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THE NEW PATH.

We stand in the light of a dawning day, with its glory creation flushing ;
And the life-currents up from the prisoning clay through the world's great heart are rushing ;
While from peak to peak of the spirit land, a voice unto us is calling :
The night is over, the day is at hand, and the fetters of earth are falling.

Yet faces are pale with a mystic fear of the strife and trouble looming ;
And we feel that mighty changes are near, though the Lord delayeth His coming.
For the rent flags hang from each broken mast, and down in the ocean's surges
The shattered wreck of a foundering past sinks 'mid the night-wind's dirges.

But the world goes thundering on to the light, unheeding our vain presages ;
And nations are cleaving a path to the right, through the mouldering dust of ages.
Are we, then, to rest in a chill despair, unmoved by these new elations ;
Nor carry the flag of our country fair, in the onward march of nations ?

Shall our hands be folded in slumber, when the bands and the chains are shattered ,
As stony and still as enchanted men in a cave of darkness fettered ?
The cave may be dark, but we'll flash bright gleams of the morning radiance on it,
And tread the New Path, though the noontide beams as yet, fall faintly upon it.

Let us bear a torch with the foremost bands, through the future's dark outgoing ;
Or stand by the helm, 'mid the shoals and sands, of the river of life fast flowing, —
Or as guides on the hills with a bugle note let us warn the mountain ranger
Of the chasms that cross and mists that float o'er his upward pass of danger.

For the chasms are deep and the river is strong, and the tempest is wildly waking .
We have need of brave hands to guide us along the path which the age is taking.
With our gold and pearls let us build the state ; faith, courage and tender pity
Are the gems that shine on the golden gate of angels' heavenly city.

—LADY WILDE, *in the New Nation.*

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In every communication give the name and number of your Court and where located. It is impossible to find your name on our lists unless this information is given.

Special Notice.

The special attention of all members is drawn to the following new table of rates in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department which goes into effect on the 1st October, 1891.

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFITS.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES.

Age	Monthly rate of Assessment.	Age	Monthly rate of Assessment.
18	40 cts.	37	51 cts.
19	41	38	52
20	41	39	53
21	42	40	54
22	42	41	55
23	43	42	56
24	43	43	58
25	44	44	60
26	44	45	62
27	45	46	64
28	45	47	66
29	46	48	68
30	46	49	70
31	47	50	75
32	47	51	80
33	48	52	85
34	48	53	90
35	49	54	95
36	50	55 and upwards	\$1 00

All members in the Sick and Funeral Department must, in future, pay the above rates. Financial Secretaries will collect the new rates not at the present age but at the age at which the brother became enrolled in that department. Attention is also directed to the following extract from Official Circular No. 1, affecting brethren who have joined the Order within the last two years and who at date of joining were 50 years of age or over.

NEW SECTION 240.

240. (1.) "Any applicant in the Ordinary Class, or in the Hazardous Class who is admitted to the Order, or any member who may be reinstated between the *fiftieth* and *fifty-fifth* birthdays, shall pay on admission or reinstatement the rate for his age and class as given in sub-sections *two* and *three* of this section, and shall pay the same rate of assessments thereafter so long as he remains continuously in good standing, and in the same class.

(2.) RATES FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
50	2 50	5 00	7 50
51	2 00	5 20	7 80
52	2 70	5 40	8 10
53	2 85	5 70	8 55
54	3 00	6 00	9 00

(3.) RATES FOR THE HAZARDOUS CLASS.

Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
50	2 60	5 20	7 80
51	2 75	5 50	8 25
52	2 95	6 00	8 55
53	3 20	6 40	9 60
54	3 50	7 00	10 50

(4.) No applicant in the Extra Hazardous Class can be initiated after passing his *fiftieth* birthday.

(5.) An applicant in the Ordinary or Hazardous Class who has passed his *fifty-fifth* birthday may be admitted to honorary membership, as provided in section *one hundred and twenty*, sub section *six*.

4.—Members who have been admitted under the present section 40, and are paying the increasing rates therein contained, can, if they like, change now to the level premium rates contained in the above section. If, however, they do not make the change now they will not be permitted hereafter to make the change.

If any brother desire to make the change to the level premium rate above provided he will be rated at his age when he joined the Order and not at his present age.

EIGHTH COMMUNICATION

OF THE

SUPREME COURT

HELD IN

Fraternity Hall, Detroit, Michigan,

ON

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

1st, 2nd and 3rd September, 1891.

First Day—Tuesday, 1st September.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At Detroit and in Fraternity Hall there, at two o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the eighth communication of the Supreme Court Independent Order of Foresters, was opened in accordance with the notice, the Supreme Chief Ranger, Brother Dr. Oronhyatekha, presiding. The following officers were present at the opening of the Supreme Court:

S. C. R., Oronhyatekha, M. D., Toronto, Ont.
 P. S. C. R., Edwd. Botterell, Ottawa, Ont.
 S. V. C. R., Wm Griffith, Hamilton, Ont.
 S. Sec., John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge, Ont.
 S. Treas., Thos. G. Davey, London, Ont.
 S. Phys., Thos. Millman M.D., Kingston, Ont.
 S. Coun., F. W. Emmerson, Petitocondic, N. B.
 S. Auditor, Tho. Lawless, Toronto, Ont.
 S. Auditor, B. W. Greer, London, Ont.
 S. Chap., Rev. Alex. McGillivray, Toronto, Ont.
 S. J. Sec., David Millar, Toronto, Ont.
 S. S. W., Gen. H. H. Aplin, Lansing, Mich.
 S. J. W., G. A. Harper, Cleveland, Ohio.
 S. S. B., Geo. Parish, London, Ont.
 S. J. B., Thom. Chambers, Port Huron, Mich.
 S. Mar., N. F. Paterson, Q. C., Port Perry, Ont.
 S. Mess., A. V. Wade, Digby, N. S.
 S. St. B., W. E. Skillen, St. Martins, N. B.
 S. St. B., Daniel Rose, Toronto, Ont.
 S. Sw. B., Thos. J. Birch, Stratford, Ont.
 S. Sw. B., H. Walters, Quebec, Que.
 Supt. Juv. For., James Crawford, London, Ont.

The Supreme Chief Ranger appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

The Supreme Secretary, and Representatives A. V. Wade, W. H. Perry, W. F. Glidden, and Dr. Hetherington.

The Supreme Secretary presented the first report of the Confidential Committee, as follows:

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.
 DETROIT, 1st September, 1891.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to present their first report. The following representatives have been duly accredited to this Supreme Body:

Officers of the Supreme Court—S. C. R., Oronhyatekha, M. D.; P. S. C. R., Edward Botterell; S. V. C. R., William Griffith; S. Sec., John A. McGillivray; S. Treas., T. G. Davey; S. Phys., Thos. Millman, M. D.; S. Coun., F. W. Emmerson; S. Chap., Rev. Mr. Collins; S. J. Sec., David Millar; S. S. W., Gen. H. H. Aplin; S. J. W., Geo. A. Harper; S. S. B., M. M. Allin; S. J. B., Thos. Clarke; S. Mar., N. F. Paterson, Q. C.; S. Con., J. W. Frost; S. Mess., James Slater; S. St. B., W. E. Skillen; S. St. B., D. Rose; S. Sw. B.,

Thos. J. Birch; S. Sw. B., H. Walters; S. Supt. of Juv. Courts, J. Crawford; Auditors, Tho. Lawless, B. W. Greer.

Part Executive Officers—P. S. V. C. R., James B. Halkett; P. S. V. C. R., Dr. Hetherington; P. S. V. C. R., H. C. Creed; P. S. C., W. W. Fitzgerald, Q. C.; P. S. Phys., Thos. Millman M. D.

High Court of Canada—W. H. Perry, W. W. Stockwell. Entitled to 4 votes.

High Court of Illinois—W. K. McGregor, Col. W. W. Wharry. Entitled to 3 votes.

High Court of Michigan—D. D. Aitkin, Dr. Thompson, Major N. S. Boynton, Rev. E. Collins, W. A. Crouch, A. Decker, W. F. Glidden, Dr. S. E. Morgan, H. A. Robinson, Robert Thompson, G. G. Vanalstine, Dr. P. O. Wagoner. Entitled to 11 votes.

High Court of Minnesota—Dr. E. W. Buckley, Jas. Kelly. Entitled to 3 votes.

High Court of Missouri—Jas. F. Hazel, Dr. E. M. Hetherington, Frank J. Roth. Entitled to 3 votes.

High Court of New Brunswick—Le B. Coleman, J. T. Hawke, A. P. Sherwood, W. W. Sprague, Hon. Judge Wedderburn, W. Kinghorn. Entitled to 6 votes.

High Court of North Dakota—R. M. Carothers, M. A. Shirley, James Twamley. Entitled to 3 votes.

High Court of New Jersey—Robt. J. A. Joc, W. T. Ringham, B. O. Horton, G. C. Wardell. Entitled to 4 votes.

High Court of Nova Scotia—William B. Alley, Edward Hogan, Robt. G. Monroe, Allan V. Wade. Entitled to 4 votes.

High Court of Ohio—Jas W Blake, C. L. Dennis, K. V. Haymaker, Dr. P. J. Springer. Entitled to 5 votes.

High Court of New York—Wm. E. A. Faichney, Charles R. Fitzgerald, Henry C. Munson, T. L. Phillips. Entitled to 4 votes.

High Court of Ontario—James Adams, A. Aikman, L. T. Barclay, Thos. Butler, W. Cadwell, A. F. Campbell, M. P. P., J. T. Carson, Geo. Brown, A. H. Dixon, His

Worship Mayor W. M. Drennan, Atwell Fleming, Wm. Gerry, Robt. Gilray, Robt. Griffith, E. S. Cummer, W. W. Fitzgerald, Q. C., James Hewer, John Hodgson, John Leys, Henry Gibbons, R. Mathieson, Rev. Alex. McGillivray, Theodore A. McGillivray, Alex. McKee, Acland Oronhyatekha, George Parish, James Stokes, W. T. H. Thompson, W. Wallace, James Watt, C. C. Whale, G. L. Wilson, J. B. Halkett, W. H. Bartram. Entitled to 35 votes.

High Court of Quebec—Dr. Cyphlot, Fred. G. Kearns, W. D. Lighthall, Dr. G. F. Cook, Frank Smith, Peter Strathcarrn, Henry Walters, A. A. Entitled to 7 votes.

All of which is submitted in L. B. and C.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY.
 A. V. WADE.

It was moved by the Supreme Secretary, seconded by the Supreme Marshal and carried, that the report be adopted.

The representatives present, not members of the Supreme Court, were introduced and admitted to the Supreme Court Degree, and having signed the roll of membership, took the seats as members of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then appointed Standing Committees.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then presented the biennial reports of the officers, and at the request of the representatives, the Supreme Chief Ranger read his report.

Supreme Chief Ranger's Report.

To the Supreme Court, I. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—Again it becomes my privilege to sound the gavel which will call you to the labors of another regular session of our Supreme Court, and it is with more than ordinary satisfaction that I avail myself of the privilege because of the fact that for the first time since the Supreme Court was re-organized we meet within the borders of this great Union, thus practically demonstrating one of our most cherished foundation principles, viz: That the Independent Order of Foresters is an International Order, whose doors are open to all good and true men irrespective of creed, country or nationality. Before entering upon our duties I invite you, one and all, to join with me in returning

thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for having spared so many of us, again to meet in our Supreme Court, and for the many mercies vouchsafed to us during the past term and for the large measure of success which has attended our efforts in behalf of our noble Order, and to humbly ask for Divine guidance in our deliberations here for the advance of our noble cause.

A GRAND RECORD.

Since our last regular session, held two years ago, the Order has enjoyed a prosperity that must bring satisfaction to every Forester.

At our last session we had 14,286 members in good standing upon our books. Upon the 1st of July, 1891, we had

29,617 members,

a net gain during our last term over all losses of 15,331 members. When we say we had 29,617 members on the 1st of July last, being the close of the first decade of our existence, as re-organized under our present Supreme Court, we do not mean simply that we have that number upon our rolls, but we mean that 29,617 members had paid their dues and assessments at that date and were in good standing in our Order and entitled to the various benefits which a Forester enjoys with us. You will be glad to know also that we have prospered as to our finances in a corresponding degree, our surplus having risen from \$169,759.95 to \$337,527.82 during the term ending 30th June, 1891. This balance, I learn from the Treasurer's monthly statement, had grown on the 1st of August, to the magnificent sum of

\$361,960.08.

Since the last session of the Supreme Court we have instituted High Courts in Minnesota, New York, California, North Dakota, Illinois and Missouri.

We have also broken ground in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Montana, Arizona, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Kansas, and last, though not by any means the least, we have planted the banner of the I. O. F. in Great Britain, where I hope in the near future to have High Courts rivaling in numbers and influence, as well as zeal for our loved Order, our oldest High Courts. Negotiations are also in progress now for the introduction of the Order into New Zealand and Australia.

The following will show at a glance the growth of the Order from year to year during the past ten years:

Date.	No. of Members.	Surplus in Bank.
July, 1881	396	\$ 4,000 00 in debt.
Oct., 1882	880	1,145 07
July, 1883	1,737	7,582 84
" 1884	2,360	19,815 25
" 1885	3,046	28,036 93
" 1886	4,628	44,220 75
" 1887	6,921	71,384 40
" 1888	9,901	99,754 51
" 1889	14,286	150,110 76
" 1890	20,459	223,546 52
" 1891	29,617	337,527 82
Aug., 1891 over	30,200	361,960 08

ADMISSION OF LADIES.

Five years ago, in pressing upon your notice the admission of our wives and daughters to full membership in the Order, I said:

"I beg again to submit for your consideration the proposition to admit ladies to full rights and privileges

in the Order, and upon the same terms as men are admitted. We have now succeeded in making a place for Independent Forestry in the Dominion that is not occupied by any other society in the land. We have established our Order on a firm and enduring basis, and the Courts of our Order are speedily becoming known throughout the length and breadth of this great Dominion. The time has now come when we should begin work throughout the Northern States. In that enlightened and progressive country we shall be fearfully handicapped until we shall have removed the defect in this respect from an otherwise perfect organization. You are aware that the defect is merely nominal, that our Constitution, as it stands at present, does not in any way prohibit or bar the admission of ladies to our Order, and that without a single modification or amendment of the Constitution, if you so desire it, we can begin admitting our wives and daughters to our Courts, to enjoy with ourselves the inestimable privileges which our grand Order affords to all its members.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor is about the first society of its kind to admit female insurance. Its growth, at first, was retarded by the popular prejudice that female risks were greater than male. Such a prejudice was founded upon ignorance of the comparative mortality of the two sexes. Its experience has verified the testimony of experts, upon this subject. *Its female risks have constantly proved better than its male.*

A noted English authority says: 'Female expectation is generally about three years in advance of males.'

Dr. William Brinton, of London, says: 'We are bound to remember that all the perils decreed to the female leave her life, as a whole, rather superior to that of the male of corresponding age.'

Dr. J. A. Allen, of New York, an expert upon these matters, says: 'Although some companies decline all female risks, it is safe to say that, taken altogether, they are equally eligible as those of males.'

Indeed, if anything, the exposure and vicissitudes to which males are ordinarily subjected during the active years of adult life more than balance any fatal results from the incidents of the female life during this period.'

According to the statistics of Sweden the expectation of life of females is, at different ages, from one to four years greater than that of males. In England the number of male deaths (averaged from 1838 to 1882 - 25 years) to every 100 female deaths was 103.

It is quite clear then that, so far as risks go, the Order will be benefitted by the admission of ladies into our ranks, and I venture to say that there is no one in the Order who would question for a moment the statement that our Courts and our Order would be greatly improved and elevated by the change."

