will be accompanied by their wives. A number of friends other than representatives will be in the party, so that altogether a large, select and happy party will cross the Atlantic together. To many of us who abide on shore, the trip will only be less interesting than to those who go. Our best wishes will go with them. Our prayer will be that wind and tide will speed them on their way, that He whom winds and waves obey will grant all journeying mercies a pleasant passage and happy return.

Some Opinions About the Independent Order of Foresters.

WHAT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA, LORD ABERDEEN, SAID.

"We all know that the great Order of Foresters is designed to promote providence, thrift, and prudence. The Order, however, does more, it recognizes the higher aspects of these qualities, and all that they represent and are associated with. Its noble motto, Liberty, Benevolence, and Concord, indicates the lofty aspirations which moved and influenced the founders of the Order, and which I am well assured, actuate those in whose worthy hands the present management is entrusted."—(From speech of Governor-General when laying the corner-stone of the Foresters' Temple.)

The estimate of His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, the Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, —

"An Order that has paid out in less than a score of years over *two millions* of dollars for the relief of the unfortunate and afflicted, is surely an institution that can easily justify its right to exist, and that can appeal to the public, with confidence, for sympathy and support. I am particularly gratified to learn of the broad basis upon which you appeal for membership. It is well to have in our midst, institutions that ignore so many of the lines of demarcation that divide us into separate camps in our political and other associations.

I appreciate your Order, and Orders like yours, for what they are doing to develop and

cultivate the sentiment of fraternity, and the great principles of self-denial, thrift, and frugality among our people; principles that in any country, and especially in a new country like ours, lie at the very foundation of our prosperity. I need not say that in your work I wish you God-speed. What you have done in the past has merited for you a high measure of confidence. The want that you have relieved in some cases, and averted in many more cases, entitle you to the gratitude with which you are regarded by so many.—(From speech when made an honorary member of the I.O.F.)

The tribute of the Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., Minister of Education for Ontario.

The Order is doing a great and good work in developing the economic, social, and moral qualities of our nature. Its members are being taught to provide for sickness, old age, and death, by taking advantage of its benefits—much suffering can be averted by so doing. Socially it brings the members into closer touch one with the other, and softens, if it does not remove, the angularities and aspirates of life. Morally it sets up in its principles and obligation, a high ideal. Every Forester who has respect for his obligation, will be a man of truth, frugality, temperance, and benevolence. The Order deserves, at the hands of the public, the remarkable success with which it has met.—From speech delivered at Stratroy, May 24th, 1895.

The Reported Trouble in Illinois.

SCARE HEADLINES AND GROUNDLESS CHARGES IN THE *Chicago Dispatch*.—INDEPENDENT FORESTRY IN ILLINOIS, AND IN EVERY OTHER PLACE, MORE PROSPEROUS THAN EVER.—CONCLUSIVE REFUTATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF THE *Dispatch*, FROM THOSE IN A POSITION TO KNOW.

Some weeks ago, Mr. M. J. Thompson and Dr. W. F. Dickson, formerly members of the Independent Order of Foresters, and residents of Chicago, were suspended from membership in the Order for endeavoring to create disturbance and dissatisfaction among the members of the Order, in Illinois.

This was clearly a breach of their contract with the Order and a violation of their obligation, and suspension was the only treatment to which they were legitimately entitled. The fact of their suspension, and the disaffection with them of a very few sympathizers, has been made the basis of a long article in the *Chicago Dispatch* of a recent date.

The said article and extracts from it, have been copied into a number of papers in the United States and Canada. Marked copies of the issue of the *Dispatch* containing it has been sent to prominent members of the Order everywhere. Where there is so "much cry," those unacquainted with the facts, may suspect that there is some "little wool." To allay any fears and to assure our 80,000 members of the harmony and confidence that exists in the Order, we beg to assure them that in Illinois, fully 98 per cent. of the members are unwavering in their attachment to the

Order and in their loyalty to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

"One swallow does not make a summer," and the suspension of two members and the disaffection of half a dozen, do not endanger the peace, much less the prosperity and permanence of an Order of 80,000.

Personal charges against the Supreme Chief Ranger are easily made, and they are not new in his experience. The price that one usually pays for success, and the fearless discharge of duty, is the opposition of some and the resentment and enmity of others. Sometimes it is rather creditable to one, than otherwise, that he has made enemies.

The writer knows Oronhyatekha, has known him intimately for many years, and long and intimate acquaintanceship only confirm him more fully in his belief that he is devoted to the Order, to the building up of which he has absolutely given his time and ability; that his first thought is for its advancement and the furtherance of the interests of its members. To anyone who has any experience of men, or who knows even a little of human ambition, it will be no surprise that in the discharge of his duty in serving and advancing the interests entrusted to him, the Supreme Chief Ranger must have alienated some and antagonized others, who wanted to further selfish interests, and to use the Order to promote personal ends.

There is no dissatisfaction, as is evidenced by the fact that the number of suspensions, notwithstanding the hard times, is proportionately less than ever before, and the number of applications has been steadily increasing until, in the month of May, they reached the high total of 4,034, being several hundreds greater than the largest number ever received in any one month of the Order's history.

In this practical age men are not rushing in thousands to put their money into an institution that is torn by internal dissensions, and on the eve of dissolution. Newspapers that make such allegations, are placing a peculiar estimate on the intelligence of their readers.

That the Order is on a sound basis, is evidenced by the fact that on the 1st June the surplus stood at \$1,317,000.00.

The childish statement appears in the article referred to, that the securities that the Order holds are not satisfactory, and that they were not always produced when certain members wished to see them. It is evident to most people that the custodians of securities representing hundreds of thousands of dollars, are not in the habit of carrying them around with them in their overcoat pocket. Anyone who has a right to examine them will be accommodated, and that cheerfully, on any legal day, in business hours, by applying to the proper officers at the Head Office in Toronto.

The Attorney-General of Wisconsin, and the Commissioner of Insurance for that State, have just completed an inspection of the securities of the Order. They expressed themselves, after a thorough examination, as being thoroughly satisfied with all they saw, and with having seen all they wished. The Attorney General says, "I regard your valuation of properties on which you have made

advances, as very conservative indeed." Both gentlemen expressed their intention of seeking admission into the Order, and since his return home the Attorney-General of Wisconsin has sent for the necessary application forms, with a view of having a court of the Independent Order of Foresters organized near his home.

The following letter from the Supreme Chief Ranger, to the *Evening Leader*, of Saginaw, will speak for itself. We commend a careful perusal of it to our members and readers. It is a plain, straightforward statement, and proves conclusively the groundlessness of the insinuations made by the *Chicago Despatch*.

TORONTO, June 7th, 1895.

To the *Evening Leader*,
Saginaw, Mich.

DEAR SIR, - My attention has been called to a paragraph which appeared in your issue of the 1st June, to the effect that there is dissatisfaction in the Canadian Order of Foresters (meaning the Independent Order of Foresters), due to the mismanagement on the part of its Indian ruler, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and there is a strong probability of the Independent Order of Foresters shortly reaching its end, and as evidence of this it is stated that Court Dearborn, No. 1597, has disbanded, and that the dissatisfaction which has existed for over a year past, cannot much longer be controlled.

I have every confidence that you do not desire to do either myself or the Independent Order of Foresters any injustice, by publishing anything in reference to either myself or the Order which is not true. There has been a little trouble in Chicago, caused by one or two officers forgetting their obligations to the Order, and which led to their suspension. I have just returned from Chicago, where I met not only the members of the High Standing Committee, but all the Chief Officers of the Order in that city. At a public meeting which was held in Chicago last Wednesday night, and which was largely attended, not only by leaders, but by the rank and file, the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous standing vote:—

"Resolved, that this meeting of the members of the Independent Order of Foresters having heard the explanations of the S. C. R. regarding the status of the Order, and the course taken by him in reference to M. J. Thompson and Dr. W. F. Dickson in their recent suspension, desires to express its approval of the action of the S. C. R., and to thank him for the prompt and efficient way in which he took steps to protect the Order in this State. Be it also

"Resolved that this meeting further desires to assure the S. C. R. that he possesses the entire confidence of the membership in Illinois, in the administration, management and direction of the affairs of the Order at large, and that the Foresters of Illinois are thoroughly loyal to the Supreme Court and its Executive Council. Be it also

"Resolved, that we denounce the recent personal reflections of the character and standing of Brother A. E. Stevenson, the American Agent of the Order, as unjust and unwarranted by the facts."

I also learn from the officers of Court Dearborn, 1596, that the followers of the suspended officers called an unauthorized meeting of the Court, at which there were only eight persons present, and upon which occasion three who sympathized with the suspended officers stated their intention of withdrawing from the Order, and three others asked for cards of withdrawal in order to join some other Court of the Order wherein there was perfect harmony. Upon these facts it was stated that Dearborn had dissolved, and that its dissolution was but the precursor of the death of the Independent Order of Foresters in the United States.

On my arrival in Chicago last Wednesday, I was waited on by a committee from Court Dearborn, who placed in my hands the following resolutions which speak for themselves:

"Whereas Milford J. Thompson, formerly a member of this Court (Dearborn, 1596), and Dr. W. F. Dickson, formerly a member of Court Hercules, No. 992, having been suspended from the Order by our Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, for endeavoring to create disturbance and dissatisfaction among the members of the Order in this State, and by talking of forming an

other society in this State, called the Independent Order of Foresters."

"And whereas said Thompson, in a speech to the members of this Court, at a regular meeting held April 23rd, 1895, proposed to the members of this Court to have them join with him in the formation of the new Society of the Independent Order of Foresters, and openly stated that he was willing to take the consequences for his action in this move, well knowing at the time that he deserved expulsion for making such a treasonable speech and proposition."

"And whereas at that time the members of this Court did not approve or sanction the remarks of said Thompson, and have at no time approved of the course taken by the said Thompson and Dickson, but were opposed to any such course and actions."

"Be it resolved, that we the members of Court Dearborn, No. 1596, hereby express our approval of the action of the said Dr. Oronhyatekha, our honored and respected Supreme Chief Ranger, in suspending the said Thompson and Dickson, and declare that such suspension was for the best interests of the Order."

"And be it further resolved that we the members of the said Court Dearborn hereby express and declare our loyalty to the Supreme Court officers and their agents, and hereby announce and declare that we are perfectly satisfied that our noble Order is conducted and managed for the best interests possible of its members, and that the same is largely due to our Supreme Chief Ranger, and that the Order in this State has been conducted in the best possible manner."

"Be it further Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be presented to our noble Chief by a committee composed of our Chief Ranger and Court Deputy, on Wednesday, June 5th, 1895, at which time he is expected to be in this city."

"On motion, the above resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, at a meeting of Court Dearborn, No. 1596, I. O. F., held June 3rd, 1895."

J. S. CHRISTISON, M.D., C. R.

"C. E. RUSSE, Rec. Sec., *pro t m.*"

As a matter of fact, the discontent is confined to less than a dozen members of the Order who were personal friends of the officers who had been disciplined on account of treason to the Order. The suspended officers and their friends had also made a statement to the Press, and among other things had stated that the troubles and discontent among the membership in our Order had extended to California, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. Although I was reasonably certain that there was no truth in this statement yet in order that there might be no mistake in the matter, I wired the following message to the Chief Officers of the States above-named:—

"Chicago reports trouble in your jurisdiction, wire me immediately at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, if there be any disloyalty, discontent or trouble of any kind in your State among the membership."

ORONHYATEKHA.

The following are the answers to my message:—

"LOGANSPOUR, Ind., 4th June, 1895.

Oronhyatekha, M.D.

Not a disloyal member in Indiana. Perfect contentment. Everybody satisfied.

J. T. LEGG,
Past High Chief Ranger."

"MILWAUKEE, Wis., 4th June, 1895.

Oronhyatekha, S. C. R.

There is no trouble in Wisconsin. All old courts that ever had life are booming. Five new courts will be organized this week, and others on the way.

B. F. PARKER,
High Chief Ranger."

"LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 4th, 1895.

Oronhyatekha, M.D.

Report absolutely false. California loyal to the core. Enthusiasm never so great as now.

W. H. PERRY,
High Secretary."

"DES MOINES, Iowa, 5th June, 1895.

Oronhyatekha.

Not a word of truth about any trouble or discontent among the Foresters in Iowa.

PERRY PERKINS,
High Secretary."

Instead therefore of there being any signs of the Order being on the verge of dissolution, it was never more prosperous than it is to-day, and there never was more harmony in our ranks than we are enjoying at the present time. For instance, during the month of

May just ended, we received no less than 4031 applications for membership into the Order, and the surplus cash in our Treasury amounts to over \$1,317,000, and both the membership and the surplus are growing larger and larger month by month.

As the Chief Executive Officer it is made my duty in certain cases to suspend members who are guilty of gross breaches of the law. As a rule, whenever I have disciplined a man who has considered himself of great importance, he has given out that the Order was about to collapse, while, at the same time, accusing me of all the crimes specified in the decalogue. But if the great body of the Order are to be believed, I am not a bad sort of a fellow at all. This has been so often declared by my brethren in the I.O.F. that I am beginning to believe it myself.

In conclusion let me say that every action of mine is subject to review by the higher powers in the Order until it reaches the Supreme Court itself, which is composed of the Representatives from the twenty-seven High Courts now in existence, of which fifteen are in the United States, seven in Canada, and five in Great Britain and Ireland. The Order is not only a representative organization, but is thoroughly democratic, wherein every brother can carry his grievances by appeal to the Supreme Court itself. All the officers, including myself, are subject to election at each regular session of the Supreme Court. The fact that I have always been re-elected unanimously for the past fourteen years is some guarantee that I am fulfilling the duties of my office with a reasonable degree of satisfaction to the whole Order.

Yours sincerely,

ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

We have also much pleasure in reproducing a letter from the Hon. W. S. Linton of Saginaw, member of Congress for Michigan. The letter appeared in the *Saginaw Evening Leader*. It is needless to say that the Hon. Mr. Linton wrote it of his own motion. In writing it, he was not actuated by gratitude for favors received, or hope of favors to come. As a gentleman, known not only in his own city, but throughout the union, as a man of ability, fairness, and probity, his opinion will be received with the consideration to which it is entitled:—

SAGINAW, MICH., June 22nd, 1895.

Darwin Z. Curtiss, Editor Evening Leader, City.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your esteemed favor of the 13th inst., will say that my attention was called to the article published in the *Leader*, to which you refer, reflecting somewhat on Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the I.O.F. Had I not been absent from the city at the time of its publication, I would have taken earlier steps towards refuting the unwarrantable charges against a man whose character and integrity are above reproach, not only in the community where he has lived so long, but wherever he is known, and his circle of friends extends round the globe.

The article also adversely criticised the I.O.F. and attacked its methods. It has been my lot and privilege to have been connected with the Foresters for a number of years, and I can say from personal experience that no organization is built upon a surer foundation or has better prospects than this Order. Millions of dollars have already been paid to widows and orphans and dependents of deceased members, and many thousands of dollars have been paid to members from the Sick, Accident and Funeral Benefit Funds. Notwithstanding the fact that these vast amounts have passed through the hands of officials connected with the Order, not one dollar has been lost or misappropriated. This is certainly a proud record, and when you realize the fact that the members have the number of their assessments guaranteed during life, each member knowing precisely what he will have to pay for his insurance, and also that the Order has more than a million and a quarter of dollars in its reserve fund (which is constantly increasing) you will readily see that the management has been conservative, and the Foresters stand to-day without a rival, so far as numbers and influence are concerned, when compared with any other beneficiary society organized upon a similar basis, namely, with stated assessments and the reserve fund feature.

I have personally known for several years the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and take pride

in his acquaintance and friendship. He is, as your article states, a full-blooded Mohawk Indian, and is as fine a specimen of manhood as you will find on this continent to-day. Dr. Oronhyatekha is a cultured, educated gentleman, and I regret sincerely that any such attack should have been made upon him and the Order of which he is the head, by such an article as appeared in the sensational Chicago paper, and I am sure that you would not have referred to it, as you stated in our interview, had you known the facts.

I thank you for your courteous letter relative to the article in question, and ask that you kindly print the communication received from the Supreme Chief Ranger, in full. By so doing you will place me under obligations, and confer a favor upon thousands of Foresters in this section of Michigan.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. LINTON.

From the Saginaw press we also take the following extract from a letter from Lee Y. Joslyn the well-known barrister of Bay City, and H.C.R. of the High Court of Michigan. The facts that he states are facts of history. He quotes them concisely, and we repeat them for the benefit of our readers:—

“As to the statements regarding Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., they are equally false and misleading, as no man could possibly have the confidence of any organization in a greater degree than has the head of our Order to-day. As an evidence of this let me say, that at the meeting of the High Court of Michigan, at Lansing, represented by 250 delegates, and representing nearly ten thousand members of the Order in this State, held February 26th and 27th last, the delegates to the Supreme Court were instructed to use every honorable means to secure the re-election of Oronhyatekha to the position which he now holds.”

The members of Court Virginia, located in Chicago, seeing the newspaper charges against the Supreme Chief Ranger, informed themselves of the facts and over their signatures, conveyed their thanks to the S.C.R., expressing their satisfaction with his rulings, and their commendation of his wise action in following the course he did.

It was claimed that the dissatisfaction had travelled to the Pacific coast and that the members in California were ripe for secession.

A letter from the High Secretary of California, bearing date June 8th, is before us, from which we learn that the Order is growing as never before in that State. For the month of May, 363 applications were accepted, a much larger number than was ever received in any one month formerly, in that State. The High Secretary writes:—

“On last Thursday, June 6th, Court Los Angeles initiated 19 candidates. On June 7th, Court Occident initiated 20 candidates, and on the 6th, Court Riverside initiated 40 candidates. If these are indications of ‘trouble,’ we are quite prepared to welcome more it, and will be pleased to see it increase.”

We are perfectly willing to rest the claims of the I.O.F. to popular favor and confidence, on its merits. The administration of its affairs by the Supreme Chief Ranger has been wise, aggressive, and successful. We know the sentiment in the Order, we have known it for years back, and we state with the greatest confidence, that he never stood as high in the esteem of those whom he represents as he does to-day.

Where he is best known he is most admired, for his splendid executive and administrative abilities, and at the forthcoming meeting of the Supreme Court, composed of representatives of 27 High Courts, and these in turn representing over two thousand subordinate

courts and eighty thousand members, he will be re-elected, for the tenth time, by a unanimous vote. No amount of misrepresentation can alter his character or weaken the confidence of those who have learned through years of co-operation, to esteem and trust him.

The Foresters' Temple.

THE TORONTO PRESS ON THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE.

(*Mail and Empire of May 31st.*)

Yesterday was a great day with the Independent Order of Foresters. For a long time the Order has had in contemplation to erect a building in Toronto which should not only afford them commodious quarters, but should represent as it were, in stone and brick, the strong and enduring structure of the organization. The name of I.O.F. has long been known as belonging to a society which is constructed on sound business principles, and it has been a matter of regret to the members that they have not so far had a building of their own commensurate with the increasing requirements of the society. There will no longer be any reason for the expression of such regrets, as the new temple will be one of the finest buildings in the city, and will form a lasting memorial to the principles, push, and energy of the officers of the Order. The advent of Lord Aberdeen to Toronto occurred very happily for the Foresters, and it will be a source of satisfaction to them that the corner-stone of the new temple was laid by one who is not only the foremost man in the country, but a Forester as well. The proceedings during the day went off without a hitch, and both at the luncheon at which he was entertained by Dr. Oronhyatekha and the other chief officers, and at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone, Lord Aberdeen made the most complimentary references to the aims and objects of the Order. All connected with yesterday's proceedings have certainly every reason to congratulate themselves.

(*Daily Globe, May 31st.*)

Forestry bulked very largely in the eyes of the people of Toronto yesterday, and the badge of the order was seen everywhere. The occasion was the laying of the corner-stone of the magnificent new Forester's Temple to be erected by the Order at the corner of Bay and Richmond-streets. The ceremony was performed by his Excellency the Governor-General, himself a Forester, and a member of Court Aberdeen of this city, which, instituted two months ago, already has over fifty members, most of whom were yesterday introduced to the most distinguished member of the court. Lord Aberdeen performed his duties in a most workmanlike fashion, and the more heartily perhaps because the corner-stone was a piece of Peterhead granite from the County of the Gordons. In the speech with which the ceremony was concluded, his Excellency paid a high tribute to the ability and energy with which the Supreme Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and the members of the Supreme Executive had built up the Order.

(*The World, May 31st*)

The Foresters of Toronto will, ere the close of the present year of grace, have a temple after their own heart, as useful and substantial as is the Order itself.

Yesterday was the stone-laying and it was done excellently well. May had snatched a day from July's heated term, and crowds of citizens, apart from interested members of the Order, were present to witness the ceremony.

Flags floated in the breeze, bunting and decorations alike American and British (as is the Order) were prominently displayed, the military lent their martial strains and brilliance of color, the chief officers of the Order were in resplendent regalia, and the Earl of Aberdeen reflected regal lustre on the event.

(*From Saturday Night.*)

The laying of the corner-stone of the new Foresters' Temple by Lord Aberdeen, on Thursday afternoon, happened but an hour before *Saturday Night* went to press, yet the history of the week would be incomplete without some reference to this imposing ceremonial, said to have been the most largely-attended of anything of the kind in Toronto. Meaning it in praise rather than in criticism, it must be said that every one admitted that it was the best-managed affair that this province has ever seen, and the greatest advertisement ever obtained by a benevolent or insurance association. It was arranged on short notice, yet every detail was attended to, and there was not the slightest hitch in the proceedings. The corner of Richmond and Bay was gay with bunting; the procession was made up of four-in-hands and carriages; and a guard of honor, composed of stalwart Highlanders, and the ear-piercing skirl of the bag-pipes on the sultry air, gave a Scottish flavor to the whole proceedings. Oronhyatekha was an imposing figure, and everywhere could be heard the remark, "He's the greatest head in Canada." The temple itself will cost \$200,000, and occupies a site so near the City Hall that no doubt it will be soon densely populated by professional and business men, who will find that site the most congenial in the city.

The late C. O. Collet,

HIGH PHYSICIAN OF THE HIGH COURT OF QUEBEC.

The High Physician of Quebec, Bro. C. O. Collet, has just fallen under an attack of consumption of the throat after three weeks illness.

The funeral took place at St. Henri de Lauzon, his native place, on the 18th of April, and was attended by a large number of brethren and friends who came from Quebec, Levis, Fraserville and other places in a special train chartered by Court Levis, No. 1512, of which he was physician. The High Chief Ranger was represented by General Deputy Dr. P. Picard, Past High Chief Walters, the High Secretary, J. W. Stocks, and a great number of officers and members of

the Order, as well as Court Levis in a body, were present at the funeral.

Charles Onésime Arcadius Wenceslas Collet was born in 1860.

His inclinations being for the medical profession, he entered Laval University, in Quebec, in 1881, to follow his studies. He was appointed assistant in the Marine Hospital and got his diploma of Doctor of Medicine in April, 1885.

He settled at Levis in February, 1886, where he remained continually, except for a few months, when he went to Europe in 1890 in the interest of his profession.

Bro. Collet joined the I.O.F. at the institution of Court Levis, No. 1512, in March, 1884, and was appointed its medical examiner.

His brilliant qualities and his popularity amongst his brethren brought him to the first rank in the Order, and at the session of the High Court, in August last, he was elected High Physician by a unanimous vote, although he had not long been a Forester.

On the 27th August, 1892, he was married to Miss Annie Davie, the eldest daughter of Mr. George T. Davie, of Levis.

He was much esteemed by all those who knew him. His premature death brings grief to the Executive and deprives the Order of the services of a loyal Forester.

We offer to Mrs. Collet and to the family and colleagues of our lamented brother our most sincere sympathy.

The late Bro. E. L. Wedderburn, D.S.C.R.,

SON OF JUDGE WEDDERBURN, S.C.

The sympathy of the whole Order will go out to the Supreme Counsellor and his family on the death of his son, a deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, High Marshal of New Brunswick and Chief Ranger of Court Hampton. The funeral was very largely attended. The sorrow at the early death of one so amiable and beloved, and the sympathy with the family, was shared by all classes yesterday. The services at the house and church were conducted by the Rev. A. O. Warnford, rector of Norton, and the Rev. John de Soyres, of the St. John's stone church. The united choirs of the village churches sang the hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee," "Abide With Me," and as the body left the church, chanted, "Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant Depart in Peace." At the grave, the Rev. Dr. Warnford read the service for the burial of the dead, and the officers and members of Court Hampton, I.O.F., joined in carrying out the beautiful ritual of the Order.

The pall-bearers, Major Campbell, Capt. Markham, Capt. Black and Lieuts. Harris, Fairweather and Arnold, were brother officers of the deceased in the 8th Hussars, and among the officers present were Lieut.-Col. Donville and Surgeon March.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The large attendance of friends from the city, Moncton, Sussex, Sackville and the villages bore testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held, and of deep sympathy for the bereaved family. The

High Court of Foresters was represented by High Chief Ranger Coleman and A. W. Macrae.

The late Bro. Wedderburn was at Head Office for a while. Failing health obliged him to resign his position. He is affectionately remembered for his many kindly and amiable qualities. The FORESTER extends its sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Correspondence.

A Breezy and Cheering Letter from the High Secretary of Ohio.

FORESTRY BOOMING.

CLEVELAND, O., May 25th, 1895.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:

MY DEAR DOCTOR AND BRO.,—A word from Ohio. We are so busy booming the I.O.F. in different portions of our jurisdiction, we have no time to write. We may not secure as many new members for the I.O.F., but we are working just the same. Court Dayton 1000, writes me to-day, "14 new brothers last meeting night, and as many, if not more, for our next, so send me some constitutions immediately." Courts Banner 360, Standard 841, Howard 281, Columbia 104, are all doing, and new members are added each meeting night. We could have more, but we pick the best only. Our Bro. A. J. Messinger, D.D.H.C.R., is doing good work, and improves by age in the work. We had a booming H. Court session at Columbus, Ohio, last October, but the coming one at Mansfield will be the greatest, grandest one ever held by Ohio. We are growing, and are now being talked about, heard of and recognized as par excellence as a beneficiary order, with 14 million dollars at our back. I expect to have 100 courts by Oct., 1895. We now number 80, although we have had a prosperous year in Ohio. I predict 1895 and 1896 will boom far ahead of any in the past. We all (I.O.F.) wish we could go with our "chief" "to England Old," but no, some Foresters must remain at home to keep the ball a-rolling.