I beg again to bring the subject before you for consideration. The only suggestion that I would make at this time is that ladies be permitted to enter as Beneficiary or Social members at their own option.

ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENT BENEFITS.

Five years ago I submitted the following also for your consideration:

"When we re-organized the Supreme Court, five years ago, we had but a very small membership in good standing - less than 400. It was not thought safe to create then more than a \$3,600 Endowment Benefit. Indeed strenuous efforts were made to restrict our Endowment Benefits to \$1.00. We are now strong enough numerically and financially to complete the foundations, as it was originally contemplated, by the creation of an additional \$2,000 Benefit."

It seems to me that the raising of the limit of Endowment Benefits from \$3,000 to \$5,000 would greatly strengthen our Order, and I am of opinion that our financial strength at the present time justifies in making the change now. I accordingly recommend that the Constitutions and Laws be so amended as to provide for a \$4,000 and \$5,000 additional Endowment Benefits, and that the same be put into operation so soon as the necessary amendments to our Act of Incorporation can be obtained.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS.

Experience has taught me that it is not for the best interests of the Order that the provisions regarding Separate Endowment Jurisdiction should be continued in our Organic Law. The experience of a Sister Society, which gives State Endowment Jurisdiction, has proved beyond a doubt that this feature is a great weakness to its system. In some of its State jurisdictions I am informed the assessments in one year ran up to over 40, while the average assessments of the whole Society in the same year was under 10. No one will deny that disaster to a Society in one State will affect it more or less in other States. Some Societies, which had somewhat similar provisions to our own for Separate Endowment Jurisdictions, have profited by experience and have stricken out altogether such provisions from their Constitution. Believing that our best interests lie in the direction of the unity and indivisibility of our whole Order, I ask you to strike out of the Supreme Court Constitution section 48 thereof, and thus let it go forth from this Supreme Court session that the Independent Order of Foresters must remain "one and indivisible now and forever."

I also recommend that section 240 of Subordinate Court Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

240. (1.) Any applicant in the Ordinary Class or in the Hazardous Class who is admitted to the Order, or any member who may be reinstated between the *fiftieth* and *fifty-fifth* birthdays shall pay on admission or reinstatement the rate for his age and class as given in sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section and shall pay the same rate of assessments thereafter so long as he remains continuously in good standing, and in the same class.

(2.) RATES FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000
50	2 50	5 00	7 50
51	2 60	5 20	7 80
52	2 70	5 40	8 10
53	2 85	5 70	8 55
54	3 00	6 00	9 00

(3.) RATES FOR THE HAZARDOUS CLASS.

Age	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000
50	2 60	5 20	7 80
51	2 75	5 50	8 25
52	2 95	5 90	8 85
53	3 20	6 40	9 60
54	3 50	7 00	10 00

(4.) No applicant in the Extra Hazardous Class can be initiated, after passing his *fiftieth* birthday.

(5.) An applicant in the Ordinary or Hazardous Class who has passed his *fiftieth-fifth* birthday, may be admitted to Beneficiary membership as provided in section *one hundred and twenty*, sub-section *six*.

SICK BENEFIT LAWS.

The time has come for the revision of our laws relating to Sick Benefits, and I would recommend the following amendments:

Change sub-section (1) of section 224 by inserting before the words "five dollars" in the third line thereof, the words "three dollars, four dollars and" and the words "as hereinafter provided" after the word "illness" in the fourth line thereof.

Change sub-section (1) of section 225 so as to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES.

Age.	Monthly rate of Assessment.	Age.	Monthly rate of Assessment.
18	40 cts.	37	51 cts.
19	41	38	52
20	41	39	53
21	42	40	54
22	42	41	55
23	43	42	56
24	43	43	58
25	44	44	60
26	44	45	62
27	45	46	64
28	45	47	66
29	46	48	68
30	46	49	70
31	47	50	75
32	47	51	80
33	48	52	85
34	48	53	90
35	49	54	95
36	50	55 and upwards	\$1.00

Change sub-section (1) of section 226 by inserting the words "three dollars for the first week, four dollars for the second week and" immediately before the words "five dollars" in the eighth line thereof, and by striking out the word "during" in the same line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "thereafter for a further period of ten weeks making."

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The Supreme Court is now so large a Body that we can with advantage still further limit the representation from the High Courts. I therefore beg to recommend that sub-section (1) of section 87 be changed so as to read as follows:

87. Each High Court jurisdiction having *one thousand* members or less, shall be entitled to one Representative in the Supreme Court, and one additional Representative for every additional *one thousand* members in good standing upon the rolls of its Subordinate Courts, at the close of the semi-annual term immediately preceding the term in which the election is held.

In this connection, I might observe, that now that the system of paying the Representatives their expenses in attending the Supreme Court has been incorporated into the Constitution entailing heavy expenses upon the Order at each session of the Supreme Court, and in view of the completeness of our Constitutions and Laws, it might be wise to make our sessions triennial instead of biennial.

That Section 224 (1) be amended by inserting after the word "member" in the first line thereof the words "residing in such countries as do not prohibit the giving of sick benefits." Also amend Section 232 (2) and (4), also Section 233 (1) by adding thereto the following words "provided that the laws of the country in which the member resides do not prohibit the payment of such benefits."

RESERVED CLAIMS.

The following cases have been reserved for the consideration of the Supreme Court:

IN RE LATE BROTHER E. F. ROONEY.

The late Brother E. F. Rooney, of Court Iosco, No. 278, died in December, 1889, and in due course the claim was filed. The beneficiary of our late

brother was given as his brother William Rooney. An affidavit was filed with the Supreme Court by another brother, to wit: Charles Rooney, to the effect that he believed his brother William was also dead, and that being next of kin he, Charles, was entitled to the benefit of \$1,000. The Executive Council, however, declined to pay the benefit to Charles Rooney. The papers in the case will be found in envelope marked "A."

IN RE LATE BROTHER A. J. WOODWARD.

The late Brother A. J. Woodward, of Court Woodstock, No. 69, committed suicide on the 6th of April, 1891. The rule of the Executive Council is to hold all cases of suicide for the consideration of the Supreme Court, except where there is no room to doubt that at the time of and for some time previous to the act the brother had been insane. The papers in this case will be found in envelope marked "B."

IN RE LATE BROTHER G. P. SMITH.

The late Brother George P. Smith, of Court Centre, No. 636, committed suicide on the 19th of June, 1891. The papers in the case will be found in envelope marked "C."

IN RE LATE BROTHER A. E. RIPLEY.

The late Brother A. E. Ripley, of Court Dresden No. 164, committed suicide by taking poison on the 25th July last. The papers in the case will be found in envelope marked "D."

IN RE LATE BROTHER CHAS. W. VOTIER.

The late Brother Charles W. Votier, of Court Berlin, No. 154, was suspended on the 1st of June, 1890, and duly reported suspended by his Court in their monthly report for June.

It appears that the late brother was not living in Berlin at the time of his suspension but was away in Indiana.

About the end of June a man died of sunstroke in Toleston, Indiana, who was supposed to have been Chas. W. Votier, from certain articles found on his body.

It appears that the wife of our late brother tendered the money for the June assessments on the 3rd day of the month of June, but was not accepted by the Financial Secretary of the Court.

The points to decide are:

(1.) Is the man who died in Toleston, Indiana, our late Brother Chas. W. Votier?

(2.) If so, will you order the payment of the benefit, notwithstanding the fact that he had suspended himself from membership by reason of the non-payment of assessments and had not been reinstated at the time of his death. The fact that the brother was absent from home and that his wife tendered the money for his assessments within three days after suspension, are factors which might justify us in regarding the case as one of accidental suspension, and in that case I am sure you will order the payment of the claim. The papers and correspondence in this case will be found in envelope marked "E."

SUPREME SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT.

You will have noticed that the monthly reports of the Supreme Secretary occupy a very large space in THE FORESTER, and in the nature of things must continue from month to month to grow larger and larger.

None but those who have actually prepared these reports can have an adequate idea of the labor involved in preparing one of these monthly reports. It has occurred to me that some modification of these reports might be made with advantage to all concerned. One of the principal objects in publishing these reports is to show to the members whenever their own Court has become delinquent, so that immediate measures may be taken by them to remedy the shortcomings of their officers. Some of our Financial Secretaries are not over-particular to have their reports accurate, and when they have sent a remittance believe they have done their whole duty, even if that remittance be considerably short of the demands of the accompanying reports.

I suggest that in future the Supreme Secretary publish only the gross receipts instead of a detailed statement of the receipts from each Court, and that he also publish the names of the Courts which are delinquent, either by not remitting in time or by remitting less than the amount called for by the monthly reports. I believe this system will enforce accuracy among Financial Secretaries, as it certainly will the better point out to the members concerned the delinquencies of their officers so soon as their Court becomes reported as above.

MOD" OF ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES.

The common practice among High Courts at the present time in electing their representatives, is to declare those having received the highest number of votes, to the given number required, upon the first ballot, duly elected. To take any other course might in some instances take a very long time to elect the required number of representatives. I think we had better graft the present usage into our Constitution, and I therefore recommend that Section 69 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto another sub-section to read as follows: "(8.) In the election of representatives to the Supreme Court the required number having the highest number of votes upon the first ballot, shall be declared elected.

PRESIDING OFFICER

At certain critical times it is necessary that the officer present who is highest in rank should preside, and it seems to me that it would be well to make the following alterations: Add to section 16 (1) the following: "Shall also have the right, at his own option, to preside at any meeting of a High Court, or of a Subordinate, or of a Juvenile Court, or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters."

Also add to section 73 (1) the following words: "In the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, he shall also have the right, at his own option, to preside at any meeting of a Subordinate Court, or of a Juvenile Court within his own jurisdiction."

WEAK AND INACTIVE COURTS.

It appears to me desirable that power be given to High Chief Rangers and to the Supreme Chief Ranger to do missionary work among weak as well as among inactive Courts. I beg, therefore, to recommend that Section 121 be amended by adding thereto sub-sections to read somewhat as follows:

(5) The Supreme Chief Ranger and High Chief Rangers within their respective jurisdictions shall have power to send Deputies to weak Courts which have less than thirty members in good standing on their rolls, or to such inactive Courts as fail to initiate a candidate for a period of three months.

Such Deputies shall have authority to enroll members under the powers and regulations contained in sub-sections *one, two and three* of this Section.

(6) The initiation fees of all members enrolled under the provisions of the next preceding sub-section shall be vested in the Supreme Court or in the High Court, according as the work has been done by a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or by a Deputy High Chief Ranger.

MICHIGAN.

During the last year we have had a little unpleasantness in this jurisdiction. The then High Chief Ranger called a special meeting of the High Court for the 18th December, 1890, to be held in Saginaw, ostensibly for the purpose of petitioning the Supreme Court for a separate endowment jurisdiction. This action was entirely within his constitutional rights, and the only fault which could be found therewith was as to the policy of calling a special meeting of the High Court and thereby putting the Subordinate Courts to great expense, within two or three months of the regular annual session thereof. As soon as the call for the special session reached the Courts, indignant protests began to pour into the office of the Supreme Chief Ranger at the course taken by the High Chief Ranger. But it was not till after I had in my possession the written testimony of competent witnesses that the purpose of the call was, not so much to establish a separate endowment jurisdiction for Michigan as provided in our Constitution, as to rear over the ruins of our Order a new Society to be known as "The Independent Order of Foresters of the United States" that I deemed it my duty to interfere actively in the campaign then going on. The result of the campaign is known to you all, viz.: the complete overthrow of the movement to disrupt the Order; for notwithstanding the fact that the then High Chief Ranger had prepared for him, by a skilful and able attorney, an address which would doubtless have succeeded had it been presented before an ordinary jury it had no effect upon the High Court of Michigan. They were too intelligent to be carried away by the diatribes and by the specious arguments contained in the address, and the following resolution was carried unanimously in amendment to a motion to petition the Supreme Court for a separate endowment jurisdiction, viz.: "That being satisfied with the management of our present Supreme Chief Ranger and his confederates on the Executive Council, and believing that the best interests of our wives and children will be subserved by remaining under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, *be it resolved* that the High Court of Michigan remain as it is under the Supreme Court jurisdiction."

After the session of the High Court the then High Chief Ranger was duly charged with treason and with libelling the Supreme Chief Ranger, and cited to appear before the Executive Council for trial. All the charges were established to the satisfaction of every member of the Executive Council, and the offending officer was duly expelled from the Order. The fact that he did not appeal from the action of the Executive Council may be fairly taken as an indication that the accused knew that the evidence on which he had been expelled was so clear and conclusive that it would have been sheer folly to have brought the case up to the Supreme Court.

Having thus ignominiously failed to disrupt the Order under the guise of securing for Michigan a

separate endowment jurisdiction, the misguided individual has ever since his expulsion been doing what little he could to hinder the progress of our Order. That his efforts have not borne much fruit, even in his own State, is shown by the fact that the Order in Michigan, during the year, has grown from 2,500 to nearly 3,000 members. I need not refer to the incessant slandering of myself, in which he has indulged since his expulsion from the Order, for I have reason to believe that you will answer them somewhat as did the High Court of Michigan, which by a unanimous standing vote, adopted the following resolution, to wit:—

"Resolved that the High Court, having listened to the full and complete answer of the Supreme Chief Ranger, to the charges circulated by George H. House, of Saginaw, do hereby express their belief in the statements made by the Supreme Chief Ranger and their unabated confidence in his ability and integrity as the head of their Order."

Nor was the High Court satisfied with this, but at a subsequent stage they gave the greatest possible emphasis to their resolution of confidence by passing another resolution, which was also carried by a unanimous standing vote, instructing their representatives to cast the vote of Michigan solidly for the re-election of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

That was the answer which my brethren of Michigan gave to my traducer; with their answer I am entirely satisfied.

I may tell you also that a proposition for a separate endowment jurisdiction was submitted for the consideration of the High Court, which by an overwhelming vote refused even to consider the question.

One of the chief arguments used for separation is to the effect that the brethren in Michigan have no recourse in the courts of law should the Executive refuse to pay a claim. As a matter of fact every State in the Union stands in this respect precisely on the same footing as the various Provinces in the Dominion. Parties in Michigan or in New Brunswick can sue for and recover in the courts any debt which may be justly due them by any debtor in Ontario, and the only difference in treatment which such parties might receive from those domiciled in Ontario is that they might be required to give security for costs. When, however, it is remembered that the actions of the Executive Council on every disputed claim is reviewed and may be reversed by the Supreme Court, in which already our American brethren have about an equal vote with the Canadian brethren, and the probabilities are that at the next Session of this Body the American vote will largely preponderate you can see how wholly groundless is the argument for separation based on such reasoning. You are quite aware that the Executive Council is but the creature of the Supreme Court, and must obey any instructions which the Supreme Court may give in regard to any claim. If there were any cause for apprehension of unfair treatment it would come from the Canadian members. But we have no such apprehension. We know that when our American brethren shall have a controlling majority in the Supreme Court, every legitimate claim, come from what country it may, will be honestly and fairly, aye, generously dealt with, as each and every claim has been, up to the present moment.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER TO GREAT BRITAIN.

You will be gratified to learn that during my

recent visit to Great Britain I succeeded in making arrangements for the introduction of the Order into Great Britain by the organization of a Court in Liverpool England. Our agent, Brother James Marshall, of Glasgow, Scotland, is a most able man, and I look forward in the near future to see the Order under his management rapidly spread throughout Great Britain.

CONCLUSION.