May success attend the G. Court Sessions, and much good come from its deliberation. Bon voyage, Chief, and safer return to America.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

E. P. HAWLEY.

Personal Mention.

Hon. Foster M. Voorhees, Senator, New Jersey, has recently been initiated a member of Court Geo. W. Childs, Elizabeth. There are strong probabilities that Bro. Voorhees may be the next Governor of New Jersey. So mote it be.

Rev. E. B. Adams is forming a good strong court at Alexander, Genesee County, New York. It is expected that the organization will be completed in a short time. It is expected that a number of courts will be formed in this county shortly.

Bro. James Stokes, of Deseronto, did great work in handling the crowds at his end of the route, between Forester's Park and Deseronto. Not until late in the evening did he get an opportunity to join the throng that were celebrating at the Island.

Bro. the Rev. Jno. Hay, B.D., preached the annual sermon to the brethren of Court Cobourg; the sermon was an able one, as all who know the brother might expect. There was a large number of brethren in attendance, including a number from Port Hope.

Bro. Neil McCrimmon, Barrister, Toronto, sailed on the 29th for England. Bro. McCrimmon expects to attend the meeting of the Supreme Court in London, on the 1st August. He leaves before the party, to attend to some important private legal business. Bon voyage, Neil.

Bro. George Wrigly, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, now Editor of the *Canadian Farmers' Sun*, called in our sanctum the other day. He claims that patronism is popular and progressive as ever. The *Sun*, as might be expected, is bright and full of light and leading for those who look that way.

As a reliable "John" Bro. Joseph Ridge, of Fullerton, has left a most favorable impression on the mind of the P.H.C.R. of Ontario. The way in which he took the preacher from Monkton in time for his appointment at Fullerton was highly creditable. Everything on the road movable and stationary was passed.

Bro. Theo. McGillivray, LL.B., barrister, Whitby, has joined the noble army of benedicts. Early in the rosy month of June he was married to Miss McLaren, daughter of the late Mr. McLaren, of Buckingham, the wealthy lumberman. "Theo" has hosts of friends in the profession and in the Order, who unite in wishing him and his bride all happiness.

One of the latest additions to the ranks of Independent Forestry is Bro. Alex. Fraser, editor of the *Presbyterian Review*, and city editor of the *Mail and Empire*. He was made a Forester at sight by his friend, Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray. Bro. Fraser left Toronto on the 24th June, for a well earned holiday in his native Scotland.

Bro. Rev. Mr. Stratton, C.D., of Court Selby, has been honored by his brethren of the Bay of Quinte Conference, by election to the Presidency, the highest position in their gift. Bro. Stratton is a man of many eminent qualities, and has served his church in several important capacities. We congratulate him on his high honor. He is an enthusiastic believer in the I. O. F.

Bro. Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., District Chaplain, Toronto District, A. F. & A. M., preached the annual sermon to over 300 members of the Craft, on Sunday, June 23rd, in the New Richmond Methodist Church, of which he is pastor. From the text "Am I my brother's keeper," he showed the claims and responsibility of Fraternity. Mayor Kennedy read one of the Scripture lessons.

Col. N. F. Patterson and Major John A. McGillivray in times of peace prepare for the

pipings times of war. For ten days they were in the tented field near Whitby, with their battalion, the gallant 34th, of Ontario. In uniform, mounted on their fiery chargers, the Supreme Secretary and the Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario look as irresistible as they are brave. The battalion made a splendid showing.

We add our voice to that of the County Council of Lennox and Addington, in nominating for the Dominion Senate Bro. Alex. Henry, ex-mayor of Napanee. The 28,000 Foresters of Ontario would like to see Alex. in the Senate. The County Council's unanimous nomination ought to improve the chances of the Napanee brother considerably. A right good fellow is the ex-mayor. The Honorable Alexander Henry, Senator, will sound well.

Bro. E. T. Nesbit, of Colusa, P.H.C.R. of California, was given a most cordial farewell reception on the eve of his departure for the old country, to be present at the meeting of the Supreme Court in London, England, of which he is a member. All creeds and classes united in doing honor to a good citizen, a zealous Forester and a devoted minister of the gospel. A largely attended public meeting was held, at which a number of interesting addresses were given. Bro. Nesbit was presented with a handsome badge and pin of the Order. A banquet followed the public meeting. Bro. Nesbit will begin his journey in good heart.

Condolence.

The members of Court Vassor, No. 337, Michigan, express their sorrow at the death of their brother, Archie A. Huff, and extend their sympathy to his sorrowing parents and friends.

The members of Court Duluth, by cordial resolution, convey their sympathy to their esteemed brother, James Kelly, on the death of his daughter, and to their brother, Colin Kelly, on the death of his sister.

The members of Court Cannington, No. 352, Cannington, Ont., extend to Bro. J. H. Strickland their sympathy on the death of his wife. The members of the court attended the funeral of the deceased lady.

The members of Court Pembroke, No. 265, Pembroke, Ont., have sent to the friends of their late brother, Albert Schroeder, a letter expressive of their sympathy, and also of their esteem, for their late brother.

The members of Court Stanbridge, No. 1,396, have passed a resolution expressive of their deep sorrow at the death of their esteemed brother, W. J. Cassidy. They also extend to his widow and children their heartfelt sympathy.

The members of Court Fullum, No. 121, I.O.F., at a regular meeting which was held in their hall, voted a resolution to the family of their late brother, N. Doucette, expressing their sorrow on the sad loss with which it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to visit them.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for Month of May, 1895.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their May Assessment.

NAME OF COURT.	No.	NAME OF COURT.	No.
Alliston.....	50	Aulton.....	866
Applegato.....	426	Benzonia.....	1361
Grand Forks.....	493	Wolesley.....	1419
Maulins.....	740	La Janta.....	1531
Orion.....	816		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

NAME OF COURT.	No.	NAME OF COURT.	No.
Lebanon.....	382	Cataret.....	1602

Receipts, May, 1895.

No. of Members.	Mortuary Benefit Ass'n't.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Mortuary Benefit Ass'n't.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
236	\$ 305 32	\$ 32 38	\$ 3 00	4662	5132 70	404 20	3&6 75
2972	5415 57	194 79	212 30	1065	1376 73	32 95	89 00
878	708 16	40 17	37 00	554	692 19	66 88	8 25
897	1006 32	8 16	37 75	1563	1838 18	145 31	71 00
977	905 74	174 75	56 00	3108	3237 94	50 34	243 50
1197	1705 79	170 98	42 50	27051	28310 82	4300 48	616 66
8310	8443 51	1016 92	378 50	746	887 28	19 66	60 50
1451	1505 52	61 94	61 00	8335	9690 78	2545 49	294 00
581	678 89	9 90	31 75	718	893 30	9 56	45 00
139	150 35	44	2 00	3821			
3793	4032 35	682 12	197 00	S. C. Jurisdiction, including Gt. Britain and Ireland.....			
2086	2140 21	45 85	181 50	1880	74	168 47	122 25
Received on account of Organizing and other accounts.....							
Supplies and History.....							
Grand Totals.....				76144	\$81,058 39	\$10,181 35	\$13,706 03

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund..... \$ 81,058 39	By Cash remitted to Supreme Treasurer.... \$101,945 77
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund..... 10,181 35	
" General Funds..... 13,706 03	
Total..... \$104,945 77	

Investment Account.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
Rec'd on acct. of Principal on Mortgages..... \$7,875 22	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$7,875 22

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

Mortuary Statement for the Month of May, 1895.

No. 1526. Brother Edward Condie, aged 29 years, of Court Manotick, No. 144, died of *Acute Peritonitis* on the 23rd of April, 1895. Initiated 19th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Sarah Ann Condie, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1537. Brother Robert A. Stark, aged 49 years, of Court Northern Light, No. 127, died of *Acute Cerebritis and Mania* on the 20th April, 1895. Initiated 9th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Jane Stark, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1520. Brother John J. Forrest, aged 53 years, of Court La Tour, No. 125, died of *Heart Disease* on the 18th April, 1895. Initiated 10th September, 1886. Beneficiary, Helen R. Forrest, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 1529. Brother John Johnston, aged 61 years, of Court Loyalist, No. 121, died of *Heart Disease* on the 23rd April, 1895. Initiated 9th September, 1886. Beneficiary, Emily Johnston, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1530. Brother Richard Bray, aged 49 years, of Court Desmond, No. 187, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 11th April, 1895. Initiated 14th December, 1888. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 1531. Brother C. R. Lockwood, aged 42 years, of Court Brighton, No. 404, died of *Septicaemia* on the 17th April, 1895. Initiated 1st April, 1890. Beneficiary, M. J. Lockwood, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1532. Brother E. D. Bickford, aged 30 years, of Court Elkland, No. 826, died of *Remittent Fever* on the 26th April, 1895. Initiated 26th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Laura A. Bickford, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1533. Brother Jas. Wiley, aged 42 years, of Court Carlingford, No. 866, died of *Strangulated Hernia* on

the 28th of April, 1895. Initiated 3rd April, 1894. Beneficiary, Elizabeth S. Wiley, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1534. Brother C. O. Collet, aged 34 years, of Court Levis, No. 1512, died of *Haemoptysis* on the 15th April, 1895. Initiated 27th March, 1894. Beneficiary, Annie D. Collet, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1535. Brother Geo. G. Blair, aged 39 years, of Court Brooklyn, No. 456, died of *Rheumatism and Heart Disease* on the 12th April, 1895. Initiated 22nd January, 1894. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 1536. Brother Francis Payette, aged 23 years, of Court Bell, 1023, died of *Pleuro-Pneumonia* on the 15th April, 1895. Initiated 14th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Mathilda Provencal, Geodia and Marie Annie Payette, wife and children. \$1,000.

No. 1537. Brother Paul J. Liebenow, aged 28 years, of Court Whitewater, No. 717, died of *Tubercular Disease of the Bowels* on the 29th April, 1895. Initiated 2nd November, 1891. Beneficiary, Fanny May Liebenow, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1538. Brother Henry Cramer, aged 50 years, of Court Lisbon, No. 500, died of *Paralysis of Heart* on the 27th April, 1895. Initiated 27th February, 1890. Beneficiary, Caroline Cramer, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1539. Brother Henry Mahauk, aged 25 years, of Court Mishawaka, 1490, died of *Pneumonia* on the 27th April, 1895. Initiated 1st March, 1894. Beneficiary, May L. Mahauk, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1540. Brother Wm. W. Ball, aged 57 years, of Court Dashwood, No. 415, *Committed Suicide* on the 22nd April, 1895. Initiated 26th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 1541. Brother Henry J. Pryce, aged 28 years, of Court Shuniah, No. 228, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 25th April, 1895. Initiated 16th July, 1894. Beneficiary, Annie Pryce, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1542. Brother Edward Bishop, aged 41 years, of

Court St. Louis, No. 653, died of *Acute Mania* on the 25th April, 1895. Initiated 2nd March, 1892. Beneficiaries, Mary Ann Peyton, Ethel H., and Arthur S. Bishop, wife and child Iren. \$3,000.

No. 1543. Brother Louis Chevalier, aged 48 years, of Court St. Denis, No. 731, died of *Consumption* on the 18th April, 1895. Initiated 6th July, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$3,000.

No. 1544. Brother Edward Owens, aged 21 years, of Court Streetville, No. 1245, died of *Pneumonia* on the 28th April, 1895. Initiated 1st February, 1893. Beneficiary, E. F. Owens, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1545. Brother Henry Knecht, aged 29 years, of Court Washington, No. 4, died of *Pneumonia* on the 2nd May, 1895. Initiated 12th December, 1894. Beneficiary, Annie Knecht, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1546. Brother C. W. Thompson, aged 49 years, of Court Theresa, No. 591, died of *Bilious Fever* on the 6th May, 1895. Initiated 1st March, 1890. Beneficiary, Mary E. Thompson, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1547. Brother J. Rivett, aged 31 years, of Court Lucknow, No. 151, died of *Bronchitis* on the 3rd May, 1895. Initiated 4th February, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary Ann Rivett, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1548. Brother Mark Caulder, aged 47 years, of Court Napanee, No. 70, died from *Insanity* on the 30th April, 1895. Initiated 7th October, 1892. Beneficiary, Harriet Blanche Caulder, daughter. \$2,000.

No. 1549. Brother Chauncey D. Gardner, aged 43 years, of Court Philadelphia, No. 592, died of *Disease of Brain* on the 4th May, 1895. Initiated 19th February, 1890. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$2,000.

No. 1550. Brother J. F. Boyd, aged 32 years, of Court Ballymena, No. 2011, died of *Phthisis* on the 26th April, 1895. Initiated 1st March, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$200.

No. 1551. Brother F. X. Dupuy, aged 43 years, of Court Jac. Cartier, No. 970, died of *La Grippe* on the 3rd May, 1895. Initiated 12th February, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 1552. Brother Fletcher S. Kelly, aged 50 years, of Court Sauble, No. 496, died of *General Cerebral Paralysis* on the 28th April, 1895. Initiated 3rd October, 1887. Beneficiary, Eliza Kelly, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1553. Brother Jacob B. Scofield, aged 43 years, of Court Benevolence, No. 253, died of *Pneumonia* on the 3rd May, 1895. Initiated 17th December, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary A. Scofield, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1554. Brother Jos. N. Barton, aged 43 years, of Court No Surrender, No. 791, died of *Remittent Fever* on the 6th May, 1895. Initiated 2nd October, 1891. Beneficiary, Martha E. Barton, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1555. Brother Thos. Petapiece, aged 62 years, of Court Kars, No. 203, died of *Cancer of Stomach* on the 12th May, 1895. Initiated 11th September, 1886. Beneficiary, Margaret Petapiece, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1556. Brother E. O. Martineau, aged 29 years, of Court St. Lawrence, No. 249, died of *Athermatism and Heart Disease* on the 5th May, 1895. Initiated 30th December, 1893. Beneficiary, Anne Marie Stirois, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1557. Brother B. Sharp, aged 40 years, of Court Hay Bay, No. 857, died of *Abscess of Lungs* on the 12th May, 1895. Initiated 14th December, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary J. and Edward B. Sharp, wife and son. \$1,000.

No. 1558. Brother Oscar Thistle, aged 46 years, of Court Walostook, No. 103, died of *Ulceration of Bowels* result of *severe burns* on the 6th May, 1895. Initiated 30th August, 1890. Beneficiaries, Elizabeth E. Thistle and LeBaron G. Thistle, wife and son. \$3,000.

No. 1559. Brother Allen D. Roblin, aged 32 years, of Court Monroe, No. 391, died of *Consumption* on the 7th May, 1895. Initiated 6th May, 1892. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Roblin, mother. \$2,000.

No. 1560. Brother A. Featherstonhaugh, aged 33 years, of Court Lord Aberdeen, No. 1892, died of *Peritonitis with Perforation* on the 6th May, 1895. Initiated 2nd April, 1895. Beneficiary, F. B. Featherstonhaugh, brother. \$1,000.

No. 1561. Brother Laurence Robbins, aged 48 years, of Court Vassar, No. 337, died of *Paralysis of Heart* on the 26th April, 1895. Initiated 28th October, 1889. Beneficiary, Sabitha Robbins, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1562. Brother Thos. McBride, aged 22 years, of Court Matilda, No. 845, died of *Phthisis* on the 8th May, 1890. Initiated 2nd June, 1891. Beneficiary, Margaret McBride, mother. \$1,000.

No. 1563. Brother W. J. Crandell, aged 39 years, of Court York, No. 120, died of *Phthisis* on the 9th May, 1895. Initiated 11th August, 1887. Beneficiary, June Crandell, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1564. Brother T. H. Foland, aged 55 years, of Court Bay, No. 680, died from *Injuries received by a*

runaway team on the 8th May, 1895. Initiated 11th April, 1895. Beneficiary, Caroline R. Foland, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1565. Brother W. H. Osburn, aged 33 years, of Court St. Andrews, No. 508, died of *Consumption* on the 29th April, 1895. Initiated 1st May, 1891. Beneficiary, Alice Osburn, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1566. Brother W. S. Bourne, aged 50 years, of Court Empire City, No. 1192, died of *Acute Menstritis* on the 12th May, 1895. Initiated 20th December, 1891. Beneficiary, Emma Josephine Bourne, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1567. Brother Andrew P. Cowie, aged 29 years, of Court Happy Retreat, No. 150, died of *Phthisis* on the 1st May, 1885. Initiated 30th August, 1890. Beneficiaries, George P. and Annie Jane Cowie, father and mother. \$2,000.

No. 1568. Brother Rev. Wm. Maggs, died of *Peritonsillar Abscess* on the 21st April, 1895. Initiated 22nd April, 1892. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Maggs, wife. \$2,000.

No. 1569. Brother Geo. B. Johnston, aged 28 years, of Court Omaha, No. 1091, died of *La Grippe and Acute Phthisis* on the 16th May, 1895. Initiated 12th December, 1891. Beneficiary, Emma R. Johnston, wife. \$1,000.

No. 1570. Brother W. C. Fickett, aged 21 years, of Court Piscataquis, No. 923, was *Accidentally Shot* on the 1st May, 1895. Initiated 1st December, 1893. Beneficiary, Jane Fickett, mother. \$1,000.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of May, 1895.

During the month of May, the Medical Board reviewed 1,031 medical examination papers, of which 3,623 were accepted and 411 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accepted.	Rejected.	Jurisdiction.	Accepted.	Rejected.
British Columbia.	1	1	North Dakota.	21	3
California.	263	15	N. W. Territories.	7	1
Colorado.	14	3	Nova Scotia.	16	5
Connecticut.	1	1	Ohio.	256	28
Illinois.	41	4	Ontario.	582	58
Indiana.	77	7	Oregon.	10	3
Iowa.	33	5	Pennsylvania.	27	4
Kansas.	6	1	P. E. Island.	29	1
Maine.	51	7	Quebec.	617	71
Manitoba.	56	6	Utah.	31	1
Massachusetts.	6	1	Vermont.	11	4
Michigan.	321	32	Washington.	30	2
Minnesota.	154	17	Wisconsin.	36	4
Missouri.	83	10	England.	54	12
Montana.	8	1	Ireland.	15	1
New Brunswick.	161	17	Scotland.	4	2
New Hampshire.	21	2	Wales.	1	1
New Jersey.	97	11			
New York.	402	40	Total.	3623	411

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

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for Month of May, 1895.

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report \$1,227,735 26
" Supreme Secretary \$1,958 39

\$1,308,733 65

CONTRA—CR.

By Claims paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—
Ed. Condie Court Manotick, 144 \$1,000 00
R. A. Stark " Northern Light, 127 1,000 00
J. J. Forest " La Tour, 125 1,000 00
John Johnston " Loyalist, 121 1,000 00
C. K. Lockwood " Brighton, 401 1,000 00
E. D. Bickford " Elkland, 826 1,000 00
James Wiley " Carlington, 856 1,000 00
Dr. C. O. Collet " Lewis, 1512 2,000 00
P. L. Liebenon " Whitewater, 717 2,000 00
H. Cramer " Lisbon, 806 1,000 00

H. J. Price	Court Shuniah, 228	\$1,000 00
Ed. Bishop	St. Louis, 633	1,000 00
Ed. Owens	Streetsville, 1243	1,000 00
Louis Chevalier	St. Denis, 731	3,000 00
C. W. Thompson	Theresa, 501	2,000 00
J. Rivett	Lucknow, 451	1,000 00
H. Mahank	Mishawaka, 1490	1,000 00
B. Sharp	Hay Bay, 857	400 00
E. A. Martineau	St. Lawrence, 219	1,000 00
A. Featherston- haugh	Lord Aberdeen, 1802	1,000 00
O. Thistle	Watootok, 103	3,000 00
A. D. Roblin	Monroe, 391	2,000 00
L. J. Robbins	Vassar, 337	1,000 00
T. Meito de	Matilda, 805	1,000 00
W. J. Crandell	York, 120	1,000 00
I. H. Foland	Bay, 680	1,000 00
H. Knecht	Washington, 41	1,000 00
A. P. Courte	Happy Retreat, 150	1,000 00
W. S. Bourne	Empire City, 1102	2,000 00
T. Pelapiece	Kars, 203	2,000 00
Rev. W. Maggs	Chautauqua, 202	2,000 00
G. B. Johnston	Omaha, 1001	1,000 00
W. C. Fickett	Piscataquis, 723	1,000 00

\$13,400 00

Paid Disability Benefits to Brothers	
W. R. Swan Ct. Chicago, 733	\$1,500
O. S. Mercereau, Ct. City Camp, 162	500
J. W. Bell, Ct. Mason, 331	500

2,500 00

Commission on loans	730 00
Legal fees and expenses	330 30
Medical examinations re Disability claims	30 00
5 per cent. to General Fund	4,052 92
Balance	1,257,741 43

\$1,308,793 65

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$60,727 57
Supreme Secretary	10,181 35

\$70,908 92

CONTRA—Cr.

Paid Sick Benefit Claims	\$10,080 68
Funeral Benefit Claims	570 00
By 5 per cent. to General Fund	509 07
Balance	59,949 17

\$70,908 92

General Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary	\$13,796 13
5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit receipts	4,052 92
5 per cent S. & F benefit receipts	509 07

\$18,268 02

CONTRA Cr.

S. C. R. salary	666 66
S. S.	416 66
S. T.	166 66
T. Millman, revising fees, April	711 25
H. O. Sonntag, salary as organizer	100 00
F. E. Davis, salary, organizing	50 00
G. L. Spaulding, salary, organizing	60 00
A. Henry, valuator, salary and expenses	152 10
W. F. Hall Printing Co., supplies	29 25
British American Co., stationery and supplies	4 10
University Printing Co., printing supplies	7 00
A. E. Stevenson, salary	100 00
Chicago Office, supply account	100 00
G. W. Allen, salary, organizing	75 00
Transportation and duty on supplies	74 72
W. Sanderson, sal. and exp., organizing	183 00
T. J. Birch	164 45
Cobban Mfg. Co., supplies	56 13
G. N. W. Telegraph Co.	53 45
Office Specialty Mfg. Co., furniture	50 75
Barber & Ellis Co., stationery	42 94
F. Parry, Court seals	13 50
I. C. Fell & Co., Court seals	20 00
C. P. R. Telegraph Co.	41 69
Jas. Glendenning, sal. and exp., organizing	116 00
W. Bryce, supplies	4 50
Toronto Lithograph Co	868 85
Expense re Victoria Corners Court	3 10
N. H. Dodge, expenses, visiting courts	19 50
D. Rose, printing and supplies	291 75
G. A. McKilfresh, organizing expenses	69 76
Advertising	112 60

Uniform account	\$ 35 00
Expenses of Executive Offices—wages, postage, express, exchange, etc., etc.	1,938 95
C. Crompton, Court seals	5 00
Printing Supplies and Organizing work in Illinois	1,222 78
P. W. Ellis & Co., supplies	233 36
John Kay, Son & Co, supplies	7 55
J. Boddy, account, salary, organizing	50 00
N. F. Paterson, sal. and exp., organizing	283 33
W. S. Andrea, organizing work	25 00
Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co.	80 50
Disbursements on account organizing work	522 25
Incandescent Electric Light Co.	21 18
W. F. W. Carstairs, salary, organizing	64 50
Fees to Insurance Department, Wisconsin	10 00
J. T. Long, salary and expenses, organizing	316 14
Col. R. F. Smiley, sal. and exp.	214 07
Toronto Electrical Works	12 52
Editor's salary	100 00
R. Forsythe, Scotch granite	35 00
Organizing work in Iowa	60 00
T. G. Davey, travelling expenses	15 00
Legislative expenses, New Hampshire	3 00
Account of transportation of Supreme Court	200 00
Organizing work in Wisconsin	1,000 00
J. S. Russell, supplies	125 65
G. F. Foster, Son & Co, supplies	197 75
E. A. Mack, salary and expenses, organizing	147 15
Disbursements Great Britain	2,920 00
By Balance	3,169 98

\$18,268 02

Reserve Fund.

P. O. Savings Bank	\$ 14,281 81
Loans to High Courts	5,800 00
New Brunswick	20,000 00
Great Britain	97,333 33
Mortgages	1,013,222 31
Debentures	161,632 37

Total Permanent Reserve \$1,311,669 82

Current account Surplus 6,620 78

Grand Total Surplus \$1,317,690 60

Mortuary Benefit Surplus \$1,257,741 43

Sick and Funeral 59,949 17

\$1,317,690 60

Submitted in L. B. and C.,

T. G. DAVEY, *Sup. Treasurer.*

New Courts.

COURT GLENDALE, No. 1140, AKRON, OHIO.

Instituted on the 13th day of March, 1895, by L. Z. Tamney.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., D. S. Bowman; Chaplain, A. N. McClelland; Physician, D. S. Bowman, M.D. 19 members.

COURT FORT ANCIENT, No. 1359, LEBANON, OHIO.

Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1895, by H. O. Sonntag.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., F. H. Frost, M.D.; Chaplain, B. S. Rathgeber; Physician, C. A. Hough, M.D. 29 members.

COURT KATAHDIN, No. 1819, LINCOLN, MAINE.

Instituted on the 11th day of April, 1895, by John Johnson.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., R. J. Plummer; Chaplain, Oscar W. Gray; Physicians, S. W. Bragg, M.D., E. S. Taylor, M.D. 28 members.