For the tenth time I return to your hands the high trust with which you have so often honored me. In doing this I desire to acknowledge the deep obligations under which I stand to my colleagues on the Executive Council for wise counsels and cordial co-operation rendered me at all times in the work of my office and in extending our whole Order. To the membership at large I am also indebted for uniform kindness and hearty support. After having been continuously in office, first as High Chief Ranger then as Supreme Chief Ranger now for a period of thirteen years it is a source of satisfaction to me to know that each and every member of the Executive Council is a strong personal friend of mine, and that the existing friendship between us is born of mutual confidence and a common zeal for the interests of the Order. In now handing over the seals of office, I believe the most rigid scrutiny will find the insignia thereof "as unsullied as they were received" at your hands.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKHA,

Supreme Chief Ranger

Moved by Representative W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C., seconded by Representative J. B. Halkett, P.S.V.C.R., and carried,

That the reports of the other officers of the Supreme Court be taken as read and be referred to the Committee on Distribution together with the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger,

Supreme Secretary's Report.

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

DETROIT, MICH., 1st Sept., 1891.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Supreme Court, I. O. F.

BROTHERN,—My term of office, extending over a period of two years, having now expired, during which period Independent Forestry has flourished as never before—leaving far behind many of the older Fraternal Societies in the race for popular favor and popular approval, I now submit for your consideration my report of the business pertaining to the office to which you did me the honor of electing me when last we met together to counsel each with the other in the best interests of our beloved Order and in harmony with the elevating principles of Forestry as indicated by its triune motto, Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

I confess that I entered upon the duties of the office with a good deal of trepidation, and I know that for a time the membership at large were called upon to exercise towards me considerable patience, for which I take this opportunity of thanking them, but with the lapse of time I think I may fairly say, without laying myself open to the charge of boasting, that they have not been called upon to cultivate that charitable bearing towards me to any great extent, for the work is not in arrear in any of the many departments of the office.

During the term you will notice that the Subordinate Courts and High Courts have about doubled in number, and, as a consequence, the work of the office has increased in even a larger proportion in that short period of time. When last we met the number of Subordinate Courts was 424, which up to the 1st day of July last had increased to 825, and some forty Courts in addition have since been instituted; the High Courts then numbered seven, which have now increased to fourteen.

On reference to my letter books I find, aside from the many thousands of formal letter circulars and notices issued by me during my term of office, that I dictated, re-read and signed 12,570 letters directed to the membership of the Order.

When last in Session my predecessor in office reported the membership as 14,286 on the 30th day of the June preceding. I have pleasure now in drawing your attention to the fact that not only have our Courts almost doubled in number, as aforementioned, but the membership has more than doubled. On the 30th day of June last past it was 28,894, which number has since been augmented almost a thousand.

Membership as per last report	14,286
Initiated during the term	19,607
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	33,893

Number suspended and withdrawn during the term	4746
Dead	253
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	4999

Net membership 30th June, 1891	28,894
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The insurance held by the membership in the different classes is as follows:

1400 members holding endowment certificates for \$3000, amounting to	\$4,200,000
3193 members holding endowment certificates for \$2000, amounting to	6,386,000
24,301 members holding endowment certificates for \$1000, amounting to	\$4,301,000
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	\$34,887,000

The average risk per member is \$1207 as against \$1233 as per last report.

We mourn the loss of 253 departed brethren, removed from our Forestric circle by death as agains 110 per the report of my predecessor aforesaid, many of which deaths were caused by the dreadful ravages of la grippe, which I am safe in saying has cost the Order fully \$50,000 in the period referred to through deaths and sickness occasioned thereby.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of our success which I am privileged to report is the fact that while our Courts and membership have doubled in number our surplus has increased at a much larger ratio, viz., from \$160,110.76 to the magnificent sum of \$337,718.71 (to which has since been added something like \$20,000), and to convey an idea of the volume of business done in the office I might be permitted to instance the fact that while the income for the month of June, 1889, was \$18,774.88 the income for the same month this year was much more than double that amount, namely, \$40,448.25.

I invite your careful perusal of the work in detail as indicated by statements I, II, III, IV, V and VI attached hereto.

Besides being in attendance at the special meeting of the High Court of Michigan last year during my tenure of office, and in the interest of the

Order in the several districts, I had the pleasure of twice attending the Annual Sessions of the High Courts of Ontario and Michigan, and once the Sessions of the High Courts of New York, Ohio and Quebec, and during the same period I visited 68 of the Subordinate Courts of the Order in Ontario and Michigan—in some cases for the purpose of assisting our organizing officers in instituting same and delivering lectures on Forestry—in others for the purpose of instructing the officers thereof in the proper performance of the functions of their respective offices, and in others for the purpose of settling difficulties and securing the funds of the Order against defaulting Subordinate Court officers

In conclusion, permit me to say that after nine years in the service of the Order, in one or other of the offices I have occupied through your grace upon the Executive, on looking back, I view with

pleasure the struggles and trials and tribulations of our early history, for had it not been for the hard-earned experience of the Chief and his colleagues of those days I feel that we would not be the Order that we are to-day—known and read of all men.

Thanking my colleagues upon the Executive and the various officers of the Supreme Court, the several High Courts and the many Subordinate Courts as well as the membership at large of the Order with whom I have been brought in almost daily contact, either personally or through correspondence during the past two years, for their uniform kindness and courtesy, and in the fullest confidence that the future has much in store for the Order we all love, I extend to you my fraternal greeting and submit this my report

In L., B and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, S. Sec.

The following are three of the tabulated statements submitted by the Supreme Secretary.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Since the last session of the Supreme Court up to the first day of July last, there has been instituted 462 Courts, and hereunder is a list of the number in the Provinces and States of the jurisdiction:—

Ontario.....	127	British Columbia.....	5
Michigan.....	81	Kansas.....	5
California.....	76	Manitoba.....	3
New York.....	36	Canadian N. W. T.....	3
Ohio.....	22	Nova Scotia.....	3
Quebec.....	21	New Jersey.....	2
New Brunswick.....	19	Wisconsin.....	2
North Dakota.....	17	Arizona.....	1
Minnesota.....	16	Oregon.....	1
Illinois.....	9	Colorado.....	1
Washington.....	6	Pennsylvania.....	1
Missouri.....	5		

Of the 462 new Courts instituted as above, the Supreme Court has instituted, through its deputies, almost two-thirds thereof—namely, 294.

STATEMENT NO. 4.

ASSETS.

Due from High Court of Ontario.....	\$	238	62
" " " " " Minnesota.....		459	18
" " " " " New York.....		469	37
" " " " " North Dakota.....		301	67
" " " " " California.....		822	98
" " " " " Nova Scotia.....		433	64
" " " " " New Brunswick.....		845	84
" " " " " Michigan.....		2,509	95
" " " " " Ohio.....		47	20
" " " " " New Jersey.....		152	71
" " " " " Wisconsin.....		232	00
" " " " " Missouri.....		140	00
" " " " " Illinois.....		464	92
Due on account of Royal Foresters and other supplies.....		3,669	50
Due on account advertising in Forester.....		411	50
Stock per inventory No. 5.....		21,909	41
Safe in Executive Office.....		500	00
OFFICE FURNITURE:			
Executive office.....	\$2,994	19	
S. Treas. ".....	150	00	
			3,144 19
Permanent investments.....		301,976	13
Balance in bank, current accounts.....		35,742	58
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Total assets.....		\$374,471	39

LIABILITIES.

G. A. Harper.....	\$	249	49
P. W. Ellis.....		716	95
I. C. Fell & Co.....		84	75
Toronto Lithographing Co.....		1,693	70

Hunter, Rose & Co.	\$ 32 50
Boston Regalia Co.	115 17
Advertiser Co.	1,675 60
Wm. Bryce	43 50
Williamson & Co.	116 45
J. S. Russell	103 50
Gilmour & Casey.	127 17
J. C. White	113 00
G. F. Bostwick	54 25
E. W. Morton.	36 25
G. F. Foster, Sons & Co.	466 65
Presbyterian News Co.	2 00
Kieth & Fitzsimons	1 85
H. Taylor	31 25
	\$5 664 03
Balance of assets over liabilities.	\$368,807 36

STATEMENT NO. 6.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Amount of supplies sold	\$ 19,675 49
Used on mission work	3,660 14
Amount of discount allowed to High Courts.	3,724 77
Value of stock on hand	21,909 41
	\$ 48,969 91
Cost of supplies, which includes duty and engraving, etc.	29,821 05
	\$ 19,148 86

Supreme Treasurer's Report.

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.
DETROIT, 1st Sept., 1891.

*To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Members
of the Supreme Court, I. O. F.*

BRETHREN.—Two years ago in the City of Toronto, you manifested your faith in me by a reelection to the office of Supreme Treasurer, and I promised a faithful performance of all the duties devolving upon that office. Nine years I have endeavored to serve you in this capacity, honestly and faithfully, and I trust the past two years my duties have been observed entirely to your satisfaction.

I now appear before you for the seventh time and submit for your careful consideration a condensed, yet comprehensive, statement of our financial transactions for the past two years.

In the Endowment account the receipts have increased each month, with one exception, until in the last month of our Foretric year, the amount reached \$28,505 74—nearly double that received for the first month of our statement. This shows a growing confidence in our Order, of which we are justly proud.

While the receipts have so rapidly increased, we are glad to say that our death rate has rather decreased; claims paid during the year just ended were \$149,727.77, while for the previous year they amounted to \$142,771.57—an increase of but \$7,009, in an increase of membership of 9,257 during the year just closed, a very creditable reflection on the careful manner in which our Medical Board scrutinizes risks and the judicious proposition of new members in the Subordinate Courts. The surplus in this Fund, which my statement places at \$341,225.24 on the 1st July, had on 1st August increased to \$361,960.08, which with the accrued interest added gives us a total surplus in this Fund of \$367,660.91.

The investment of this large sum of money has been subject to the voice of the whole Executive, and it has been, after careful consideration, disposed of, we believe, to the very best advantage. We have endeavored to combine safety with a good paying rate of interest, but safety was the first consideration in every instance. This, we believe, was your wish and for the best interests of the Order.

As to the different items of investment, I shall be pleased to answer any inquiries at any time, and show you my records, and otherwise furnish any information in my power.

I cannot speak so satisfactorily as to the state of the Sick and Funeral Fund. Referring again to my statements "A" and "B," and comparing the two years' receipts and payments, you will notice that the Fund is far from satisfactory.

I have prepared at considerable trouble a statement (E) showing the amount of Endowment, Sick and Funeral benefits paid to the membership of each different Court. This statement, taken in connection with that of the Supreme Secretary, showing the receipts from each Court, will enable you to estimate the relative status of each Court in the Order.

Our Supreme Chief Ranger will more particularly deal with the present state of this Fund, and I trust some remedy will be suggested whereby this very useful branch of our benefits may be more in keeping with the general prosperity of our noble and benevolent Order.

Any information pertaining to my office, which may not be contained in my report, I shall be pleased to give at any time.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses and trusting that this session may prove both a pleasant and profitable one,

I am, fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,

T. G. DAVEY,

Supreme Treasurer.

STATEMENT C.

Endowment Account.

RECEIPTS.		CONTRA—CR.	
Balance on hand 1st July, 1889.....	\$152,367 84	Paid claims as per table "B," and detailed in THE FORESTER from month to month.....	\$292,499 31
Received from Supreme Secretary as per table "A".....	486,753 82	Five per cent. carried to General Fund.....	25,097 67
Overcharge.....	06	Balance on hand and invested as per statement "D".....	336,765 91
Interest.....	15,241 20		
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	\$654,362 92		\$654,362 92

Sick and Funeral Account.

RECEIPTS.		CONTRA—CR.	
Balance on hand 1st July, 1889.....	\$ 1,271 19	Paid sick claims and funeral benefits as per table "B".....	\$ 92,830 84
Received as per table "A".....	86,822 34	Five per cent. carried to General Fund.....	4,341 00
Cheques returned and cancelled.....	266 45		
Overcharge of cheque No. 6, 7th Feb., 1890.....	72		
To Balance June 30, 1891.....	8,811 14		
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	\$ 97,171 84		\$ 97,171 84

General Fund Account.

RECEIPTS.		CONTRA—CR.	
Balance on hand 1st July, 1889.....	\$ 6,471 73	General disbursements as per table "B".....	\$107 950 61
Received from Supreme Secretary as per table "A".....	72,171 10	Balance on hand 30th June, 1891.....	190 89
Five per cent. from Endowment Fund.....	25,097 67		
Five per cent. from Sick and Funeral Fund.....	4,341 00		
Cheque returned and cancelled.....	60 00		
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	\$108,141 50		\$108,141 50

STATEMENT D.

Surplus.

PERMANENT INVESTMENTS.	
<i>Endowment—</i>	
Post Office Savings Bank.....	\$ 12 881 46
Ontario Loan & Debenture Company.....	13,425 42
Canada Permanent Investment Co.....	15,930 82
Huron & Erie Savings & Loan Co.....	10,000 00
Freehold Savings & Loan Co.....	10,000 00
British Canadian Loan & Investment Company.....	10,000 00
Canadian Savings & Loan Company.....	10,000 00
Empire Loan Company.....	5,000 00
Agricultural Savings & Loan Co.....	10,000 00
School and Municipal Debentures.....	94,506 45
Mortgages.....	109,931 98
Nova Scotia Loan.....	300 00
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	\$301,976 13
Current Account.....	34,789 78
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	\$336,765 91
General.....	190 89
Interest accrued.....	4,489 33
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Total Surplus.....	\$341,446 13

STATEMENT E.

Details of Payments made to each Court for two years ending 30th June, 1891.

No. and Name of Court.	Endow-ment.	S. Benefits.	F. Bfts.	No and Name of Court.	Endow-ment.	S. Benefits.	F. Bfts.
1 Elizabeth	\$2000			76 Sylvia	\$1000		
1 Hope	2000	\$ 638 66	\$100	77 Oil City	1000	\$ 683 06	\$ 50
2 Beaver	3999 98	392 21	100	78 Mississippi	1000	1215 25	50
3 Stormont	3000	899 43	100	79 Excelsior		210 07	
4 Dufferin	5000	561 54	50	80 Beacon field	2000		50
5 Myrtle	5000	276 50	50	81 Madawaska	1000	42 15	50
6 McGregor	1000	1359 51	50	82 Davenport		202 16	
7 Mount Royal	1000	142 88		83 Sidney		55 03	
8 Forest Oak	1000	173 61		84 Robin Hood	1944 44	360 75	50
9 Kingsville	1000	230 03		86 Union	3000	57 87	50
10 Victoria	3000	683 68	50	87 Midland	1000	135 03	
11 Royal Oak	3000	52 88		88 Rosedale		168 61	
12 Welcome	3000	1518 14		90 Olive Branch		46 43	
13 Winnipeg	5000	105 73	50	91 Hillsboro	1000	101 44	
14 Crediton		56 43		93 Deseronto	1000	1372 50	50
15 Cobourg		470 79		94 Peticodiac	1000	297 87	
17 Elora		246 49		95 Collingwood		165 04	
19 Keewatin	5000	430 06	200	97 Lisgar	1000	112 88	50
20 St. Clair		172 88		98 Harwich	1000	72 47	50
21 Wellington	1000			99 Tryconnell	3000	32 15	
22 Fergus	2000	523 66	100	100 Albert		15 72	
23 Oronhyatekha	4000	230 77	50	101 Gordon Falls		287 89	
24 Kennebacasis	3833 33	568 61	50	102 Acadia	1000	336 48	
25 Dominion	2000	443 63	100	103 Walostook		111 44	
26 Princess Alexandra		520 13		104 Columbia	1000		
27 Jubilee		480 10		106 Haldimand		187 19	
28 Bruce	1000	134 31	50	107 Seguin	3000	564 38	50
29 Elgin	2000	132 18		108 Hiawatha		14 29	
31 Rideau	1000			109 Evangeline	1000	87 15	
33 Moira	2000	40 02		110 Stanley		62 88	
34 Intervale		271 45		111 Durham		397 28	
37 Guelph		390 06		112 Equity		124 30	
38 Thames		128 60		113 Pearl		344 34	
39 Amity	1000	414 38		114 Royal Jubilee		70 01	
40 Glen		111 46		116 Welland		139 31	
41 Ottawa	1000	84 31		117 Bad Axe		212 18	
42 Pet.olia	3000	253 64	50	118 Locksley	2000		
43 Sydenham	6000	380 09		119 Bear River	1000		
44 Washington	1000			120 York	1000	572 99	50
45 Shelburne	2000			122 Sissiboo	1000		
46 Oxford		197 22		123 Exeter	2000	26 44	
47 Erie		632 98		125 La Tour		12 15	
51 Puslinch	1000	280 04		126 Arva		45 72	
53 Canada	2000	917 29	100	129 Birtle		37 87	
54 Enterprize	1000	115 04		130 Mizpah		31 44	
55 Sarnia	3000	622 31	150	131 Jewel		112 87	
57 Harmony		212 20		132 Middleton		146 44	
58 Protection		40		133 Credit	1000	295 75	
59 Frontenac	9000	1316 69	50	134 Progress	1000		
60 Maple Leaf		129 31		135 Manitou		124 35	
61 University		220 76		137 Milton		7 15	
62 Oak Leaf	2000	737 27	150	138 Jarvis		355 08	
64 Garnet	2000	347 19		139 Milicete	1000	538 62	50
65 Eureka		502 93		140 Algoma		15 00	
66 Queen City	3000	42 16		142 Carp		26 44	
67 Alvinston	2000	349 35	50	143 Lambeth		299 34	
68 Thamesford		213 58		144 Manotick	2000	36 43	
69 Woodstock	1000	315 74		145 St. Marvs	3000	372 24	
70 Concord		144 31		146 Rockland	2000	606 55	100
71 Moncton	1000	455 08	50	147 Fulford		274 33	
72 Rosewood		70 72		148 Saugeen		565 82	
73 Valley City	2000	792 30	50	149 Prince A	1000	733 01	50
74 Southampton	2000	7 15		150 Happy Retreat		291 48	