COURT INDIANAPOLIS, No. 1820, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Instituted on the 27th day of April, 1895, by D. M. Carl.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. Blythe; Chaplain, S. Kealing; Physician, E. R. Ewing, M.D. 29 members.

COURT WICKHAM, No. 1821, SHANNON, N. BRUNSWICK.

Instituted on the 12th day of April, 1895, by F. W. Emerson.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., R. B. McCready; Chaplain, W. A. Smith; Physician, M. H. MacDonald M.D. 17 members.

- COURT MINNEHABA, No. 1822, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by J. C. O'Keefe and W. R. Steadman.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., C. P. O. Hansen; Chaplain, O. P. Nelson; Physician, Chas. Disen, M.D. 19 members.
- COURT BRIER HILL, No. 1823, BRIER HILL, NEW YORK**
 Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1895, by W. F. W. Curstairs.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., W. Klock; Chaplain, A. A. Battell; Physicians, Drs. E. Graves and H. E. Poole. 32 members.
- COURT NEW RICHMOND, No. 1824, NEW RICHMOND, WIS.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by H. F. Dinsmore.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. Hughes; Chaplain, D. J. Donohue; Physician, D. J. McMahon, M.D. 20 members.
- COURT —, No. 1825, ST. CHARLES, MINNESOTA.**
 Instituted on the day of , by R. E. Lucas, D.S.C.H.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., B. F. Buck; Chaplain, P. W. Smith; Physician, C. N. Clark. 17 members.
- COURT JORDAN, No. 1826, JORDAN, MINNESOTA.**
 Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1895, by J. C. O'Keefe.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., F. J. Leonard; Chaplain, J. Cragun; Physician, Dr. Jno. F. Mulholland. 21 members.
- COURT CHARLOTTE, No. 1827, CHARLOTTE, MICHIGAN.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by B. H. Cole.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., W. H. Packard, Chaplain, E. G. Lewis; Physician, F. A. Nearen. 11 members.
- COURT BUSINESS, No. 1828, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.**
 Instituted on the 7th day of May, 1895, by S. R. Burchard.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., F. G. Walton; Chaplain, H. Cunningham; Physician, L. C. Hammond, M.D. 33 members.
- COURT REACH, No. 1829, VICTORIA CORNERS, ONT.**
 Instituted on the 3rd day of May, 1895, by James Glendenning.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. C. St. John, Chaplain, Francis McFarlane; Physician, Dr. Jardine 17 members.
- COURT SEQUIN FALLS, No. 1830, SEQUIN FALLS, ONT**
 Instituted on the 19th day of April, 1895, by T. H. Soper.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Thos. Scott; Chaplain, A. Fry; Physician, Dr. Barber. 15 members.
- COURT WAPELLO, No. 1831, OTTUMWA, IOWA.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by J. T. Long.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Arthur A. Wright, Chaplain, C. Haw; Physician, Dr. W. B. Lafarce. 21 members.
- COURT KERAMOS, No. 1832, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.**
 Instituted on the 10th day of May, 1895, by J. B. Clarke.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., William Valentine; Chaplain, Thos. Anderson; Physician, Thos. H. McKinnon, M.D. 11 members.
- COURT BONAVENTURE, No. 1833, NEW CARLISLE, QUE.**
 Instituted on the 10th day of May, 1895, by J. W. Stock.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., M. J. Kelly; Chaplain, Rev. C. Husband; Physician, Wm. Maguire, M.D. 29 members.
- COURT ILLUM, No. 1834, TROY, NEW YORK.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by N. F. Paterson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., T. V. Davidson, Chaplain, W. T. Scott; Physician, J. H. Besell, M.D. 21 members.
- COURT PREBLE, No. 1835, CAMDEN, OHIO.**
 Instituted on the 13th day of May, 1895, by H. O. Sonntag.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., H. E. Johnson; Chaplain, —; Physician, W. E. Pryor, M.D. 9 members.
- COURT JERSEY CITY, No. 1836, GRENVILLE, NEW JER.**
 Instituted on the 13th day of May, 1895, by W. T. Bingham.
- Officers Installed.*—C.D.H.C.R., —; Chaplain, Gustow Buettner; Jno. C. West, M.D. 13 members.
- COURT GRANTON, No. 1837, GRANTON, ONTARIO.**
 Instituted on the 13th day of May, 1895, by J. H. Morrison.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. Rigney; Chaplain, Aaron Wreford; Physician, Hugh Lang, M.D. 15 members.
- COURT KOLA, No. 1838, BELLEVUE, OHIO.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by A. J. Messenger.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., E. S. Crawford; Chaplain, F. Seoville; Physician, Dr. G. S. Lanterman. 25 members.
- COURT METAPEDIA, No. 1839, METAPEDIA, QUEBEC.**
 Instituted on the 16th day of May, 1895, by J. W. Stocks.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Jas. Gillis; Chaplain, F. A. Botterell; Physician, H. Lammam, M.D. 23 members.
- COURT WEST NORWOOD, No. 2162, W. NOR. S.E., ENG'**
 Instituted on the 22nd day of April, 1895, by W. J. Mason.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., —; Chaplain, Rev. Walter Hobbs; Physician, C. E. Adams. 11 members.
- COURT WEYBRIDGE, No. 2163, WEYBRIDGE, ENGLAND.**
 Instituted on the 6th day of May, 1895, by Ronald McDougall.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Belsey Wood, Esq.; Chaplain, Charles Welch; Physician, J. J. Powell, M.D. 29 members.
- COURT —, No. 1843, KARS, NEW BRUNSWICK.**
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1895, by F. W. Emerson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., M. G. Jenkins; Chaplain, R. F. Merritt; Physician, M. H. McDonald. 12 members.
- COURT —, No. 1844, JERUSALEM, NEW BRUNSWICK.**
 Instituted on the 26th day of May, 1895, by F. W. Emerson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., W. Teed Inch; Chaplain, Rev. L. R. Macdonald; Physician, —. 16 members.
- COURT NOROMIS, No. 1845, BAYFIELD, NEW BRUNS.**
 Instituted on the 3rd day of May, 1895, by F. W. Emerson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., —; Chaplain, Rev. C. W. Hamilton; Physician, C. A. Allen, M.D. 16 members.
- COURT —, No. 1846, NEW RICHMOND, QUEBEC.**
 Instituted on the 7th day of May, 1895, by John W. Locks.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., John Starrak; Chaplain, James Cail; Physician, L. Crepault, M.D. 13 members.
- COURT BANYON, No. 1847, BUFFALO, NEW YORK.**
 Instituted on the 8th day of May, 1895, by C. J. Pilkey.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Dr. Staples; Chaplain, W. H. Chapman; Physician, Dr. Staples. 41 members.
- COURT AURELIUS, No. 1848, AURELIUS, MICHIGAN.**
 Instituted on the 7th day of February, 1895, by R. H. Cole.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., G. W. Jewett; Chaplain, G. W. Swartout, M.D.; Physician, G. W. Swartout, M.D. 10 members.
- COURT VIRGINIA, No. 1849, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**
 Instituted on the 20th day of May, 1895, by A. E. Stevenson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Linford C. Booz; Chaplain, John Hill; Physician, Dr. Paul F. F. Ehlers. 20 members.
- COURT CHAMP, No. 1850, CHAMP, MISSOURI.**
 Instituted on the 18th day of May, 1895, by L. W. Holland.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., H. Threkeld; Chaplain, E. M. Jesse; Physician, C. W. Reagan, M.D. 21 members.
- COURT —, No. 1851, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.**
 Instituted on the 22nd day of May, 1895, by Edw. H. Allen.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Frank Scott; Chaplain, Chas. D. Gray; Physician, Lemuel G. Good. 40 members.

Among the Courts.

Ontario.

District Demonstration on May 24th, at Strathroy.

Courts Sydenham and Hopeful Celebrate.

VISITORS FROM A SCORE OF NEAR-BY COURTS.

Speeches by Bros. the Hon. G. W. Ross and Rev. Macgillivray, P. H. C. R.—Bicycle Races—Sports—Bands from Melbourne and Strathroy—Football and Baseball—Fireworks.

The Clerk of the Weather must surely, as Hon. G. W. Ross remarked, be a Forester. The twenty-fourth of May opened beautifully. Even the sun rose earlier and looked brighter than for many days. The merchants and property-owners along Front and Frank-streets felt the contagion of his rays and left their couches to rear the flags and emblems to signify their desire that the oft-quoted wish might still be answered, "God Save the Queen."

Before ten o'clock the I.O.O.F. Band paraded the streets to wake everybody up, so that none might miss the coming of visiting Foresters on the special trains which arrived between ten and twelve o'clock. The Melbourne band accompanied the representatives from that court, and added much to the appearance of the procession of four hundred Foresters, which, under the command of Marshal John Heard and Deputy Marshals W. F. Hill, Henry Rapley, and — Cook, formed up and wound its way, to the music of the I. O. O. F. and Melbourne Bands, towards the Agricultural Grounds.

On arriving, the Marshals conducted the infantry in front of the grand stand, where a counter-march was executed, headed by the mounted dragoons and the carriage containing Brothers Macgillivray, Hughes, Court Physician, Dr. Hoare, and Chairman of the Committee, Reed, the visitors following in their order. In the procession we noticed, besides the representatives of Court Sydenham, Strathroy, and Court Hopeful, Kerwood, who jointly are responsible for the day's programme, visitors from Petrolia, Beechwood, Melbourne, Forest, Watford, Delaware, Mt. Brydges, Parkhill, Lambeth, Ailsa Craig, Wyoming, Arkona, Glencoe, and one from Keewatin, Bro. Cyrus Northcott.

The afternoon's programme was carried out in every particular, and proved very interesting. Every event was keenly contested.

THE SPEECHES.

Shortly before three o'clock, the Marshals summoned the speakers of the day, Bro. the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, and Bro. the Rev. A. Macgillivray, Past High Chief Ranger, who were placed in charge of Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Adelaide, Chairman

COURT MACON, No. 1852, MACON, MISSOURI.

Instituted on the 24th day of May, 1895, by J. J. Hickman.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Dr. A. B. Miller; Chaplain, H. R. McFern; Physician, Dr. A. B. Miller. 20 members.

COURT CHEMUNG VALLEY, No. 1833, ELMIRA, N.Y.

Instituted on the 25th day of May, 1895, by Edw. Salyer.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Edw. Salyer; Chaplain, J. M. Foy; Physician, J. H. Brewster, M.D. 20 members.

COURT MIDDLEBROUGH, No. 2161, MIDDLEBROUGH (YORKSHIRE), ENGLAND.

Instituted on the 9th day of May, 1895, by Walter Batty.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. Davison; Chaplain, Thos. Nicholas; Physician, Wm. Steel, M.D. 11 members.

COURT GOLDEN HILL EXCELSIOR, No. 2165, GOLDEN HILL (STAFFORD), ENGLAND.

Instituted on the 14th day of May, 1895, by James T. Bibby.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. Thos. Piggott; Chaplain, Henry Baggaley; Physician, Randal MacCarthy, M.D. 13 members.

COURT SUTHERLAND, No. 2166, HANLEY (STAFFORD), ENGLAND.

Initiated on the 14th day of May, 1895, by James T. Bibby.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Rev. Arthur H. Bird; Chaplain, Rev. Arthur H. Bird; Physician, Dr. Downey. 12 members.

COURT WALWORTH, No. 2167, WALWORTH, ENGLAND

Instituted on the 16th day of May, 1895, by Edward Tattersall.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Rev. James Wm. St. Claire Hill, M.A.; Chaplain, Rev. H. P. Smith; Physician, Frank Reid, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., L.M. 10 members.

COURT GOOD WILL, No. 1840, ONWARD, INDIANA.

Instituted on the 15th day of May, 1895, by W. W. Wilson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Herman A. Funk; Chaplain, W. E. Hurd; Physician, Jacob L. Neff, M.D. 31 members.

COURT CHIPPEWA FALLS, No. 1841, CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN.

Instituted on the 15th day of May, 1895, by C. H. Knight.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., D. A. Colpitts; Chaplain, Rev. H. E. Beeks; Physician, H. H. Hurd, M.D. 17 members.

COURT WOODVILLE, No. 1842, HAMPSTEAD, N. BRUNS

Instituted on the 25th day of April, 1895, by F. W. Emmerson.
Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Fred D. Stalls; Chaplain, Leonard Thomson; Physician, M. H. McDonald. 27 members.

The members of Court Callendar, No. 791, express to Bro. F. A. Tellman in a sympathetic resolution their sorrow on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Lansing, No. 247, extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of their late and much esteemed Bro. J. Foster Brown.

The members of Court Penobscot, No. 1,186, Old Town, Maine, extend their sympathy to the family of their late esteemed Bro. Clarence L. Reynold.

The members of Court Deuchine, No. 1,312 Aylmer, Quebec, by resolution, express their sympathy with the mother and friends of their esteemed brother, James Blakely.