No and Name of Court.	Endow- ment.	S. Benefits.	F. Bfts.	No. and Name of Court.	Endow- ment.	S. Benefits.	F. Bfts.
152 Gen. Gordon	\$1000	\$ 311 50	\$ 50	238 Monck		\$ 15	
153 Belmont	2000	220 74		239 Flint		159 33	
154 Berlin	3000	549 40	100	241 Spadina	\$1000	119 30	\$ 50
155 Maple	2000	2341 23	50	242 Brock		230 03	
156 Parkhill		676 54		243 Bracebridge		173 58	
157 Ivy		13 58		244 Gravenhurst		30	
158 Forest Queen		245 08		245 Tamarac Grove		217 17	
159 Tunnel		58 59		246 Hastings	3000		
160 Putnam		121 47		247 Lansing		31 43	
161 Summervale		209 32		248 Relief	1000	70	50
162 Carleton	1000	21 43		249 Allenford		353 62	
163 Huron	3000	811 59	100	250 Eagle	1000	107 17	50
164 Dresden	3000	274 33		251 Argyle		150 04	
166 Simcoe		152 20		253 Goderich		60	
167 Toronto		149 34		254 Progressive		10	
168 Brant		163 39		255 Woodham		30 72	
169 River Speed		170 75		256 Caledonia	1000	133 74	0
170 Hamilton		123 59		257 Greenwood	1000	102 15	50
172 Garden City		50 72		258 Eglinton		30	
173 Black Knight		296 50		259 Mystic	4900	20 73	100
174 Nelson		162 16		260 Doon		173 63	
176 Cookshire		145 74		261 Michigan		210 77	
177 Picton	2000	539 38		262 Str. of Mackinaw	1000	35	
178 Glenmorris	1000	340 07		263 Benevolence		138 58	
180 Fidelity		526 58		265 Pembroke		178 60	
181 Lindsay		144 31		267 Marion		452 27	
182 Phenix		178 61		268 Harbor	1000	290 15	
183 Mt. Brydges	2000	938 73	100	269 Balmoral	1000	318 63	50
184 Butternut Ridge	2000	7 15		272 Bellevue		41 48	
185 Beaverton		202 91		273 Crosswell		294 34	
186 Rock Glen	1000	107 90		276 Shawville		36 43	
187 Desmond	2000	81 44		278 Iosco	1000	765 13	
188 Aurora	1000	342 95	50	279 Eganville		167 90	
189 Florence		48 58		280 Lachute		87 87	
190 Salisbury	1000			281 Harvard	3000		
191 Success	1000	145 03	50	282 St. Marks		25 01	
192 Theiford		47 15		283 St. Albans		7 15	
193 Peerless		429 36		284 Cayuga		50	
194 Dentfield	1000	135 74	50	285 Oscoda	1000	998 71	50
195 Water town		71 44		286 Windsor Mills		660 13	
196 Sauble		261 50		287 Mount McKay		21 43	
197 Shakespeare		103 59		288 Britannia		25	
198 Refuge		27 86		289 Au Sable	1000	382 20	50
199 St. Paul's		30 00		290 Sheffield		381 47	
200 Triumph		55 72		291 Eyesache		178 58	
201 Ruby		170 76		292 Yamaska	1000	786 07	50
203 Kars		75 01		293 Alpena	1000	55 73	50
206 Onaway		10		294 Oshawa		27 15	
207 Lucan		131 46		295 Calgary		106 44	
208 Blenheim		160 73		296 Aberfoyle		184 32	
209 May Flower	1000			297 Fortune		185 76	
211 Tilbury		140 02		298 Cold Brook		226 48	
212 Royal	2000	1209 51	100	299 Missisquoi	1000	20	
213 Lansdowne	1000			301 Rock		241 47	
214 Kemptville		252 92		302 Burns	2000	20 01	
215 Minnewawa		20		303 Bedford		158 59	
217 Gower		95 02		304 Sutton		154 32	
219 St. Lawrence	1000	18 58	50	305 Eden Mills		500 10	
220 Clifton	1000	162 88	50	306 Bay City		490 07	
222 City of the Valley	2000	7 15		307 Willowdale		7 15	
224 Stadacona	6000	71 44		308 Bolton	1000	10	
225 Lincoln		103 59		311 Boyl Heights		14 29	
226 Winona		39 30		312 Buckeye	500		
227 Niagara		9 29		313 Liberty	2000	327 23	50
230 Empress		35		314 Queen Victoria		35 72	
232 Valley		341 47		316 Meadowvale		39 29	
233 Pelham		69 29		317 Eastman	1000	316 50	50
235 Seikirk	1000	541 53	50	318 Resort	1000		
236 Raymond		239 33		319 Valens		252 19	
237 Otter Valley		30		321 Brucefield		37 86	

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323 International	\$1000	\$ 85 01		413 Darlington		\$ 59 30	
326 Miranda	1000	728 01	\$ 50	414 Sanilac Centre		178 59	
327 Ivanhoe		5 72		416 Orient	\$2000	75 03	\$ 50
328 Dover		43 58		417 Newburgh		100 72	
330 Buckingham	1000			418 Lake View	1000	166 48	50
332 Markham		60		419 Farewell		55 01	
333 Trent		46 44		421 Reynolds		5	
335 Bonnie Doon		82 87		422 Los Angles		47 15	
336 Flower City		278 60		423 Grover		237 88	
337 Vassar	1000	920 17	50	424 Odessa		13 58	
338 Charlotteville		116 45		425 Alliance		17 87	
339 Unity		17 15		426 Applegate	1000	322 24	50
349 Danville	2000	143 58	100	427 Brandon		120 74	
341 Coaticook		209 30		428 Universal	2000	611 58	50
344 Lafayette	5000			429 Hampton	2000	137 17	50
345 Waverley		241 45		430 Minden		92 15	
347 Barard	3000	7 15	50	431 Forest Home		216 47	
348 Leisure Hour	500	25 72		432 Cairnsmore		94 31	
349 Riverside	1000	290 02		433 Pride of Barton		156 49	
350 Weidmann		158 59		434 Tweed		232 20	
351 Actonvale		87 16		435 Mentor	4000	261 03	100
352 Cannington		7 15		436 Imlay	1000	177 19	50
353 Tittabawasse		233 65		437 Thertown		30 02	
357 Osceola		43 58		440 Colton	1000		
358 Signet	1000	27 15	50	441 Kent		332 19	
359 Appui		49 29		442 Little John		73 58	
360 Banner	5000	37 57		443 Marquette	1000	156 46	50
362 Osgoode		20		445 Rescue		236 48	
363 Kings City	1000			446 Lyon		165 05	
365 Star		40 72		447 San Bernardino		6 43	
366 Kings		153 58		448 Tyre		35 73	
369 Franklin		95 01		449 Buctouche	1000	54 30	50
370 Maple City	1000	267 89	50	450 East Toronto		152 89	
371 Gananoque		66 44		454 Odin		15 00	
372 Ewart		97 15		459 Buffalo		19 30	
373 Glen Payne		44 29		460 Pasadena		11 43	
374 Avon		253 65		461 Clandeboye		93 59	
375 Island City	2000			462 City Camp		221 47	
376 Carnival		377 24		463 San Jacinto	1000		50
377 Madoc	2000	58 58		464 Maurice		43 58	
378 Seabright		48 58		465 Watertown		98 59	
379 Gratiot		717 34		466 Downer	1000	260 76	50
380 Wabun		80		469 Metropolitan		60 72	
381 Rapids	1000			470 Clinton	1000	27 15	
382 Lebanon	1000	60	50	472 Parliament		172 20	
383 Tupperville		230 75		473 Nil Desperandum		201 47	
384 Perth	1000	31 45		477 Leonard		149 33	
385 Upham	1000	81 44		478 Pacific		6 43	
386 Grant		325 78		485 Mis letoe		141 49	
387 Genesee		182 19		490 Dexter		35 02	
388 Elmsley		164 30		494 Saginaw	1000	30	
389 Lec		277 90		495 Forfar		15	
390 Logan		310 06		501 Theresa		5	
391 Monroe	1000	165 03	50	503 Brantford	3000	164 32	
392 Tamworth		96 44		505 Wingham		60 01	
393 Anchor	1000	262 17	50	506 Caro		157 92	
394 Shediac		36 43		508 St. Andrews		101 45	
395 Advance		32 86		509 Morcejaw		27 15	
396 Tecumseh		398 62		510 Temple		18 58	
397 Elmira	1000	31 43	50	514 Hawnee	1000	18 58	
398 Lord Stanley		125 75		521 Walkerton		26 44	
399 Yale	1000	321 50	50	52 Mayville		141 47	
400 St. Thomas	1000	320 77		523 Valleyfield	2000	18 58	50
403 Windfall		44 30		527 Crosby		10 72	
406 Wolfe		244 34		528 Ellsworth		32 87	
407 Melbourne		79 29		529 Waldone	2000	47 89	
408 Freulton		50 00		532 Morris Vineyard		59 29	
410 Unison		257 90		538 Puget Sound		76 45	
411 Peck		192 88		539 Jolly		40 01	
412 Pyramid	1000	280 79		540 Silver Leaf		78 58	

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543 Craigend		\$ 77 88		646 Huntsville	\$1000		
544 Lachine		30 72		647 Whittmore		\$ 37 86	
546 Red Pine		77 15		648 Western Star		42 15	
548 Findlay		25 72		650 Palms		72 86	
552 Isabella		37 15		652 Regina		5 72	
555 Terra Cotta		54 30		653 Saint Louis		73 58	
556 Warren		60 72		655 Tawas City		87 87	
558 Lake Megantic		105 01		658 Maple Grove		109 29	
559 Classic City		55 73		659 Alberta		38 58	
561 Brownville		41 44		663 Champlain		42 87	
563 Eastern Light		6 43		666 Wolverine		81 43	
565 Ivy Leaf		81 43		668 Prosperity		36 45	
567 Wooler		57 15		669 Owosso		57 86	
571 Vankleek Hill		40		671 Sundridge		5 72	
572 Watchful		62 86		672 Delaware Valley		67 87	
575 El Monte		31 43		673 Novar		16 43	
576 Crow Island	\$1000	169 32	\$ 50	674 Rouille		17 15	
577 Mountaineer	1000	15		675 Cambridge		20	
578 Kincardine		10		681 Bowesmont		45 73	
580 Newbury		5		682 Millville	400	15 72	
581 Bridgen		6 43		683 Byron		10	
582 Hamilton Stone		123 60		686 Himsworth		81 45	
583 Mancelona		89 30		691 Quinte		8 58	
589 San Jose		12 15		697 Keswick		30	
590 Sawyerville	1000	161 48	50	700 Standish		25 73	
591 Santa Paula		10		701 St. Roch		31 44	
592 Delaware		107 90		704 Golden Rule		10 72	
594 Elmwood		5 72		705 Port Austin		10	
596 Millington		65 73		714 Rifle		97 15	
597 Scoodic		25		715 Wakefield		28 58	
605 Island Brook		92 16		720 Harwood		6 43	
606 Columbiaville		45 73		721 Stanley Banner		64 31	
607 Jacques Cartier		10 72		722 Ubyl		46 43	
611 Independent		25		723 Crampton		5	
612 Friendship		31 44		724 Duluth		37 86	
615 Orillia		31 43		725 Kansas City	3000		
621 Famous		51 43		730 Kinde		20	
622 Portsmouth		204 34		731 St. Denis		25	
623 Penetanguishine		77 86		732 Unionville		32 46	
626 Andover		72 88		739 Sandusky		12 15	
634 Ashtabula Harbor		90 72		748 Durand		57 86	
636 Centre		65 01		750 Elkton		21 43	
638 Evershed	1000	30		751 Sherman		10	
639 Zorra		87 87		769 Waterloo		12 15	
640 Salinas	1000			774 Chandler		8 58	
642 Sterling		48 30		803 Tantramar		5	
645 Nemesis		117 17					

Report of the Supreme Physician.

PASSED.

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT,
DETROIT, MICH., 1st Sept., 1891.

1,027 applicants for \$3,000	=	\$ 3,081,000
2,573 " " 2,000	=	5,146,000
16,862 " " 1,000	=	16,862,000
20,462		\$25,089,000

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Supreme Court:

BRETHREN,—I beg herewith to submit the biennial report of the Medical Board for the two years ending June 30th, 1891.

The Board has received during the two years for its consideration 22,148 medical examination papers, classified as follows:—

1,208 applicants for \$3,000	=	\$ 3,624,000
2,894 " " 2,000	=	5,788,000
18,646 " " 1,000	=	18,646,000
22,148		\$27,458,000

REDUCED.

	Accepted.	Rejected.
52 applicants for \$3,000 to \$1,000	\$ 52,000	\$104,000
59 applicants for \$3,000 to \$2,000	118,000	59,000
156 applicants for \$2,000 to \$1,000	156,000	156,000
	<u>\$326,000</u>	<u>\$319,000</u>

and were disposed of as given below :

267	\$326,000	\$319,000
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		REJECTED.	
70	applicants for \$3,000	=	\$ 210,000
165	" " 2,000	=	330,000
1,184	" " 1,000	=	1,184,000
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1,419			\$1,724,000

Thus out of 22 148 applicants, the Board has passed 20,729 for \$25,415,000 and has rejected 1,419 applicants for \$1,724,000, which, added to the amount refused to the 267 applicants makes a total of \$2,043,000 declined by the Board.

The causes of rejection were as follows :

- 262 History of phthisis (consumption).
- 233 Heart complications.
- 211 Intemperance.
- 154 Diseases of the lungs.
- 81 General complication of diseases.
- 57 Rheumatism.
- 55 Disproportion in height and weight.
- 53 Occupation.
- 44 Asthma.
- 44 Albuminuria, Bright's disease, etc.
- 32 History of Insanity.
- 22 Diabetes.
- 17 Epilepsy.
- 14 Chronic discharge from the ears.
- 12 Spinal curvature.
- 11 Permanent injuries affecting risk.
- 9 Never vaccinated and refused to be.
- 8 Paralysis
- 8 History of cancer.
- 8 Sciatica.
- 6 Diseases of the bladder.
- 6 Chronic dyspepsia.
- 5 Renal colic and gravel.
- 5 Chronic typhlitis.
- 4 Hepatic colic.
- 4 Diseases of the liver.
- 4 Fistula in ano.
- 4 Syphilis.
- 4 Necrosis of bone.
- 4 Blind.
- 4 Chronic diarrhoea.
- 3 Hip disease.
- 3 Irreducible hernia.
- 3 Goitre.
- 3 Scrofula.
- 2 Stricture of urethra.
- 2 Calculus in bladder.
- 2 Aneurism.
- 2 Malaria.
- 2 Chronic laryngitis.
- 1 Opium eater.
- 1 Chorea.
- 1 Hæmatocele.
- 1 Phlebitis.
- 1 Lumbar abscess.
- 1 Chronic ulcers.
- 1 Gout.
- 1 Hysteria.
- 1 Hæmatemesis.
- 1 Chronic inflammation of the eyes.
- 1 Peritonitis.
- 1 Piles.

1,419

In the above list it will be noticed that the prin-

cipal causes of rejection retain the same order as those of former reports; but one very noticeable feature, and which is a decided departure, is the large number of rejections from diseases of the kidneys, no less than 66. This undoubtedly is owing to the clause in Constitution adopted, at the last meeting of the Supreme Court, insisting on an analysis of the urine in all cases. If this analysis had not been made, most of these applicants would have been accepted and, in the course of a very few years at the outside, death would have claimed them and the Order would have to meet their insurance. Many insurance companies make light of this requirement of our Order, and claim medical men will not make a proper analysis for the small fee they receive, and a great many of our Court physicians demur at our rigid examinations and the small fee they receive. The Board, however, is satisfied the work is properly done notwithstanding the small fee.

Again a large percentage of the rejections, over one-seventh have been due to intemperance, and still we are afraid applicants who are intemperate slip in, and unfortunately do not mend their ways even under the salutary influence of the Order and have to be suspended. This is very unpleasant to these brethren, to the Courts to which they belong, and to the Order at large. Such men in a Court destroy it socially, and reputably and prevent good men having a favorable opinion of the Order. We would therefore urge the members to be strict, at the same time just in the use of the ballot.

The adoption of the clause at the Supreme Court meeting to exclude saloon keepers and hotel keepers who attend their own bar has been productive of much good. Nearly all of this class are not good risks themselves, and they do not as a rule elevate the tone of a Court, in fact, by their companionship are apt to lead others astray. The large number of rejections on account of occupation is chiefly of this class. We would now urge this Supreme Body to advance another step, and that is, exclude all those who have anything to do with the liquor traffic, and would also suggest that all these be excluded from participating in Section 124. Sub-Section 2, in fact, be not allowed to become members of the Order at all.

Dr. J. J. Ridge, of England, lately published the following article in the *English Lancet* :

"SIRS,—The annual report of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, in which the expected and actual claims for the year 1890 are given, affords another opportunity of testing the comparative longevity and vitality of total abstainers and drinkers of alcoholic liquors. The weight and conclusiveness of this test increase with every year. The twenty-fifth return is as follows :

	Expected Claims.	Actual Claims.
Temperance section.....	314	225
General section.....	382	389

This shows 71.6 per cent. in the temperance section and 100.2 per cent. in the general, a difference of 28.6 per cent. in favor of the abstainers. This is a little higher than the averages of the whole 25 years, which are 69.9 and 96.6 per cent. respectively, a difference of 26.7 per cent. The advantage of total abstinence is shown by the following quinquennial returns :

	TEMPERANCE SEC.		GENERAL SECTION.	
	Expected Claims.	Actual Claims.	Expected Claims.	Actual Claims.
1866-70....	549	371	1008	944
1871-75....	723	511	1267	1330
1876-80....	933	671	1485	1480
1881-85....	1179	835	1670	1531
1886-90....	1472	1015	1846	1750
Total	4856	3386	7276	7034

This table shows that while in the General Section the deaths have fallen short of the expected number by 242, in the Temperance Section the deaths are 1,470 fewer. The fact that in the General Section the deaths are below the healthy male average proves conclusively that the difference between the two sections is not due to excessive drinking on the part of any considerable number of the General Section. The comparison, therefore, is fairly between abstainers and moderate drinkers—rather more moderate than the average middle-class picked lives, and shows conclusively that the use of alcoholic liquors produces degeneration of the tissues and shortens life."

The Board would recommend that all applicants who have a defective arm or leg, and who are safe insurance risks, be placed in the Hazardous Class same as those already are who have only one arm or leg, as they are equally liable to become totally and permanently disabled.

The death rate 5.95 is somewhat higher than heretofore, but when we consider the epidemic of "la grippe" and its ravages during the past two winters, I am sure we can be very thankful that it is not higher. We have this encouraging fact that after paying claims for 250 deaths our reserve fund has increased from \$152,367.84 to \$337,718.71, or at the present moment upwards of \$375,000.

The Secretary of the Medical Board desires to thank the Order for its continued confidence in him. He has held the position for ten consecutive years, during which time over 43,000 examination papers have passed through his hands. He has watched the rapid growth and prosperity of the Order with pride, for no doubt much of its success has been dependant on the Medical Department. He also desires to thank the other members of the Board for their kindness and courtesy, and especially the Chairman, who by the way has held that position for ten years.

SICK BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

The following table shows the different diseases for which sick benefits have been paid for the two years ending June 30th, 1891, also the number of brethren ill with each disease and number of days ill:

	No. of Applicants.	Days Ill.
Multiple sclerosis.....	1	30
Locomotor ataxia.....	1	58
Concussion of brain.....	2	45
Congestion of brain.....	16	595
Spinal irritation.....	3	50
Apoplexy.....	3	91
Epilepsy.....	6	149
Sunstroke.....	10	217
Paralysis.....	11	435
Insanity and nervousness.....	17	653

	No. of Applicants.	Days Ill.
Sciatica.....	60	1,879
Neuralgia.....	104	2,018
Lumbago.....	141	2,164
Pleurodynia.....	7	110
Laryngitis.....	8	137
Hæmoptysis.....	18	656
Asthma.....	20	534
Catarh.....	31	566
Phthisis—consumption.....	24	913
Pleurisy.....	88	2,102
Pneumonia.....	147	4,330
Bronchitis.....	347	7,315
La Grippe.....	584	11,655
Influenza—severe colds, &c.....	623	10,726
Ulcerated throat.....	31	479
Tonsillitis—quinsey.....	146	1,673
Diphtheria.....	23	357
Mumps.....	69	1,014
Scarlet fever.....	6	126
Measles.....	46	717
Typhoid fever.....	161	6,770
Rheumatism—acute, chronic &c.....	223	5,807
Intermittent and remittent fever—Malaria.....	408	9,094
Hæmatemesis—hæmorrhage of stomach.....	4	135
Pharyngitis.....	5	43
Cholera morbus.....	12	146
Typhilitis.....	14	387
Peritonitis.....	22	410
Dysentery.....	30	467
Gastritis—Inflammation of stomach.....	30	729
Diarrhoea.....	65	943
Enteritis—Inflammation of bowels.....	66	1,110
Dyspepsia—Indigestion, bilious attacks, &c.....	145	3,019
Cancer of liver.....	1	22
Enlargement of liver.....	3	54
Jaundice.....	11	78
Hepatitis—Inflammation & congestion of liver.....	68	1,491
Prostatitis.....	1	30
Hydrocele.....	2	44
Stone in bladder.....	2	52
Diabetes.....	5	266
Orchitis—traumatic.....	12	269
Gravel and renal calculus.....	13	232
Diseases of bladder.....	17	449
Congestion of kidneys.....	18	406
Disease of kidneys—Bright's disease, &c.....	19	428
Varicocele.....	1	18
Varicose veins.....	3	53
Aneurism.....	4	100
Heart diseases of various kinds.....	18	462
Skin diseases of various kinds.....	24	504
Furunculi—boils.....	32	377
Carbuncle.....	28	495
Erysipelas.....	39	985
Felon—Whitlow.....	55	1,148
Tumors and enlarged glands.....	14	397
Abscesses of various kinds.....	95	2,053
Ulcers of various kinds.....	16	528
Blood poisoning.....	29	640
Hæmorrhoids—piles.....	24	394
Inflammation of and injuries to eyes.....	57	1,290
Inflammation of ears.....	5	73
General debility.....	16	473
Necrosis of bone.....	3	217

	No. of Applicants	Days Ill.
Synovitis	14	352
Injuries to upper extremities...	474	10,344
Injuries to lower extremities ..	405	9,107
Injuries to head.....	49	1,057
Injuries to back and sides.....	185	3,780
Dislocations, upper extremities.	11	401
Dislocations, lower extremities.	3	103
Fractures, upper extremities ...	19	774
Fractures, lower extremities....	25	1,245
Fractured ribs.....	42	1,015
Amputations	2	120
Total	5,341	123,376

It will thus be seen that 5,341 applicants have been ill for 123,376 days, receiving for the same over \$88,000 from Supreme Court besides free medical attendance and other benefits from their respective Courts.

Owing to the epidemic of "la grippe" and influenza during the past two years the number of claims has been very large and several extra assessments had to be levied. This caused considerable dissatisfaction. To prevent this in future I would recommend the rates of assessment in Sick Department be slightly increased. At present time they are lower than in nearly all other societies who allow the same amount of benefits.

There have been nearly 7,000 days' benefits disallowed for various reasons, such as: Members not in good standing in Sick Department; neglecting to send in claims until after several months, and thus forfeit them; no physician in attendance; officers of Courts refusing to certify to claims believing the brethren not ill enough to be on the funds; having received eighty-four days' benefits for an illness and sending in additional claim for same illness; and in several instances, I regret to have to state, fraudulent claims were sent in. It is needless to state in the latter instance such members were expelled from the Order and the officers of the Courts reprimanded for not fully investigating said claims before certifying to them.

Submitted in L., B. & C.,

T. MILLMAN, M.D.,

Sup. Phys. and Sec. of Medical Board

"Independent Forester"—Business Manager's Report.

CHAMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT,
DETROIT, MICH. 1st Sept., 1891.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Supreme Court:

BRETHREN,—In connection with the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, the official organ of the Order, I have the privilege of placing before you my second biennial report ending June 30th, 1891.

The sum of \$350 has been received for advertising, and there is still on our books in earned advertising the sum of \$315.50. In addition \$10.00 has been received by the Supreme Secretary independent of this office. We would have liked to have shown a much larger revenue from this source, and with a circulation such as we now have it would at first sight appear an easy matter to have done so, but there seems to be a settled conviction in the minds of most large advertising concerns that monthly society papers are of very little practical use to them. We are, however, gradually overcoming this conviction as regards the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, and as space is being saved by using smaller type and the discontinuance of a

serial story, it is the intention to push the advertising with greater vigor in the future.

The mailing list to individual members has increased with wonderful rapidity, 614 Courts having availed themselves of the advantage of having their papers mailed in this way. The changes and additions to these lists entail a great amount of labor, two compositors being employed for three weeks in each month at the work. We only mention this to show that where there are such a number of corrections and additions continually coming in the work must of necessity be boiled down to a certain system, and it is absolutely necessary that Financial Secretaries and members when desiring changes will give in every communication the name and number of their Court. Instructions in regard to keeping the mailing list of a Court in proper shape appear in every issue of THE FORESTER, and the older Courts attend to them very well, but there are some of these, and a constantly increasing number of new Courts and members who require to be communicated with and asked to conform to the simple rules there laid down, but this is only done where we have failed to locate them properly from the reference books at hand. In this connection we cannot too strongly recommend what has been urged in the report of some one officer in nearly every High Court meeting, that where a Court has a Secretary who is educated to his duties and attends to them, that they retain him in that office. We are continually writing to brethren who fail to supply the required information; in a number of instances where correspondents have asked to have their names placed on our lists we have ascertained by enquiring the name of their Court that they were not members of our Order at all, but were connected with a sister society with a similar name (who try to imitate the I. O. F., and are now sending out their publication in the same manner), and had written to us in mistake.

It has been the aim of the management to make the INDEPENDENT FORESTER of interest to the whole Order, by procuring the Foresteric news and gossip through correspondents and exchanges and making such selections of reading matter as would be calculated to stimulate our workers and guide the membership in their fraternal intercourse, and we take this opportunity of thanking the brethren who have taken an interest in this matter, and would respectfully recommend that the representatives from the sections which have rarely if ever sent in an item of news be asked to take the matter in hand and send in such material as they know would be of interest to the Order in their locality.

The INDEPENDENT FORESTER is the great "Missionary" of our Order; it circulates from the Atlantic to the Pacific wherever a Court of Foresters has been planted, and introduces to the favorable notice of all thinking men with whom it may come in contact the advantages to be gained by becoming a member of our Order; it reclaims many a delinquent who is induced by the monthly appearance of its bright red cover and the magnificent amount of Reserve Fund there displayed to return, pay up his arrears and become re-instated in his Court; it is the medium through which our members and organizers receive a monthly record of the continued prosperity of the Order, giving them courage to face any opposition and work with renewed zeal in the interest of the Order, whose welfare we all hold so dear.

In conclusion permit me to thank the numerous

correspondents and the brethren whom I have met for their uniform courtesy and kind consideration.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,
ATWELL FLEMING,
Business Manager.

Representative John Hodson, Chairman of Committee on Distribution, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion, was adopted.

The Supreme Secretary read a communication from the High Court of New Brunswick relative to certain amendments to the Constitution, which was referred to Committee on Constitutions and Laws.

Second Day—Wednesday, 2nd September, 1891.

MORNING SESSION.

After routine business, the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, W. W. Fitzgerald, Q. C., presented the first report of that Committee which is as follows:

THE FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

Your Committee on Constitutions and Laws beg leave to report as follows:

1. In dealing with those parts of the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger referred to us we recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to provide for a \$4,000 and \$5,000 endowment, and that the Executive apply for the necessary legislation to amend our Act of Incorporation at the earliest opportunity.

2. We recommend that Section 41 of the Constitution which provides for the establishment of a separate jurisdiction in High Courts located outside of Canada or Province of Newfoundland, having a membership of 2,000, be repealed and stricken out of the Constitution.

3. We recommend that Section 210 be repealed and a new Section enacted instead thereof to read as set out in the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

4. We recommend that Section 221 be amended so as to provide for payment of \$3 per week sick benefits for the first two weeks and \$5 a week thereafter. This provision not to apply to members living in a country or State whose laws prohibit the payment of sick benefits.

5. That Section 225, Sub-section 1, be amended as set out in the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

6. That Section 225, Sub-section 1, be amended so as to provide for payment of \$3 per week for the first two weeks of the illness and thereafter \$5 per week for ten weeks of the same illness.

7. That Section 8 be amended by striking out the words "not set apart into a separate endowment jurisdiction" in the first and second lines and by striking out the words "one hundred or a fraction thereof" in the fourth and fifth lines of said section, and inserting the words "one thousand or the major fraction thereof" instead thereof.

8. In view of the great expense consequent on the meeting of Supreme Court we recommend that the Court Constitution be amended so as to provide for triennial instead of biennial sessions as suggested by the Supreme Chief Ranger in his report.

9. We recommend that Section 69 of the Constitution be amended as suggested by the Supreme Chief Ranger so as to provide that in election of representatives to Supreme Court those candidates having the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote on any candidates a vote shall be taken on these candidates only.