The members of Court Desmond, No. 187, Port Huron, Michigan, extend their sympathy to the widow and children of their late well-beloved brother, Wm. McIntosh.

of this portion of the programme. Bro. Hughes, a member of Court Hopeful, of Kerwood, signified by some occult sign familiar, we presume, only to Foresters, that he needed a carriage and an officer of the law to assist him in the despatch of his important functions. A marshal hastily departed in search of the Sheriff of Middlesex, and found Mr. Cameron quite willing to convey Mr. Hughes and his prisoners where the people might hear their addresses. As soon as the front of the grand stand was reached by the Sheriff's party, the constables kindly hid their batons and allowed the audience to gather together that all might hear two of Ontario's Foresters whom all acknowledge to be foremost among the men of the Province in eloquence and oratory.

Chairman Hughes, in a pleasant introductory speech, thanked the friends who had assembled in such large numbers to hear those who had so kindly consented to address them on the great subject of Forestry. He was pleased that he was able to announce that Bro. Hon. G. W. Ross and Bro. Macgillivray were both present, but sorry that the Great Chief of the Order had been ordered by his physician to refrain from making the journey lest excitement should, in his present state of health, result in a serious attack of illness. Mr. Hughes closed by introducing the Hon. G. W. Ross to the large assembly.

On rising, the Hon. Mr. Ross saw at once that to make a speech of any length would be out of the question altogether, as it was almost impossible to be heard within the confines of the grand stand, and many hundreds besides were unable to enjoy the speeches at all. He therefore confined his remarks within the limit of a fifteen-minute talk, giving one of those bright addresses for which he is so justly celebrated. He was glad that the people were all able to see that the Sheriff was present, and that he was in the hands of the Chairman who could be trusted to keep him from making any of those unpleasant seizures which we hear of at times. Glad, also, was he to be at home in West Middlesex once more, addressing his own friends. He was proud to be able to show Bro. Macgillivray what a fine people are the people of West Middlesex, the choicest portion of the grandest county in Ontario. He felt proud that such a people had chosen him at different times to be their representative in Parliament. To the ladies of West Middlesex the Minister felt deeply indebted, as he believed his success was greatly owing to their good-will. Turning to the Chairman, Mr. Ross said, "I would like to hear Mr. Hughes discuss Forestry, as on that subject he is doubtless a much better authority than I. I can talk politics, and on that subject am an authority, but Mr. Hughes is not, as he is on the wrong side." (Laughter.) Speaking of the benefits of Forestry, Mr. Ross said that if the principles inculcated by the Independent Order of Foresters were lived up to by each one of its members, there would be no such thing as a Forester arrested for drunkenness or law-breaking of any description. Were all the people of Ontario true and loyal Foresters, criminality would cease, and brotherhood triumph. To this end,

it would be well to note, that the kindergarten is helping as to attain. In California it has been in existence for twenty years, and out of fifteen thousand children attending it, the blot of shame has not fallen on the name of one. Not one of them has turned out a drunkard, not one a criminal, not one an undesirable citizen. Mr. Ross could not resume his seat without complimenting the members of Court Sydenham on their fearlessness in projecting such a demonstration, their executive ability in carrying it forward, and the hearty co-operation of each individual Forester to promote the happiness of their many hundreds of visitors.

Chairman Hughes, as soon as the applause at the conclusion of Mr. Ross' speech had ceased, arose and announced the next speaker, one of the founders of the Order, who had shared the privations of the pioneerism of Forestry, and now is justly entitled to participate in its present glorious career.

Rev. A. Macgillivray, Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, on rising to address the gathering, greeted his audience as ladies and gentlemen and brother Foresters, and congratulated the brethren under whose auspices the demonstration was held, on their signal success, it being one of the largest and best he ever had the pleasure of addressing. He said the weather was most propitious, as if the Clerk was in sympathy with the movement, and conspired to compass its success. (Hon. Mr. Ross,—"He's a Forester.") He then referred to the unavoidable absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, who was prevented from being present with them to-day (on the advice of his physician) through illness, and he could assure his hearers, although the doctor was absent in body that he was present in spirit. Since his arrival in Stratroy, he had received a message from him asking the speaker to convey his regrets, and, to show that the Order was never so prosperous in securing new membership, to announce that over 2,600 applications had been accepted between the 1st and the 23rd of May. In this respect Bro. Macgillivray compared the I.O.F. with the straight line insurance companies, stating at the same time that he had not a word to say against them, only a common rivalry that augured well for the success of both. In the company of which the Hon. the Minister of Education was President, and in which he—the speaker—held a modest policy, the management thought that they had conducted an eminent-ly successful year if they had added to their list of policy-holders the number that the I.O.F. had received during the month mentioned above. And this had been achieved without relaxing to any extent the rigid medical examination which every applicant had to undergo in order to become a member of the Order. He then referred to the first institution of the Order in the United States some twenty-one years ago, and to the split which took place seven years after, when the Independent Order of Foresters was placed upon its present safe and substantial basis, as the sequel of fourteen years of active, successful life shows. Reference was made to the fact that during all the years of the ex-

istence of Independent Forestry, no member of a court had been known to seek for aid in sickness or distress from any source outside the Order, a record which speaks volumes for the good spirit pervading the Subordinate Courts. A high tribute was paid to the Supreme Chief Ranger for the foundation then so well and truly laid. At that time (1881) the Order was composed of a little over 30,000 members, and had an indebtedness of about four thousand dollars. He next pictured in glowing words the unparalleled growth of the order since then, until now the membership is over seventy-five thousand, considerably over one-third of it being in Ontario, and during which time nearly three millions of dollars have been paid to the widows and orphans of deceased members, and that the large and magnificent sum of one million three hundred and seventeen thousand dollars is still on hand, and laying to the credit of the Order. He stated further, that the average age of the 75,000 members was 31, and, to show the carefulness with which the selection of risks was taken, that the death rate in this large membership was a fractional point over five in a thousand. Bro. Macgillivray is a good talker, possesses a fine and pleasing address, and these qualities, combined with a rich, mellow voice, make him a very entertaining speaker, one that wins his way into the hearts of his hearers, and we hope, on some future occasion when he will have more time to display his splendid abilities, that we may have the pleasure of hearing him again.

The fireworks at night were witnessed by an immense crowd and were very fine.

The town of Strathroy owes a debt of gratitude to the local Court of the Independent Order of Foresters for providing such a grand day's sport, especially when it is remembered that the promoters of the demonstration were taking the risk of good weather and a large crowd in order to clear themselves of expenses.

NOTES.

There are no flies on Court Sydenham.

The marshals looked well on their prancing steeds.

The Strathroy Band played the Washington Post.

The boys from Petrolia looked well in their uniforms.

Rev. E. W. Hughes, as a Chairman, is an unlimited success.

The dusky leader of the Melbourne band won great favor from the ladies.

"What a stalwart body of young men the Foresters are" was a remark often heard.

More "uniformity" in uniform would add greatly to the appearance of a Foresters procession.

Court Sydenham returns hearty thanks to Court Hopeful for her assistance in preparing and carrying out the day's sport.

On invitation of Bro. Millar the demonstration next year will be at Parkhill. They will doubtless aim at going one better.

At the close of the proceedings, representatives of the courts present, met and sent a

telegram to the Supreme Chief Ranger informing him of the success of the Demonstration and expressing their sympathy with him in his illness.

The crowd of over 1,000 was a most orderly one, no sign of intoxication on the part of any one, and not a loud or profane word.

To the Strathroy *Age* we are indebted for the above admirable report. The *Age* did yeoman's work in promoting the success of the gathering. For weeks in advance the programme was kept well before the public, but then the editor of the *Age* is a Forester and a right loyal one he is. —Ed.

Court Ridgetown, No. 221.

On Sunday morning, May 26th, the members of the local court, with many visiting brethren, met at their court room, and, headed by the Citizens' Band, marched to the Methodist Church, where their anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Philp. The house was crowded, one hundred members of the brotherhood were present, and a very enjoyable service was held. The reverend gentleman, who is himself an honorary member of the Order, welcomed his brothers to the church, assuring them that they could nowhere find a heartier welcome than was there extended to them. The text was selected from James 1: 27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The sermon was an eminently practical one, and was attentively listened to.

Court Signet, No. 358, New Market.

A very successful entertainment was given by this court a short time ago. The Townsend Shakespearian Company contributed the programme. All present were delighted with the entertainment. The court commends the company as one in every sense worthy of public confidence and patronage. Court Signet is growing.

Court Delaware Valley, No. 672.

A correspondent writes: "This court held its annual service on May 12th, in the English Church, Delaware, when an able discourse was delivered by Bro. Thos. Brown. The sermon was listened to with marked attention, and was highly appreciated by the brethren present. We had the largest society turn-out ever held in Delaware. We had quite a number of visiting brethren from Court Welcome, London, Sydenham Strathroy, Lambeth, Mt. Brydges, and Melbourne. The procession was headed by the Chippewa Indian Band. The collection was appropriated to purchasing books for the English C.S.S. Library. We expect Forestry to flourish after such success.

Ottawa.

We regret being obliged to hold over, owing to pressure on our columns, an account of the splendid reception tendered Bro. H. A. Collins, High Chief Ranger of Ontario, by his brethren of Ottawa. We will give a full account of it in our next issue.

Quebec.

Anniversary Celebration in Montreal.

The celebration of the "Coming of Age" in Montreal was the occasion of a Forestric rally unequalled in the Province of Quebec. The festivities were organized by the two encampments of Royal Foresters in Montreal, under the patronage of the High Court and the assistance of the 45 courts of Montreal, and were held in the Monument National, Montreal, on the 20th of June.

In the afternoon, a joint meeting of the High Standing Committee and the delegates to the Supreme Court was held, when all the important questions likely to come before the Supreme Court in London, and other matters of general interest to Forestry were reviewed.

But the event of the day was the grand public concert, given in the large hall of the Monument National, in the evening, to an audience of over 3,000. The bright uniforms of the Royal Foresters, the *toilettes* of the ladies, the distinguished guests, good music, etc., everything contributed to make this jubilee such as all Foresters present will long remember it. Amongst the guests were to be seen judges, members of Parliament, aldermen, etc., and all seemed to have received a most favorable impression of the greatness of the I.O.F., and of the advantages that it confers upon its members.

The Supreme Chief Ranger was present, and delivered a most eloquent address, which was listened to with great interest and frequently applauded; the High Chief Morin followed with one of his stirring speeches in French, which makes the Foresters say that he cannot stop when he speaks on Forestry.

A select programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitation, comedy, etc., was then executed, partly in English and partly in French. Amongst the favorites were Mrs. Copping, Mrs. Kelly, and Mr. Surveyor, with songs and recitation; the choir of St. Pierre, under the leadership of Prof. Pepin, and the Allan orchestra filled their parts in a most creditable manner, while the miseries of Mr. Labelle in the French comedy provoked hearty laughter.

After the concert, refreshments were served to the guests, and when those good Foresters and their friends parted they thought that the celebration of the day had been up to the high grade attained by noble Quebec this year, and that something good for Forestry had been done.

At the close the Royal Foresters escorted their Illustrious Commander to the hotel, where a brief conference was held with and arrangements completed for the transportation of the Representatives to the next Supreme Court.

Court Champlain, No. 663.

The Banner Court has heard the warning of the High Chief that it had better beware of the pluck of younger courts; as a result, it has initiated 80 candidates from 1st January to 1st June (12 of them during May), and its membership numbered 324 on June 1st. It is still adding to this number, and there is

no fear for its laurels for a few months to come.

Court Prince Albert, No. 149.

The annual "At-Home" of the Star Court of the eastern townships is always anxiously awaited by our Sherbrooke brethren. This year was not a drawback by any means; a select programme was carried out, and the attendance was as large as the hall could allow to listen to the able address delivered by the High Treasurer, Bro. Miller.

Court Myrtle, No. 5.

A good number of the "Million" badges will go to Richmond, while their brass band is rapidly gaining a reputable fame amongst fraternal societies. We would like to know if any other court in the Province will enter in the tug-of-war contest at their annual picnic this year.

Court Montjoli, No. 1519.

Although struggling against hard circumstances, this court is increasing in an astonishing way; being instituted March 31st, 1894, with 28 Charter members, it has now 75 members in good standing. The good repute of the I.O.F. in the locality, and the zeal displayed by such members as Brothers Beaulieu, Ross, Pelletier, Dupéré, etc., secure the prosperity of the court; they have nothing but praise for the promptness with which their sick claims are settled.

Court Levis, No. 1512.

This court comes among the best for May record; the lamented death of their Court Physician, Dr. Collet, H. Phys., appears to have been a fruitful seed for Forestry; the new Court Physician, Dr. Lord, alone has secured 31.—Such workers are precious men for the I.O.F., and no doubt the Doctor will become prominent in Forestry.

Court Shefford, No. 290.

This court is booming Forestry in Waterloo; they have one of the cosiest halls in the Province, a brass band of 20 instruments, and a dramatic club in connection with the court. No need to say that the brethren are popular, and that the whole population of the town is with them.

Court Ste. Brigitte, No. 1398.

A revival of prosperity is found with this court; the officers, from the C.R. to the J.B., mean business, and they do business. 32 is their record for May, and probably more for June. The H.C.R., accompanied by Deputies Lighthall, Raymond, Dussault, and a number of officers and brethren paid them a noteworthy visit on June 3rd, and was tendered a reception that Foresters only can give. This court may soon be amongst the competitors for the banner.

Courts Beebe Plain, No. 1345; Glen Lisle, No. 1459; Inverness, No. 579, and a number of others are celebrating in June; Forestric celebrations always prove a success.

QUEBEC NOTES.

Now for another good long pull before the close of the year.

688 applications received during May; what do you think of this for little Quebec?

The meeting of the High Court has been fixed for Tuesday, August 27th, in the city of Quebec.

You will not catch the Supreme Court offering these "Million Dollar" badges again to Quebec.

Four meetings of the High Standing Committee have been held this year; Forestry is well cared for in Quebec.

June is the busy month for our workers. The H.C.R. complains that he has scarcely time enough left for sleep.

The anniversary celebration in Montreal, on June 20th, was a credit to the Order, and will prove a boom for Forestry.

The H.C.R. sends to the express every day to see if those two feathers for best record in February and May have arrived.

Dr. Picard, of Fraserville, has been elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Dr. Collet, High Physician.

Le Forestier remarks that the Quebec rooster has something to say in the poultry yard this year; we acknowledge that this is true.

The Foresters of Montreal have received an invitation to take part in the parade of the St. Jean Baptiste Society. If they all turn out they will make a parade by themselves.

Bro. Stocks, H.S., has a way of his own to take a vacation; the H.C.R. allowed him one of fifteen days in May, which he spent in Bonaventure County, and when he returned he reported three courts instituted there.

In the competition for Deputies, the prizes have been won as follows: General Deputies, instituting largest number of courts in six months, J. L. Rose and J. S. X. Dussault, four courts each; District Deputy, whose jurisdiction has increased most in same space of time, A. Beaujean, D.D. for Montreal east, increase, 56.5 per cent.; General or District Deputy sending the best quarterly report, Dr. P. Picard, G.D.

Nova Scotia.

Information from various sources shows the Order to be steadily gaining ground in Nova Scotia.

The High Standing Committee met on June 5th and 6th at Middleton. Some important matters affecting the Order were carefully considered, and a large amount of routine business was transacted.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. R. G. Monroe, Barrister, Digby, has given all the time that he can spare from his professional duties to the visiting of courts, and the delivery of public addresses.

The 16th June was duly observed as a day of thanksgiving by the members of the Order. Every court in the jurisdiction attended divine service.

The four courts in Halifax attended church on the 16th together. It is estimated that 400 Foresters marched together to the place of worship. The High Chief Ranger has several new courts under way. The June re-

cord is expected to surpass anything as yet accomplished in Nova Scotia.

The press of Nova Scotia gives a good deal of attention to the I.O.F. The *Free Press* of Weymouth in a recent issue in an able editorial set forth the many advantages of the Order.

Manitoba.

Never before has Forestry made such magnificent strides as have been made in the months of April, May, and June. Manitoba has given an impetus to our noble Order that will be felt as never before in the Prairie Province.

Nearly every court has been vicing with every other for first place, and as a result, some of the finest specimens of Foresters have been captured.

Court Winnipeg, No. 13, has done noble work, and a number of her members will wear the million dollar badge, while several will have the privilege of owning the history of our beloved Order. Court North Star has about doubled its membership during the year. No fits and starts in North Star. Solid, steady, persevering and successful work is its aim.

Court Hudson (the swell court) has beaten her record and outdone every other court for the months of May and June. They report an increase of 25 for May; and June will do as well, and expects better. The courts in the outlying districts have done grand work. Court Greenridge held their anniversary and church parade on the 2nd of June. On account of that being the only date their minister could be in attendance, every member of this young court turned out for the occasion.

They held their anniversary picnic on the 17th. A big time is anticipated: courts are expected from Emerson and Dominion City to be in attendance.

Courts Marquette, Gretna, Morden, Manitou, Stonewall, Balmoral, Foxton and others, have all given good reports, and, in fact, the whole jurisdiction will give a good account to the High Court, which meets at the lovely town of Souris on the second of July.

The High Standing Committee will put an organizer in the field for next year that will, "they expect," rush on the grand cause to greater achievement and success.

The anniversary was duly celebrated by church parades and pic-nics all over the Province.

Forestry was never so appreciated and embraced in Manitoba before as it is now.

British Columbia.

Victoria.

A very successful social dance was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, on Tuesday, May 7th, under the auspices of Court Fernwood 1202. Dancing commenced at 8:30 p.m., and kept up until the small hours of the morning, every body having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Michigan.

Never in the history of the Order has so much interest been shown as during the past six weeks. Favorable reports of increase in membership are being received from nearly every section of the state.

The demonstration at Detroit on the 19th inst., in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the Order, will be beyond question the most successful in the history of Michigan Forestry. A full account will be given in the next issue.

State Organizer Weeks is proving the right man in the right place. The action of the High Standing Committee in instructing him to go to those courts only where the court would allow him to collect a deposit of one dollar, is meeting with popular approval, and is furnishing a revenue sufficient to more than pay all of his expenses.

High Chief Ranger Joslyn announces that the winners of the several prizes offered for last year's competition will be announced in the next FORESTER. The delay has been caused by the failure of the courts to make reports to him. If any courts have not yet reported they will be given until July 15th, after which no report will be received.

The passing of Michigan by Quebec in the membership last month proved a great help to the work in the State. It seems as though all the courts in the State are vying with each other to see which shall do the most work to forge us as far ahead of Quebec as to make it impossible for him to again get in sight of the dust left in our pathway.

Court Business, recently organized at Bay City, promises to give the other courts in the State a smart race for first place. Many of the business men of the city never knew the real basis of the insurance furnished by the Order, and only need to be asked to become members. Bro. Birchard promises to make the membership 100 the first six months, and to double that before the end of the Forestry year. He'll keep his promise, too.

Court Gaylord was organized at Gaylord June 4th, by the H.C.R., Bro. Joslyn and State Inspector Bro. A. A. Weeks. There were 25 names on the charter list secured by Bro. Weeks, including the most substantial business men in the community. Many others signified their desire to become connected with the Order, and Gaylord promises to have one of the best courts in Northern Michigan in the near future.

In response to circular No. 1 a large number of the courts have asked for the services of the State Organizer. The High Chief Ranger will endeavor to send the organizer to those courts which most need assistance, rather than where the most applications could be taken. The following is nearly a complete list of the class to be visited in the near future:—St. Louis, Alma, Ithaca, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Chelsea, Monroe, Northville, Pontiac, Mendon, Jackson, Marshall, Eaton Rapids, Lowell, Hastings, Thompsonville,

Oopernish, Cadillac, Traverse City, Petoskey, St. Ignace. The members of these courts should each prepare as many names as possible to give the organizer on his arrival and also assist him personally in the work. This will add greatly to the good he is able to accomplish.

Michigan's representatives to the Supreme Court include some of the best known business and professional men in the State. If my jurisdiction presents a more able delegation it will do well indeed. The delegation includes two ministers, two physicians, two Members of Congress, a State Senator, and Members of the State House of Representatives, two prominent manufacturers, one merchant, one bookkeeper, and a college professor.

New York.

Court Brooklyn City, 1697.

Forestry in the great metropolis of the west is making substantial progress. There are four courts in New York, and five in Brooklyn.

Court Brooklyn is the Mother Court, and is, as well, writes a correspondent, the largest in the city. Dr. Coulter, who has charge of the eastern office of the United States, is looking closely after the interests of the I. O. F. in New York.

Court Lynne, No. 498, Three Mile Bay.

What the membership of this court lacks in numbers it makes up in enthusiasm—the numbers are coming. Chief Ranger Bro. G. H. Herrick is a popular and capable officer. Court Lynne will do its share to bring New York State to the front.

New Jersey.

New Jersey, the birth-place of the I.O.F., sends greeting to her brother Foresters throughout the world.

In honor of our "coming of age," New Jersey has resolved to double its present membership before our next birthday.

Never in the history of the I.O.F. in this state, has the prospect for a rapid increase in membership been as bright as it is at present. Every court is alive and working, with "Progress" as their motto.

Our High Court session, held in Newark, June 4th, was a model of harmony and enthusiasm. The officers' reports show a gain of 700 members during the past year, and this, notwithstanding the business depression so seriously experienced in this state.

Our representatives to the Supreme Court are, Rev. George Bucker, Dr. P. A. Banker, and W. T. Bingham, a clergyman, a physician, and a journalist. They are thus prepared to dispense spiritual or medical advice to their fellow voyagers, and to write us their sufferings from the effect of the rollicking billows.

Court Elizabeth, No. 1, the oldest court in the United States, still retains the state ban-

ner for membership. Among the 230 Foresters on its roll are 15 of the original charter members.

Court George W. Childs, a year old, is justly proud that its hundredth member is the Hon. Foster M. Voorhies, state Senator, and probably the next Governor of New Jersey. Brother Foster travelled the R.R.R. like the rest of us.

There are eight new courts under way in the state, with prospects of being in full working order before meeting of Supreme Court.

Bro. and Dr. Cassady, of Burlington, brought in 26 new Foresters in one month. It will take a pretty lively hustler to beat that record.

All the courts observed the Order's 21st birthday, by attending church on June 16th. In Elizabeth, Courts Childs and Washington united, and nearly filled one of the large Presbyterian churches.

Elizabeth has a population of 44,000, one thousand of whom are Foresters, while another thousand are preparing to become Foresters at an early date.

North Dakota.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

ARDOCH, N. D.,
June 15th, 1895.

To all Subordinate Courts in North Dakota:

BRETHREN—You are hereby notified that the next meeting of the High Court of North Dakota will be held in Oddfellows' Hall, on July 13th and 19th, 1895, at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Business of the greatest importance will be brought up, and a full representation is earnestly requested.

Your attention is especially called to the official circular recently issued, and it is important that each court should comply with its request.

Yours in L. B. and C.,
J. H. FRAMINE, H. C. R.

G. R. Jacobi, H. Sec.

NOTES.

Court Thompson, No. 1,595, celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the I.O.F. in truly Forester style. The boys are all wide awake.

The Foresters' picnic at Crystal, on June 14th is expected to eclipse the "big blow out" at Foresters' Island. Ontario can beat us in numbers, but not in material.

Court Hunter, No. 1,645, is getting to the front. It is one of the youngest in the State, but the boys have arranged for a "big day" on the 17th.

Court Voss, No. 1,726, mourns the loss of one of its members, Bro. Govey, who died May 24th. The funeral was conducted by the members, assisted by large delegations from sister courts, over 150 being in line. The bereaved family have received much practical sympathy from the court since February 1st.

After paying all funeral expenses, the widow was presented with a check for \$1,000. The Foresters truly exemplify their principles.

Court Bay Centre, No. 736, is getting to the 100 mark with both feet. This court is buried alive in an out-of-the-way spot, but when it comes to the number of members, it is very much alive, leading all the courts in the State.

Court Grand Forks is located in the largest and best city in the State, but for some reason it brings up the rear regarding the number of members. Why is this "thusly?"

North Dakota has been truly fortunate during the past year, having only two deaths to record. What is the matter with us?

Court Arvilla, No. 776, held a picnic on June 14th, which was well attended and very enjoyable to all.

Court Grandin, No. 511, celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Order by having a sociable time. Several courts in the immediate vicinity assisted, and a general good time was indulged in.

Court Ardoch, No. 496, attended Divine service on June 16th, at the M. E. Church. The boys turned out 50 strong.

Minnesota.

A review of the work done in this jurisdiction for the past year shows that the Order has made material progress, and, everything considered, the members may well congratulate themselves upon their energy. A brief synopsis of the work shows the following:

Court Minnesota, No. 453, on July 1st, 1894, had a membership of 51. During the year they have received accessions, by initiations, 60; by card, 2; total, 113. Losses: by suspension, 8; by card, 4; by death, 1. Net membership, 100.

Court Fairview, No. 518. By reason of financial difficulties this court has not made as good showing as it usually has done, and will report a smaller membership than last July. Still, they are not disheartened, and every one of their 56 members begins the new year with a determination to work hard for their court and bring it again to the front.

Court Farmington, No. 547, makes a good showing for the year, having succeeded in almost doubling its membership.

Court Winonah, No. 568, will report 50 members, as against 31 last July, and the members say they have hardly gotten down to their best work and promise a much better showing the coming year.

Court Luluth, No. 724, has been the Banner Court of the State up to the last month, having had a membership of 140; but Court Hillside, No. 1236, got its working clothes on, and brought its membership up from 39 on July 1st, 1894, to 150. Court Hillside is composed of enthusiastic Foresters, and when they start out to do anything they set a hot pace. At their last meeting in May they initiated a class of 61 in one evening, and they do say that none of the candidates felt at all slighted in the matter of getting their share of the "fun."

Fourteen new courts have been instituted since last July, three were consolidated into one court, making the total number of courts 42, a net gain of 12 for the year. The net increase for the entire jurisdiction for the year will be close unto 700.