10. We recommend the adoption of the amendments of Section 14, Sub-section 1 and Section 73 Sub-section 1, suggested by the Supreme Chief Ranger, as to presiding officers.

11. The High Court of Ohio has presented three petitions for amendment of the Constitution. The first two are partly adopted by the amendments recommended to Section 210, recommended in the third clause of this report, and except in so far as approved by said clause three of this report we do not recommend the same. We recommend the adoption of the amendments proposed in the third petition from the High Court of Ohio which is as follows:

(a) That Section 83, Sub-section 2, be amended by adding the following: "At the end of the term immediately preceding the annual session."

(b) That Section 144 be amended by striking out the word "senior" and inserting the word "junior."

(c) That Section 156 be amended by transposing Sub-sections 2 and 3 so that Section 2 will be No. 3 and Section 3 become No. 2 and vice versa.

(d) That Sub-section 11 of Section 132 be repealed and struck out of the Constitution.

12. While your Committee do not see their way clear to recommend the changes asked for by the High Court of New Brunswick as to the election of representatives to the High Court or the investment of the Supreme Court funds and assets, yet we recommend that the Supreme Executive continue in the future as in the past to exercise the most careful examination of all securities in which the funds are invested, and that no investment be made except in securities of the most secure and undoubted character.

13. In reference to the recommendations coming from the High Court of Ontario your Committee recommend that it is not desirable to amend the Constitution as to publication in THE FORESTER of the rule as to claims on the sick funds, but we recommend it to the consideration of the Executive.

14. In reference to the recommendation that the offices of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Secretary and High Secretary should only be changed for urgent reasons affecting the whole Order at large, your Committee do not see their way clear to recommend any amendment of the Constitution or Laws that would carry out that view, but at the same time we heartily endorse the view expressed by the High Court of Ontario, and hereby express our opinion that the best interests of the Order will be conserved by both the Supreme Court and all High Courts adopting what may now be considered the unwritten law of the Order, that these officers should not be changed except for grave and urgent reasons affecting the well-being of the whole Order.

15. In reference to the calling of a Special communication of the Supreme Court when a demand therefor is made by one-third of the High Courts working under the Supreme Court, we recommend the adoption of such amendment by the insertion of the words "or upon the writ in request of one-third of the High Courts."

16. That Sub-section 6 of Section 125 be amended by adding thereto a proviso as follows: "Provided that if any objections are filed with the Supreme Chief Ranger he shall communicate the same to his colleagues of the Executive Council, who with the Supreme Chief Ranger shall regard and hold the same as confidential and inviolably secret."

17. That Section 14 be amended by striking out all after the word "and" in the second line and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "Such election shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Court or at such other time as the Court shall determine."

18. We do not concur in the proposed amendment of Section 181, Sub-section 1, believing that to amend said Section as recommended by the High Court of Ontario would remove one of the safeguards of the Order.

Moved in amendment by N. F. Paterson, seconded by Prof. Walters, and carried, that Section 181 be amended as follows:

Sub-section 1, line 1, after word "Order" insert the words "so knowingly or negligently."

Sub-section 2, after word "officer" insert the words "so knowingly or negligently," and after word "them" in the third line insert the words "so knowingly or negligently certifying."

19. Your Committee have given the proposed amendments submitted by the High Court of Quebec their most earnest and serious consideration, and while we feel that the proposition contained in the first clause of their recommendations, namely, in reference to the responsibilities of members of Subordinate Courts to see that their Financial Secretary and other officers perform their duties and pay over their moneys to the Supreme Court involves most serious consequences to the members of the Subordinate Courts, we cannot see our way clear to recommend any amendment the effect of which would be to shift that responsibility and place it on the Supreme Court and we therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

20. We also report that the second and third recommendations of the High Court of Quebec be not concurred in.

21. In reference to the future meetings of the Supreme Court, though it is thought by many that in view of the large expense attendant on such meetings, and that the Constitutions and Laws are now so plain, not requiring amendment in any important particular, and that the work of the Executive is altogether of an administrative character, the sessions might well be

made triennial, yet your Committee, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, in view of the fact that the change is a radical one, requiring mature consideration, recommend that the Constitution be not now so amended, but that this matter be laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Supreme Court.

22. Your Committee also recommend that a clause be inserted in the Constitution providing that hereafter, except by unanimous consent of the Supreme Court, all propositions to amend the Constitution shall be drafted and prepared by the party who intends to move the amendment, and forwarded by him to the Supreme Secretary at least ninety days before the meeting of the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Secretary shall cause the same to be published in THE FORESTER, and the Executive shall consider and report on the same at the meeting of the Supreme Court.

23. That all Sections and Sub-sections of the Constitution inconsistent with the amendments adopted at this session, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L. B. and C.,

W. W. FITZGERALD,
S. W. WEDDERBURN,
GEO. A. HAMPER,
A. F. CAMPBELL,
R. G. MONROE.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Constitutions and Laws was taken up *seriatim*.

Clause 1 was allowed to stand pending the reading of the report of the Distribution Committee, as the Committee on the State of the Order claimed that the subject matter of this clause had been referred to them.

Clause 2 carried unanimously.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 carried.

On motion of N. F. Paterson, Q. C., seconded by Prof. H. Walters, clause 7 was amended by substituting 1,000 and major fraction thereof instead of 500, and carried.

Clause 8 not considered.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 struck out.

While taking up clause 11 the hour for adjournment arrived, and the Supreme Chief Ranger requested the Supreme Chaplain to close the session with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session Col. W. W. Wharry, Chairman of the Finance Committee, requested as a matter of privilege permission to present the first report of that Committee.

The permission was granted and the presentation made as follows:

FIRST REPORT OF THE FINANCE COM. 1891.

DETROIT, 2nd S. pt., 1891.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

BRETHREN.—Your Finance Committee present their first report:

1. That the per diem allowance payable to the Representatives attending the sessions of this Supreme Court be calculated so as to include the actual time required in coming to and returning from this Supreme Court.

2. That a Special Committee be appointed to calculate the mileage and that each Representative, over his own signature, shall hand to the chairman of such committee a statement giving place of residence, the number of miles therefrom to Detroit by the most direct travelled route; the amount due him by such route at five cents per mile one way, and the actual time required in coming and returning by such route, and the time of his first attending the present session of this Supreme Court.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

In fixing the salaries of the officers of the Supreme Court, three distinct matters claim attention on which to base our conclusions.

1. The work actually done for the last two years,

the results following such work, and what may be expected during the ensuing year.

2. The amount paid by kindred organizations for similar work.

3. The ability of the Supreme Court to pay salaries.

Respecting the first, the work actually accomplished and the consequent results, nothing need be said except to add that they have been especially gratifying to the entire membership. There may have been some delays owing to the volume of new business, but as soon as matters were reached they were correctly and satisfactorily settled. It may be somewhat unnecessary to base the amount to be paid the salaried officers upon the assumption of their re-election, and yet no other conclusion would, in this report, be justifiable. It therefore follows, as experience is our best teacher, that each of the salaried officers will be more valuable to the Order the next two years than they have been during the period just closed. They are to-day better pilots for our ship than they were six, four, yes, even two years ago. With our rapidly increasing membership they will certainly have double the responsibility and if experience has made them more valuable they should have an increase in salary.

This brings us to the second consideration, viz.: The amount paid by similar organizations for like services. It is generally believed that the compensation for services in insurance organizations are somewhat higher in the States than in the Dominion. A fair average is from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for Presidents, and \$3,000 to \$5,000 for Secretaries, and mark you, the best paid officers have a number of able heads of departments to relieve the Presidents and Secretaries of the mere routine work of their respective offices.

This brings us to the third subject matter upon which to base our conclusions as to pay of officers, viz.: The ability of the Supreme Court to pay its officers any given sum. However willing the Body might be to give our officers increased remuneration, and no matter how richly they deserve such recognition, if we have not the money for management expenses and no likelihood of getting it, it would be folly to think of doing what we might desire to do under different circumstances. Let us carefully examine this problem, as it is all important.

The total income for management expenses in '89, was \$31,281.7, and during '89, \$48,725.3. But we never have used the whole of these amounts. It is reasonable to conclude that the receipts for management expenses will increase in like ratio, viz., and be for 1891 \$74,388.62. But to be on the safe side, we will say if the receipts for expenses increase only one-half of the ratio we would naturally expect we will have in 1891 \$36,137, and in 1892 and 1893 a corresponding increase.

While this is an excellent showing we must not forget that broader fields of activity make larger expenses of management, but it would impach the good judgment of our Executive Council to suppose it would pay out money to push the work unless there was an assurance that such work would be to the financial gain of the Order, and assuming that some of this would be as "bread cast upon the waters to return after many days," our past history justifies the conclusion that each year's business as applied to missionary work would more than pay for itself.

After thus carefully considering the matter in all its bearings your Committee recommend that it is wise and proper to pay your officers as follows:

Supreme Chief Ranger.....	\$6,600
Supreme Secretary.....	3,000
Supreme Treasurer.....	1,800
Supreme Auditors.....	500
Supreme Journal Secretary.....	\$ 50
Press Reporters.....	30 each.
Messenger.....	5

We further recommend that, in consideration of thirteen years' loyal and faithful service as Past Supreme Chief Ranger rendered without remuneration, our respected Brother Edward Botterell be presented with a solid silver tea service, suitably inscribed.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L. B. and C.,

W. W. WHARRY, Chairman,
JAMES B. HALKETT, Secretary,
DAVID MILLAN,
D. D. ATKIN,
PETER STRATHBARN.

Detroit, 2nd September, 1891.

The clause in the report recommending that the remuneration to be paid the Supreme Auditors be

\$350 each was, on motion of Representative W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C., seconded by Representative Daniel Rose, amended by increasing the same to \$500 each.

In the same manner the recommendation of the Committee that the Press Committee receive \$25 each was amended by making it \$30 each.

The whole report as amended was then adopted unanimously.

The election of officers being the next order of business, the Supreme Chief Ranger appointed as Tellers Representatives N. F. Paterson, Q.C., Professor Henry Walters, Major N. S. Boynton, and as Assistant Tellers Representatives Mayor Drennan, H. Gibbens and W. D. Lighthall.

For Supreme Chief Ranger: Representative Edward Botterell nominated Dr. Oronhyatekha, and no other name being put in nomination, the Past Supreme Chief Ranger declared Dr. Oronhyatekha re-elected by acclamation.

For the office of Past Supreme Chief Ranger: Representative the Rev. Alex. McGillivray nominated Edward Botterell; no other nominations being made he was declared re-elected by acclamation.

For Supreme Vice Chief Ranger:

D. D. Aitkin was nominated by Major N. S. Boynton.

W. Griffith was nominated by W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C.

Gen. H. H. Aplin was nominated by H. Robinson.

Frank Smith was nominated by P. Strathearn.

W. Griffith resigned, and on the ballot being taken D. D. Aitkin received 67 votes, H. H. Aplin 45 votes, and Frank Smith 8 votes. Representative D. D. Aitkin was thereupon declared elected Supreme Vice Chief Ranger.

For the office of Supreme Secretary: Representative John A. McGillivray was nominated by N. F. Paterson, Q.C., and there being no other nomination he was declared re-elected by acclamation.

For the office of Supreme Treasurer: Representative T. G. Davey was nominated by J. B. Halkett, P.S.C.R., and there being no further nominations he was declared re-elected by acclamation.

For the office of Supreme Physician:

Thomas Millman, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., etc., was nominated by W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C.

E. S. Morgan, M.D., was nominated by Gen. H. H. Aplin.

On the ballot being taken Dr. Millman received 110 votes, and Dr. Morgan 14 votes. Dr. Millman was thereupon declared re-elected Supreme Physician.

For Supreme Counsellor:

The Hon William Wedderburn, Q.C., was nominated by F. W. Emmerson.

R. G. Monroe was nominated by A. V. Wade. N. F. Paterson, Q.C., was nominated by Rev. E. Collins.

W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C., was nominated by William Griffith.

Representative W. W. Fitzgerald declined, and the ballot having been taken it was found that Judge W. Wedderburn received 64 votes, N. F. Paterson 41, and R. G. Monroe 8. Judge Wedderburn was thereupon declared elected Supreme Counsellor.

For the office of two members of the Medical Board as colleagues to Dr. Millman:

Oronhyatekha, M.D., was nominated by Edward Botterell, P.S.C.R.

S. E. Morgan, M.D., was nominated by H. Robinson.

Prof. W. Henderson, M.D., was nominated by Representative James Adams.

Dr. Oronhyatekha declined to be a candidate, and Drs. Henderson and Morgan were declared elected members of the Medical Board.

For the office of Supreme Auditors: Representative Geo. A. Harper, Charles R. Fitzgerald, B. W. Greer, Thomas Lawle, Wm. Kinghorn, and Col. W. W. Wharry were nominated. On the ballot being taken it was found that B. W. Greer had received 67 votes, Tho. Lawless 65 votes, Geo. A. Harper 40 votes, Chas. R. Fitzgerald 24 votes, Wm. Kinghorn 15 votes, and Col. Wharry 20 votes. B. W. Greer and Tho. Lawless were thereupon declared elected Auditors for the next term.

Nominations for next place of meeting were then taken, the places named being Chicago, Toronto, London, St. Paul and St. John, N. B. On an informal vote being taken Chicago received 36 votes, Toronto 31, St. John 5, London 4, St. Paul 3.

No selection being made a ballot was taken between Chicago and Toronto, which resulted in Chicago receiving 70 votes and Toronto 44 votes, and Chicago was declared the next place of meeting.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Supreme Chief Ranger instructed the Supreme Chaplain to close the session with the benediction.

Third Day—Thursday, 3rd September, 1891.

MORNING SESSION.

On the morning of the third day after routine business Representative James Watt, chairman of the Committee on the Publication and Management of the Organ of the Order presented the report of that Committee.

On motion of Representative N. F. Paterson, seconded by Representative J. T. Hawke, the clause was taken up clause by clause for discussion, and amended and then adopted.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS.

Representative W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C., chairman of the Committee on Constitutions and Laws, continued the presentation of his report at clause 11, which was under consideration when the Supreme Court adjourned on Wednesday forenoon. Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 were carried.

Clause 17 was amended and carried.

Judge Wedderburn moved in amendment, seconded by K. V. Hagmaker and carried, that the following be added to the report of the Committee on Constitutions and Laws:

That no amendment to the Constitution shall be considered by the Supreme Court, unless a copy of the same, or a synopsis thereof, shall have been transmitted to the Supreme Secretary not less than two months before the meeting at which the same is intended to be proposed, and it shall be the duty of the Supreme Secretary on the receipt thereof to cause the same to be published in the next issue of THE FORESTER for general information, and upon such publication it shall be the duty of every High Chief Ranger to report the same to the High Court of his jurisdiction at any meeting thereof which may be held before the meeting of the Supreme Court, and the duty of every C.D.H.C.R. to submit the same to and at any meeting which may be held of a Subordinate Court of which he is the officer, before the meeting of the Supreme Court.

On motion to adopt the report as a whole as amended, it was moved by Representative Skillen, seconded by Representative A. P. Sherwood,

That the Supreme Court reconsider the clause proposing an alteration in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department. Carried.

During the discussion which followed the hour of adjournment arrived and the Supreme Chief Ranger instructed the Supreme Chaplain to close the session with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon session after routine the consideration of the clause in the Committee's report on Constitutions and Laws relating to the sick and funeral benefit was resumed, when it was

Moved in amendment by W. E. Skillen, seconded by Le B. Coleman,

That the Sub-section 1 of Section No. 224 be changed by striking out the words, "and fifty dollars on death toward funeral expenses," and that Section 225 remain as it now stands, and Section 228 remain as it now stands.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Fred. G. Kearns, seconded by T. Cyphiot, M. D.,

That the schedule of rates as recommended by the Supreme Chief Ranger be adopted, and that Section 224(1) be amended by striking out that portion relating to funeral benefits.