The High Court has been called to convene at Stillwater on Wednesday, July 10th—a month earlier than usual on account of the Supreme Court meeting. The courts at Stillwater and South Stillwater have made great preparations for the entertainment of the delegates, and have arranged an ample programme, which will include a tour of inspection of the State prison—as they think this will be the only occasion a Forester will ever have to see the inside of one,—a steamboat excursion up the St. Croix river to the beautiful Dulles and the new Inter-State Park, and many other interesting events.

The Minneapolis courts joined in celebrating the anniversary of the Order on June 17 with an entertainment at Century Hall. The hall, which is one of the largest in the city was crowded to its utmost extent with Foresters and their friends, and an interesting programme was rendered, including instrumental and vocal music, literary exercises, etc., not forgetting an eloquent and instructive address by High Chief Ranger O'Keefe.

In St. Paul there was no joint celebration: but many of the courts held anniversary exercises in their lodge rooms, to which the general public were admitted.

Courts St. Vincent and Northcote, located in town of the same name, situated in the north-west corner of this State, just across the Manitoba line, although only recently instituted are doing great work and increasing their membership rapidly. Court Hendrum is also a new court that is making rapid progress, having had ten initiations at the last meeting.

Bro. Geo. V. Brown, of Court Owatonna (a new court), at its last meeting stirred the boys up by bringing in ten applications. Bro. Brown has been appointed a State Deputy, and will institute a number of courts during the summer.

Wisconsin.

Official Circular.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the Independent Order of Foresters of Wisconsin, Greeting:

The officers of the High Court would respectfully call your attention to the fact that, according to our Constitution, each subordinate court is required to make a semi-annual report to the High Court, and to remit, as High Court dues, the sum of fifty cents for each member in good standing on the first day of July.

Enclosed will be found blanks for this purpose. It is desired that these reports and the dues should be in the hands of the High Secretary at least by the 10th of July.

It is with pleasure that the High Court officers announce to the officers and members

of the subordinate courts the increased prosperity of our Order in this State. There are now ten organizers at work, placed here by the Supreme Council, and all under the immediate direction of our High Chief Ranger, who is supplied by the Supreme Chief Ranger with ample means to push the work in this State.

Two new courts, one at Chippewa Falls and one at New Richmond, have been added to the 27 courts we had at the time of our High meeting, making now 29 courts in this State, with very flattering prospects of more soon.

Many of the old courts have entered the work with much enthusiasm, and have increased their membership quite materially by their own personal exertions.

It is the desire of the High Court officers to push the work as much as possible, and with sincere thanks for the enthusiasm with which some of our courts have entered this work, and expecting a still greater exertion and assistance on the part of all of our courts and members in the State, we remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

B. F. PARKER, J. C. PROCTOR,
High Chief Ranger. High Secretary.
Dated Madison, Wis., June 5th, 1895.

California.

An Interesting Letter from the High Secretary of California.

FORESTRY FLOURISHING IN THE GOLDEN STATE.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 18th, 1894.

Editor INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

I have noticed that of late very little has appeared in the columns of the FORESTER in reference to progress which our Order is making in California. I therefore take the present opportunity to say a few words on behalf of the Golden State, one which should not be passed over in silence.

Independent Forestry in California, ever since the first court of the Order was planted therein, has been a live issue, and while in the past we have met with much opposition on the part of other Orders, yet the Grand Financial system of the I.O.F., coupled with the prompt manner in which all obligations are met, has commanded the respect and admiration of all.

The recent visit to the State of our esteemed Supreme Chief Ranger, together with the re-opening of the "Honor Badge" competition, has created a "Boom" in the way of applications for membership which will not soon be forgotten.

A few of our courts report the number of applications received thus far this month as follows.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422,	about 40
" Morris Vineyard, No. 532,	" 25
" Semi Tropic, No. 1412,	" 18
" Wildwood, No. 633,	" 31
" California, No. 451,	" 54
" Occident, No. 467,	" 33

while several others range from 3 to 10 each. I think it safe to say that California will turn

in at least 300 applications for membership during this month.

Court Sioc, No. 1067, of Colusa, advise us of a grand reunion and banquet to be held on the evening of the 23rd, and invite us to be present. We regret that it will be impossible to accept the invitation so kindly tendered. We are sure, however, that Court Sioc will put up an entertainment of which any court or Order might justly feel proud.

Court Sioc, No. 1067, enjoys a distinction very seldom met with, in that for three successive terms the H.V.C.R. of our jurisdiction has been chosen from the membership of that court. Each of whom have filled the office with credit to themselves and honor to the Order.

Our H.C.R. has at present 3 new courts under way, and will institute at Martinez on the 23rd inst.; at several other places in the south, ground has been broken, and several new courts will be added to our roster before the expiration of our Forestric year, June 30th.

I enclose copy of an official circular issued by our H.C.R., calling upon all members of the Order in Los Angeles and vicinity to assemble at I.O.F. Hall, 245 South Spring-st. on Sunday, June 16th, for the purpose of attending divine service at First M. E. church, Broadway, on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of our Order.

Invitations have been extended to all courts in South California to meet with us, for which purpose reduced rates on the several railroads will be given, and it is expected that this will be the largest gathering of Foresters ever seen in California. We hope to have from six to eight hundred men in line headed by a band, and Los Angeles Encampment, No. 17, Royal Foresters, in full uniform.

Hoping to see something in your next issue from other portions of our jurisdiction,

I am yours in L. B. and C.,
W. H. PERRY.

Ohio.

Official Circular, No. 3.

CLEVELAND, O., July 1, 1895.

To all Courts under this Jurisdiction, greeting.

You will please give the following items of importance your attention on first meeting night in July, 1895.

1st. You will have the Credentials of your representative to High Court properly filled out, signed and sealed and a duplicate sent to the High Secretary by Aug. 1st, 1895.

2nd. Your semi-annual report (on form No. 25) to High Court made out and sent together with your capitation tax, (25 cents for each member in good standing on July 1, '95) to the High Secretary by July 15, 1895. See constitution, sec. 146-2, 215-4; also all moneys due the High Court for supplies as per statement.

3rd. Instruct your representative; whether it is the wish of your sub-court to have Annual or Biennial Sessions of the High Court.

Providing your court has lost a member by death during the last year, please send the

High Secretary a short notice of the brother deceased.

Should your court have any resolutions or communications for High Court, have them ready in writing and sealed, to be presented by your representative.

Your representation will be one representative for 50 members or less, in good standing on July 1, 1895, and a second one, providing your court has 100 or more members in good standing on July 1, '95.

The next session of High Court of Ohio will be held at Mansfield, O., Oct. 8, at 9:30 a.m., standard time.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

Affirmed, E. P. HAWLEY,
L. Z. TANNEY, High Secretary.
High Chief Ranger.

England.

GRAND SOCIAL MEETING OF THE COMBINED COURTS OF LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

LIVERPOOL, 24th May, 1895.

A meeting of the members of the combined courts of Liverpool and district was held last evening in the Grand Central Cafe, North John-street, Liverpool.

One of the brightest features in the programme of a most successful evening was the presence of a large number of ladies.

After an excellent tea had been partaken of, a programme of quite an exceptional character for excellence was submitted.

Bro. S. Southern Chiswell, H.C.R., Mid-England, occupied the chair, and was supported by the High Secretary, and nearly all the C. R.'s. and C.D.H.C.R.'s. in the district. In a short, pithy, and somewhat humorous address, he noticed the presence of ladies, and hoped that when we next met on an occasion of a similar kind he hoped to have the privilege of addressing them as "Sisters."

The programme was then proceeded with, Bro. Barker, C.D.H.C.R., Court Widnes, No. 2126, acting with rare skill and ability as accompanist; Bro. Swain, C.D.H.C.R., Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050, opened with "Jack's Yarn," and as he was in splendid voice, he elicited much applause by his fine rendering of this popular song. Bro. Hicks worked upon the humorous side of his audience to an irresistible degree by his inimitable rendering of the "Dandy Colored Coon," and "At Trinity Church I met my doom." "Anchored," by Bro. Scarlett, and a capital recitation entitled a "Homely bit of Advice," by Bro. Coles, C.R., Court Liverpool, No. 2007, completed the first part of an excellent entertainment.

After an interval of half-an-hour for fraternal greetings and introductions, the second part was proceeded with, the principle feature in which was the wonderful conjuring tricks performed by Bro. Hassall, C.R., Court North Meols, No. 2071, Southport.

A vote of thanks to the various committees who had the arrangement of the meeting in hand, and who carried each detail out to such a successful issue, and coupling with it the names of Bros. Swain, C.D.H.C.R., Court

Liverpool, No. 2050, and J. O. Jones, H.J.S., Court Anfield, No. 2008, was proposed by the High Secretary, and seconded by the H.C.R. and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Bro. I. M. McCulloch, C.R., Court Mount Pleasant, No. 2008, and seconded by Bro. Hassall, C.R., Court North Meols, No. 2071, Southport was carried with acclamation.

It was intimated that the meeting being an initial effort, and having been such a marked success, a similar one should be held within the present year, and that the advisability of having a pic-nic sometime during the summer be submitted to the various courts for an expression of their opinion, and there is very little doubt but that these suggestions will be acted upon.

Court Garston, No 2122, Leicester, Eng.

A public meeting, convened by Court Garston, was held on Monday evening, the 29th April, 1895, in the fine hall of the Presbyterian church, Garston. There was a good attendance of the brethren from Garston and Widnes, and a fair number of strangers, amongst them a few agents connected with Insurance Societies, who work very energetically in this district.

Bro. Dr. O'Hagan, Physician to Court Garston, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Bro. S. Southern Chiswell, H.C.R. for Mid-England; Joseph Andrews, High Sec.; S. Swain, C.D.H.C.R., Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050; J. M. McCulloch, C.R., Court Mount Pleasant, No. 2008, and J. Pithkettley, C.R., Court Garston. Bro. Chiswell gave an admirable address on the I.O.F., and the advantages it possessed over all other insurance companies. He was listened to with marked attention throughout, and at the close a vote of thanks was accorded to him. A similar vote to the chairman brought this, the first meeting of its kind in this district, to a close.

The brethren of Court Garston are to be congratulated on taking the initiative in what is undoubtedly a step in the right direction.

Court "Beeston Hill," No. 2119, Leeds, Eng.

A Grand Social evening in connection with the above court was held in St. Luke's School, Leeds, on Friday, February 15th, 1895.

A large number of Foresters, together with their wives and sweethearts, were present.

A large stage erected at the end of the dancing room was arranged as a drawing-room, where the non-dancers spent a happy time amongst the microscopes, stereoscopes, and other interesting objects, kindly lent by D. Parsons, Esq., which gentleman also gave a limelight lecture on a "Tour in Switzerland."

The whole company sat down at 9.30, to a splendid supper, great credit being due to the Foresters' wives who had looked after this part of the proceedings.

During the evening an announcement was made to the effect that Brother Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., intended paying a visit to Leeds in August. This was greeted with tremendous cheers, and all promised to give the Chief a right royal welcome.

Ireland.

MEETING OF THE HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the High Standing Committee of the High Court of Ireland was held on the 3rd June. There were present:—Rev. W. J. McCaughan (in the chair), Dr. Williamson, Dr. Gibson, R. W. McKnight, Wm. Mahaffy, and J. H. Barrett. It was decided to hold the High Court meeting in August, as soon as possible after the meeting of the Supreme Court in London, and to give a reception to the Supreme Executive, — Oronhyatekha, Esq., M.D., Toronto; Edward Botterell, Esq., from the House of Commons, Ottawa; Hon. D. D. Aitken, House of Representatives, Washington; John A. McGillivray, Esq., T. G. Davey, Esq., Thomas Millman, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S., and the Hon. Judge Wedderburn. A telegram was received, intimating that Bro. Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, amidst a demonstration of welcome at Toronto, on Thursday, laid the foundation stone of a massive pile of buildings, as the central offices for the Order.

Lecture in Lurgan.

An interesting lecture, entitled "America," was delivered in the Town Hall, Lurgan, recently, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Foresters, by the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Belfast, High Chief Ranger. There was a large attendance of the public. Mr. John McCaughey, J. P., Chief Ranger, occupied the chair. The lecture dealt principally with the United States and Canada, and was illustrated by limelight views. The able and fluent style in which Mr. McCaughan described the various pictures was very much appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Hanna, seconded by Mr. Thomas McGeown, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, who, in reply, enumerated some of the advantages to be derived from a connection with the Independent Order of Foresters. A second vote of thanks was, on the motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. R. Mathers, accorded to Mr. James English and Mr. Harry McCaughey, who manipulated the lantern.

Court Ballymena, 2011.

The monthly meeting of the above flourishing court was held on Monday evening, 29th April, 1895, Bro. Samuel Hood, C.R., presiding. This meeting of the court was invested with peculiar interest, as in the forenoon of that day all that was mortal of Bro. James F. Boyd was consigned to the grave. Bro. Boyd had been one of the first charter members of the court, and had been one of the most regular attendants at its meetings. After the usual business had been transacted, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved that, "At this the first meeting of the court after the death of B. J. Boyd, the officers and members of the court record their sincere and genuine sympathy with the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters of our deceased brother, and that the Recording Secretary communicate this vote to Mr. Boyd, the father of deceased." The court was afterwards closed in due form.

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