Moved by W. Gerry, seconded by Erother Aikman,

That the clause in the Constitution in reference to sick benefits be not altered but that a notice be sent to all Courts notifying them of such change, and that a vote of those interested be taken whether it shall be reduced or an extra assessment levied.

The Supreme Chief Ranger ruled this last amendment out of order, there being an amendment to the amendment already pending.

A division having been called for on the amendment to the amendment, and on a vote being taken, the first division was adopted and the second rejected.

The amendment as amended was then considered and further amended by striking out the provisions regarding the giving of \$5 per week sick benefits during the first two weeks. The clause of the report was then adopted, and the report adopted as a whole as amended.

The Hon. Judge Carothers, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Petitions, presented a majority report of that Committee recommending the payment of the several claims reserved by the Executive Council.

Robert Mathieson presented a minority report as follows:

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

RE THE LATE CHAS. W. VOTIER.

As one of the Committee on Appeals and Petitions, I beg to present a minority report.

While sympathizing deeply with the widow of our late brother, nevertheless, from the reports and papers in the matter, I am of the opinion there is no legal claim. The officers of the brother's Court had reported him to the Supreme Court suspended for non-payment of dues, and proceedings as required by Section 244 of the Constitution and Laws were never taken to reinstate him, and he was in fact at the time of his death a suspended member of the Order and not entitled to any benefits.

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.,

R. MATHIESON.

After full consideration, on motion of Judge Carothers, seconded by the Supreme Secretary, the report of the majority was adopted.

Major N. S. Boynton, Chairman of the Special Committee on Separate Endowment Jurisdiction,

presented a majority report of that Committee as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEPARATE ENDOWMENT JURISDICTION.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers, and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of separate endowment jurisdiction, with nominal request to draw up and submit a law to take the place of Section 48 which has been, on the recommendation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, stricken out by previous action of this Supreme Body, would recommend the adoption of the following as a substitute therefor:

Section 48, (1). The powers of High Courts, in addition to those prescribed in the Constitutions and Laws of this Order, when the laws of a country, State or Province do not prohibit the same, shall be to provide endowment benefits to the amount of two thousand dollars to such members in a High Court jurisdiction as may desire the same, in addition to that provided by the Supreme Court, but in no case shall a certificate of endowment be issued by a High Court to any member in its jurisdiction who does not hold an endowment certificate for at least one thousand dollars in the Supreme Court and keep all dues and assessments paid thereon.

(2). A suspension of a member from Supreme Court endowment benefits will cause his suspension from the High Court and Subordinate Court to which he may belong.

(3). A High Court shall also have the power to provide for a Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund and an Accident Disability Fund to such members as may desire such benefits.

(4). They shall also have power to establish an Auxiliary branch of the Order, to be known as the Lady Foresters, in their own jurisdiction, the members thereof to be confined to the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of the members of this Order, between the ages of 18 and 55, and to provide an endowment fund therefor.

(5). A High Court shall have the power to enact laws, rules and regulations for the government of the Additional Endowment Fund, the Sick and Funeral Fund, the Accident Disability Fund, and the Ladies' Auxiliary Branch, subject to the approval of the Supreme Executive Council, and be subject to and not conflict with the Constitutions and Laws of the Supreme Court and of the Order.

(6). A suspension of a member from any of the foregoing benefits provided by a High Court shall not affect his Supreme Court endowment or other benefits.

(7). Before a High Court can exercise any of the powers granted herein it must have at least three thousand Supreme Court endowment members.

(8). Before any action can be taken by a High Court to establish such funds or Auxiliary Branch, it must, at a regular annual session, pass a resolution by a two-thirds vote of the officers and members present, expressing a desire to establish any one or all of the benefit funds and Ladies' Auxiliary Branch, and when so adopted the High Court shall proceed at once to formulate laws therefor, and submit the same to the Supreme Executive Council for approval, and such laws shall have no binding force until so approved.

Your Committee would urge the addition of the foregoing section to the Constitution, believing, as we do, that it will do much toward strengthening the High Courts in such countries and States where the local laws do not prohibit the giving of the above recited benefits, and promote the growth of the membership therein. It will, in our opinion, give such Courts control of the benefits provided, and it will be a source of revenue to their General Fund.

Your Committee desire to express their high appreciation of the manner in which the Supreme Chief Ranger met the difficulties arising in Michigan during the past year or more, and which at one time threatened the destruction of the Order in this jurisdiction. His firm and determined action in bringing about the expulsion of the leading disturbing spirit from the Order we heartily endorse. We commend him for refusing to notice and reply to the gross personal attacks made on him by an expelled officer through printed circulars and the public press, and congratulate the Independent Order of Foresters on having a Chief Executive Officer with sufficient courage and force of character to quell an incipient rebellion, and put down treason wherever and whenever it appears. We admire his dignity, his firmness, and his open,

frank, outspoken manner. We hope he will in the future as in the past continue to show the same strong traits of character. The members of this Committee residing in Michigan can assure the officers and representatives of this Supreme Court that the Foresters in this jurisdiction have full confidence in his ability as an Executive Officer, and will give him and the Supreme Executive Council their loyal and earnest support. We feel confident that disloyalty to the Order, either in Michigan or elsewhere, will not secure much of a foothold while the present Supreme Chief Ranger holds his present position.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the legal difficulties in the way in some States, preventing active work been done there and while the matter has not been referred to this Committee in a formal way we nevertheless believe it would be proper for us to report thereon. We therefore take the liberty of offering the following preamble and resolution, and recommend their adoption:

Whereas, some Superintendents of Insurance have virtually ruled that the Independent Order of Foresters cannot legally transact business in certain States unless they comply with the laws governing regular Life Insurance Companies and

Whereas, it would require in such cases a deposit of one hundred thousand dollars with the State treasurer to comply therewith, and

Whereas, we do not concede that this association is a regular Life Insurance Company but a fraternal beneficiary organization, the same as our sister societies, with the same Lodge system and working under a ritual, and hence exempt from the provisions of the insurance laws, and

Whereas, we believe that the Independent Order of Foresters should be admitted and allowed to institute Subordinate Courts in every State where other kindred societies are admitted under the statutes governing fraternal beneficiary organizations, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Supreme Executive Council be, and they are hereby, instructed and authorized to employ competent legal counsel in any State where such difficulties are raised, and take steps to bring the question before the Courts with a view of reaching a decision which will determine the legal status of the Independent Order of Foresters within such jurisdictions.

N. S. BOYNTON, *Chairman*,
W. W. STOCKWELL,
GEO. G. VANALSTINE,
H. H. APLIN.

Representative J. T. Carson presented a minority report against the admission of the ladies.

On motion of Representative Geo. A. Harper, seconded by Representative R. Gillray the consideration of the majority and minority reports were left over until the disposition of the report of the Special Committee on admission of women into the Order.

Representative Geo. A. Harper, chairman of the Special Committee appointed to consider that clause of the Supreme Chief Ranger's Report relating to the admission of women into the Order, presented a majority report of that Committee recommend the admission of women as follows:

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the overture from the High Court of Ohio that women be admitted as beneficial members of this Order beg leave to report as follows:

That we recommend the admission of women as social or beneficiary members, at their own option, to the Order, but in separate Courts.

G. A. HARPER,
R. G. MONROE,
DAVID MILLAR,
PETER STRATHEARN.

Representative E. W. Buckley, M. D., presented a minority report against the admission of ladies.

The consideration of this report brought out to the fullest extent the arguments on both sides, and when the vote was taken to adopt the majority report it was defeated by 81 nays to 34 yeas.

Major N. S. Boynton's report was then taken up, and on consideration was adopted, except so much as refers to changes in the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, which were ordered to stand as a notice of motion for the consideration of the Supreme Court at its next session.

Colonel W. W. Wharry presented the second report of the Finance Committee which was adopted.

Representative N. F. Paterson, Q.C., chairman of Committee on the State of the Order, presented the report of that Committee as follows:

To the Supreme Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Court:

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report:

That it is with feelings of unbounded gratitude to an all wise Providence we contemplate the wonderful degree of prosperity which has attended our beloved Order during the two years just closed as evidenced in the statistical record contained in the reports of the Supreme Chief Ranger and Subordinate officers presented at this session.

Your Committee, whilst aware that a substantial portion of the increase of membership is due to the activity and zeal of officers and members of High and Subordinate Courts, in their opinion by far the major portion of such increase is due to the energy of the Supreme Executive and its officers, but especially to the Supreme Chief Ranger whose love for the Order, untiring activity in promoting its welfare and far more than ordinary executive ability displayed in the management of its affairs have in one short decade raised it out of the slough of despond with an unparalleled degree of advancement to the proud position it occupies to-day.

ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENT BENEFITS.

Your Committee in considering the suggestions of the Supreme Chief Ranger that the endowment benefits be raised to \$5,000 availed themselves of such information as they could obtain, and learned that there are several fraternal organizations operating in the United States and Dominion of Canada which offer such benefits. At present about one member in twenty of our Order has availed himself of the \$3,000 endowment benefits.

Your Committee recommend that the question first be submitted to the several High Courts and their opinions thereon obtained.

WEAK AND INACTIVE COURTS.

Your Committee in considering the recommendations of the Supreme Chief Ranger respecting weak Courts have been made aware that the High Court of Ontario has salaried officers whose duty is to visit weak Courts, and that great benefits have resulted to the Order in consequence. That the High Court of Quebec at its recent session made like provision.

Your Committee regard it as one of the inherent prerogatives of the Supreme Executive and High Standing Committees to send officers in the interest of the Order to visit and assist weak Courts, but if any doubt exists as to such your Committee recommend that to remove the same it be now declared that such powers are so vested in the aforesaid bodies.

Your Committee do not recommend the extending the power to make a Forester at sight beyond the present provisions of the Constitution, believing that such power should be sparingly exercised at all times, and then more as a compliment to men of prominence than as a means of increasing the membership.

Your Committee do not recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Supreme Chief Ranger as to the disposition of initiation fees of those made Foresters at sight or brought into Subordinate Courts by Supreme or High Court officers.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee in considering those clauses of the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger, referring to the extension of the Order beyond the North American Continent, concluded the gravity of the question to be so great as to warrant them in suggesting the question should be considered by the Supreme Court in session, they not seeing their way to make any further recommendation. Your Committee, however, would refer the members of the Supreme Court to Section 4th, Sub-sections 1 and 2, which, in the opinion of the members of the Committee, preclude the extension of the Order to New Zealand and Australia without amendment to

the Constitution, but that Sub-section 1, be amended by inserting the words "North America."

Your Committee desire to pay tribute to the excellent report of the Supreme Physician, which shows a careful attention to his duty, and we believe that to such attention and his professional skill is largely to be attributed the fact that the death rate of the Order has been kept so low.

Your Committee having considered the recommendation of the Medical Board that all those who have anything to do with the liquor traffic be excluded from admission to the Order, do not recommend the same.

The Medical Board recommended that all applicants who have a defective arm or leg etc., be placed in the Hazardous Class.

Your Committee not having sufficient data before them to enable them to form an opinion are unable to report for or against the proposition.

Your Committee having considered the memorial of the High Court of Quebec to have the Constitution, Laws and Ritual printed in the French language, recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition and that such publishing be done by and under the direction of the Supreme Court.

Your Committee having considered the proposals made to the Supreme Chief Ranger by the Grand Regent for Ontario for the establishment of an association or union by the different friendly and benevolent societies in Canada to guard against oppressive or hostile legislation, and generally for the adoption of such measures as would promote the welfare and secure the stability of such societies and insure the confidence of the public therein, are of opinion the subject matter of the communication might well be left to the discretion of the Executive Council.

Your Committee cannot close this report without asking that it go upon record that in the opinion of the Supreme Court special thanks are due the Executive officers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices and for the elaborate reports submitted by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
 N. F. PATERSON, *Chairman.*
 P. J. SPENZER,
 HENRY WALTERS,
 EDWARD COLLINS,
 W. T. BINGHAM.

On motion of Colonel W. W. Wharry, the consideration of this report was taken up clause by clause.

The following clause of the report, "your Committee do not recommend the adoption of the suggestions of the Supreme Chief Ranger as to the disposition of initiation fees of those made Foresters at sight or brought into Subordinate Court by Supreme Court Officers," was lost and the recommendation of the Supreme Chief Ranger was adopted.

The Medical Board recommended that all applicants who have defective arms or legs, &c., be placed in the Hazardous Class. Your Committee not having sufficient data before them to form an opinion are unable to report for or against the proposition.

The recommendation of the Medical Board was adopted.

The report as a whole as amended was then adopted.

The Supreme Chief Ranger at this time laid before the Supreme Court a telegram which he had received from Edward Towe, High Chief Ranger of the Canadian Order of Foresters, sending congratulations and fraternal greetings.

The Supreme Court instructed the Supreme Secretary to send a suitable reply to the High Chief Ranger, Edward Towe Esq., London, Ont.

It was moved by Representative N. F. Paterson, Q.C., seconded by Representative Robert Gilray, and carried.

That this be a direction to the Executive Council that the Order be not extended to the continents of Asia, Africa (except South Africa), or South America without the consent of the Supreme Court in session being first had.

It was moved by Representative Col. W. W. Wharry, seconded by Representative J. W. Blake, and carried.

That just before the next session of this Supreme Court the Supreme Secretary be requested to forward to the High Secretary of each High Court an appropriate badge for each delegate from such High Court to the Supreme Court, and that each delegate be instructed to wear such badge in coming to and returning from the session of the Supreme Court.

It was moved by Representative D. D. Aitkin, seconded by Representative Geo. A. Harper, and carried.

That the Executive Council have power to make all necessary changes in the Constitutions and Laws where necessary to harmonize the same with changes made during this session.

It was moved by the Hon. Judge Wedderburn, Q.C., seconded by the Supreme Journal Secretary, and carried.

That any matter of importance which may have escaped the notice of representatives during this session, be left to the attention of the Executive Council.

It was moved by Representative Robert Gilray seconded by the Supreme Secretary, and carried.

That unanimous consent be granted to so alter the Constitution as will enable the Hon. Judge Wedderburn to accept the position of Supreme Counsellor to which he had been elected.

The Executive were instructed to make necessary alterations in the Constitution to harmonize with this action.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then named the following representatives as appointed officers of the Supreme Court:

- S. Chap., Rev. H. C. Munsen, New York.
- S. J. Sec., Robert Matheson, Ontario.
- S. S. W., Hon. Judge R. W. Carothers, North Dakota.
- S. J. W., W. H. Perry, California.
- S. S. B., R. G. Monroe, Nova Scotia.
- S. J. B., Dr. E. W. Buckley, Minnesota.
- S. Mar., Mayor W. M. Drennan, Ontario.
- S. Con., Peter Strathearn, Quebec.
- S. Mess., G. C. Wardell, New Jersey.
- S. St. B., T. J. Birch, Ontario.
- S. St. B., Dr. E. M. Hetherington, Missouri.
- S. Sw. B., Alderman Robert Griffith, Ontario.
- S. Sw. B., K. V. Haymaker, Ohio.
- S. Supt. J. C., Daniel Rose, Ontario.

The elected and appointed officers were installed by Representative Edward Botterell, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, assisted by Representative Robert Gilray, acting as Supreme Secretary, and High Auditor B. W. Greer, as Supreme Conductor.

And after the transaction of some further business the Supreme Court adjourned to meet again in Chicago in 1895.

It was moved by Representative David Millar, seconded by Alderman Robert Griffith, and carried.

That the minutes of the proceedings of this afternoon's session be taken as read and referred to the Executive Council for correction and confirmation, and that the Supreme Court do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Supreme Court was then formally closed with the impressive closing ceremonies of the Exalted Degree.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

Courts not sending correct remittances for August.

Report calls for Undermentioned Amounts.

Amounts Remitted.

Name of Court.	No.	Endm't.	S. & F.	Gen'l.	Endm't.	S. & F.	Gen'l.	Amount short
Bedford	393	\$25 47		\$ 5 15	\$18 75	\$ 3 55		\$ 8 32
Ellsworth	523	18 97	5 11		18 67	5 11		30
Kincardine	578	22 62	3 83	3 00	19 04	3 83	\$3 00	3 58
Crampton	723	12 08	3 15		12 05	3 65		03
Lehigh	744	30 89	8 95	4 60	27 33	8 30	4 00	2 17

NOTE: Courts will send the above shortages in the next report.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid August Assessments.

Name.	No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.
Intervale	34	Jacques Cartier	607	Stark	706
Northern Star	48	Saticoy	620	Loyal	742
Pontiac	271	Massawippi	627	Revelstoke	753
St. Albans	283	Santa Cruz	631	Santiago	765
Eyesacho	291	Salinas	610	Visalia	772
Unity	339	Criterion	644	Alma	778
Pacific	478	Williamston	661	Ingersoll	798
Redonto	525	Douglas	685	Pine	898
Terra Cotta	555	Bay	680	Glen Nation	810
Mt. Baker	558	Empire	685	Gilroy	819
San Louis O' Bispo	603	Hapsburg	694		

NOTE.—The above Courts not having remitted for August stood suspended on 1st September.

Remittances from New Courts.

No. of Members 1st Aug.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow't Assmnt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members 1st Aug.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow't Assmnt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.
22	Freestone	830	\$11 93			23	Beecher	819	\$3 41	\$10 00	
18	Lanester	816	14 18		\$ 7 00	20	Ogygia	850	13 40	1 65	\$ 5 00
11	Hay Bay	837	7 47	\$3 71		21	Williams	852	2 95		
21	Copenish	833	18 31	8 10		20	Traverse	853	17 35	1 53	
17	East Jordan	839	16 75	5 99		12	Iroquois	854	10 59		
20	Charles'ox	810	8 42	1 08		21	Carlingford	856	7 30	3 61	
21	Cromwell	811	12 56	1 06		12	Hillier	858	7 07	1 79	
21	Oxford Mills	812	15 38	1 14	7 25	18	Macdonald	859	40 40		
26	Windom	813	10 78	1 67	10 00	19	Inglewood	860	4 34	2 18	18 00
11	Boiestown	815	10 76	4 67	40 00	13	Caseville	861	18 72	5 80	41 00
16	Speedwell	815	15 19	5 53	9 00	21	Atlantic	862	21 79	4 00	57 00
21	Standard	317	33 69		8 00	21	Wayne	864	12 45	3 19	
20	Preston	818	15 83	4 72		21	Ashton	872	12 62		

Totals from Old Courts	No. of Members.	Endow't's.	S. & F.	General.
" " New Courts	29,139	\$28,926 82	\$1,793 29	\$2,975 83
Grand Totals	29,637	\$29,340 61	\$1 570 79	\$3,178 18

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.	CONTR. CR.
For the Endowment Benefit Fund	By cash remitted Supreme Treasurer
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund	Submitted in L., B. and C.,
" General Fund	JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
	Supreme Secretary
\$57,359 57	\$37,389 87

Mortuary Statement

For the Month of August, 1891.

No. 481. Brother David A. Shephard, of Court Peck, No. 411, located at Peck, Mich., died on the 23th July, 1891, of fibroid pneumonia, aged 47 years. Initiated 29th May, 1859. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$26.52. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his son, Wellington W. Shephard. Held for letters of guardianship.

No. 482. Brother C. E. Vought, of Court San Bernardino, No. 447, located at San Bernardino, Cal., was drowned, on the 4th July, 1891, aged 30 years. Initiated 8th August, 1890. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$7.85. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Hester Vought.

No. 483. Brother Albert E. Ripley, of Court Dresden, No. 161, located at Dresden, Ont., died on the 25th July, 1891, of gastritis and enteritis, aged 47 years. Initiated 18th November, 1857. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$13.12. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Elizabeth Ripley.

No. 484. Brother Fred. E. Levenseller, of Court Iosco, No. 278, located at East Tawas, Mich., died on the 7th August, 1891, of typhoid fever, aged 31 years. Initiated 24th December, 1857. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$29.92. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Martha S. Levenseller, and wife, Ella J. Levenseller.

No. 485. Brother Fred. W. Stansbury, of Court Temple, No. 510, located at Los Angeles, Cal., died on the 13th August, 1891, of typhoid fever, aged 20 years. Initiated 1st April, 1841. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$1.96. Endowment of \$2,000 designated to his mother, Susan J. Stansbury.

No. 486. Brother William Rany, of Court Flower City, No. 316, located at Rochester, N.Y., died on the 12th August, 1891, of insolation, aged 49 years. Initiated 30th February, 1890. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$21.13. Endowment of \$2,000 designated to his wife, Catherine Rany, daughter, Julia, and sons Anthony and William Rany.

No. 487. Brother Geo. M. Roos, of Court Preston, No. 818, located at Preston, Ont., died on the 31st July, 1891, of asthma, aged 55 years. Initiated 16th May, 1857. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$77.50. Endowment

of \$1,000 designated to executors, administrators or assigns. Paid by cheque No. 254.
 No. 488. Brother Amos O. Royce, of Court Walkerton, No. 521, located at Walkerton, Ont., died on the 20th August, 1891, of intestinal tuberculosis, aged 27 years. Initiated 1st April, 1891. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$10.72. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Maria Royce. Paid by cheque No. 242.
 No. 489. Brother Arthur A. Robert, of Court Champlain, No. 663, located at Montreal, Que., died on the 2nd August, 1891, of cerebral congestion, aged 26 years. Initiated 13th May, 1891. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$4.08. Endowment of \$2,000 designated to executors, administrators or assigns.
 No. 490. Brother Charles L. Voughon, of Court Au Sable, No. 230, located at Au Sable, Mich., died on the 16th August, 1891, of empyema, aged 20 years. Initiated 30th July, 1891. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$8.64. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Laura Voughon. Paid by cheque No. 260.
 No. 491. Brother David A. Lowe, of Court Seguin, No. 107, located at Parry Sound, Ont., died on the 16th August, 1891, of peritonitis, aged 26 years. Initiated 31st March, 1888. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$26.83. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Pamela A. Lowe.
 No. 492. Brother Robert A. Donald, of Court Hammond, No. 515, located at Hammond, N.Y., died on the 31st August, 1891, of cancer of stomach, aged 56 years. Initiated 12th April, 1890. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$73.80. Endowment of \$2,000 designated to his wife, Catherine Donald.
 No. 493. Brother Peter F. Ferris, of Court Dominion, No. 25, located at Highgate, Ont., died on the 2nd September, 1891, of phthisis, aged 20 years. Initiated 14th May, 1891. Paid into the Endowment Fund \$24.4. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Julia Ann Ferris.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance on hand per last report.....	\$360,636 59
" Cash received from S. Sec	29,340 60
" Interest Canadian S. & L. Co.....	225 00
	\$390,202 19

CONTRA—CR.	
Endowment claims paid on policies of late brothers,	
Name	Court.
Jas. D. Ingram	Brant, 163
Thos. Savage	Frontenac, 59
Wm. Coyle	Ottawa, 41
Arthur H. Izzard	Port Elgin, 537
P. Shine	Onward, 553
Jas. R. Wolsey	Pyramid, 412
Amos O. Royce	Walkerton, 521
Jno. W. Ryerson	Simcoe, 166
5 per cent. to General Fund	1,478 28
Balance on hand	\$63,723 91
	\$310,202 19

SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

To Cash received from S. Secretary.....	\$4,870 79
	\$4,870 79

CONTRA—CR.	
Paid for sick benefits	\$9,322 81
" funeral benefit to late Brother Jas. D. Ingram, Court Brant, .63	60 00
5 per cent. to General Fund	243 53
Balance for August	1,254 45
	\$4,870 79

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
To Balance per last report.....	\$1,323 49
" Cash received from Sup. Sec	31.8 18
" 5 per cent. Endowment receipts.....	1,478 28
" 5 per cent. S. & F. receipts.....	243 63
	\$3,223 48

CONTRA—CR.	
S. C. R. traveling expenses.....	\$153 00
" salary.....	333 33
J. H. Dickson, mission acct.....	183 32
Executive expenses—postage, office salaries and sundries.....	785 45
S. Sec. salary.....	166 68
A. J. Henderson, supplies.....	40 80
E. W. Chaffin, mission acct.....	29 00
J. S. Russell, supplies.....	40 53
T. Millman, M.D., revising fees.....	322 76
A. F. Campbell, mission acct.....	50 00
Hon. J. Sterne, re N. Y. Incorporation.....	101 00
J. M. Treble, rent of offices.....	183 75
Kay & Banks, insurance premiums.....	20 62
E. W. Morton, seals.....	63 50
J. C. Fell & Co., seals.....	121 00
S. Sec. expenses—Chicago, Springfield and other places.....	82 75
Bell Telephone Co.....	13 13
G. N. W. Tel. Co.....	22 80
C. P. R. Tel. Co.....	9 18
A. Barker, mission acct.....	66 66
Chas. S. Hall, mission acct.....	99 32
S. Sec., re mission acct.....	40 00
N. F. Paterson, re H. C.....	40 00
Wm. Cadwell, mission acct.....	50 00
Insurance of delegates to High Courts.....	81 75
Chas. Kelly & A. McKee's expenses at Welford	6 66
Jos. Hickson, mission acct.....	25 00
Registration fees, Insurance Dept. Wisconsin.	25 00
T. McQueen, mission acct.....	200 00
Hunter, Rose & Co., supplies.....	105 25
Paid to Dept. at Ottawa for certificates.....	24 60
Balance.....	2,735 79
	\$6,223 48

PERMANENT INVESTMENTS.

Post Office Savings Bank	\$12,481 48
Ontario Loan & Debenture Company	13,425 43
Canada Permanent Investment Company	15,930 83
Huron & Erie Savings & Loan Company.....	10,000 00
Freehold Savings & Loan Company.....	10,000 00
British Canadian Loan & Investment Co.....	10,000 00
Canadian Savings & Loan Company.....	10,000 00
Empire Loan Co.....	5,000 00
Agricultural Savings & Loan Company.....	10,000 00
School and Municipal Debentures.....	94,066 45
Mortgages.....	116,931 98
Nova Scotia Loan	300 00
New Brunswick Loan.....	300 10
Receiver General of New Brunswick.....	20,112 50

Total.....	\$39,788 63
Current Account, Endowment.....	38,935 28
General.....	2,725 79
Total Surplus.....	\$371,449 70

Submitted to L. B. and C.,
 T. G. DAVEY,
Supreme Treasurer.

Report of the Supreme Physician.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:
 I have the honor to report that during the month of August, 1891, 307 Medical Examinations were accepted and 53 rejected, making a total of 360.
 Yours in L. B. and C.,
 T. MILLMAN, M.D.,
Supreme Physician.

HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

High Secretary's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	
To cash from High Court Dues.....	\$192 60
" " General Supplies.....	116 23
Total	\$808 28

CONTRA—CR.	
By cash remitted High Treasurer	\$508 28
Submitted in L. B. and C.,	
JAMES B. HALKETT, <i>High Secretary.</i>	

High Treasurer's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance per last report	\$3,621 73
" cash from High Secretary	828 28
Balance	61 80
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	\$3,891 81
CONTRA-CR.	
D. Rose, salary and expense as auditor	\$60 00
W. S. Milne,	60 00
N. F. Paterson, H. C. R. grant of H. Court	250 00
D. Millar, grant of H. Court	100 00
Expense of High Court meeting at Brockville. 2,933 80	
Court Orient, prize for increase of membership	15 00
H. C. R., balance of disbursement acct.	15 00
E. J. Mundy, printing H. C. R.'s report	8 00
C. C. Whale, salary for August.	100 00
H. Sec., salary and office disbursements.	171 25
H. Treasurer, salary and office disbursements.	78 75
D. Millar, expense account.	50 00
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	\$3,891 81

Submitted in L. B. and C.
T. G. DAVEY,
High Treasurer.

HIGH COURT OF NEW YORK

High Secretary's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

RECEIPTS	
To cash from High Court Dues	\$80 40
" General Supplies	5 04
Total	\$85 54
CONTRA-CR.	
By cash remitted High Treasurer	\$85 54
Submitted in L. B. and C., C. R. FITZGERALD, High Secretary.	

High Treasurer's Statement for the Month of August, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance per last report	\$322 63
" cash from High Secretary	65 54
Balance	\$388 17
CONTRA-CR.	
No Transactions.	
Submitted in L. B. and C., CHAS. W. LEROH, High Treasurer.	

New Courts.

COURT HILLIER, NO. 853, HILLIER, ONTARIO.
Instituted on the 1st of August, 1891, by J. H. Dickson, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., W. A. Crandall; C. R., J. A. Bean; V. C. R., J. A. Arthur; R. S., W. Alva Crandall; F. S., P. M. Clapp; Treas., A. M. Haight; S. W., Eli L. Doolittle; J. W., W. A. Clark; S. B., T. Finley Pyle; J. B., P. Henry Crandall; P. C. R., P. H. Crandall; Chap., Thos. M. Hardy; Phys., John McGill Young, M.D.

COURT INGLEWOOD, NO. 860, MUSQUASH, N. B.
Instituted on the 4th of August, 1891, by Lachlan Cameron, D.D.H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., George Bedell, M.D.; C. R. Charles C. Ludgate; V. C. R., C. Calvin Clinch; R. S., Robert F. J. Parkin; F. S., Fred. S. Clinch; Treas., Horatio N. Spitzer, jr.; J. B., George Spinney; Chap., Rev. Henry M. Spike; Phys., George Bedell, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

COURT CASEVILLE, NO. 881, CASEVILLE, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 11th of July, 1891, by William J. Rapley, S.D.H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., August Halstein; C. R., John F. Libby; V. C. R., Wallace W. Adams; R. S., Robert Adams; F. S., John A. McLean; Treas., Charles Crawford; S. W., August Nienstedt; J. W., John Perry; S. B., Henry J. Libby; J. B., John T. Stock; P. C. R., William W. Barbour; Chap., Henry Johnson; Phys., Henry Johnson, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

COURT ATLANTIC, NO. 862, OTTAWA EAST, ONTARIO.
Instituted on the 22nd of June, 1891, by G. W. Paterson, P.D.H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., E. W. Gilbert; C. R., James Logan; V. C. R., Byron Baker; R. S., J. Wardill; F. S., J. S. Webster; Treas., Byron Baker; S. W., Richard Bassett; J. W., E. W. Gilbert; S. B., Alex. Gray; J. B., J. E. Hudson; P. C. R., R. P. Robinson; Chap., Edward Wallace; Phys., R. P. Robinson, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

COURT CADILAC, NO. 863, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 2nd of July, 1891, by Fred. Dunn H.C.R., and H. J. Waterbury, S.D.H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., H. A. Robinson; C. R., E. Larkin; V. C. R., N. O. McRae; F. S., Geo. McKay; Treas., Geo. A. Hardike; S. W., Robert J. Jones; J. W., J. H. Ridgway; S. B., W. J. Ashton; J. B., W. J. Hunter; P. C. R., Geo. R. Van Norman; Chap., Rev. E. Collins; Phys., Alias Thuner, M.D.

COURT WAYNE, NO. 861, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 2nd of July, 1891, by H. J. Waterbury, S.D.H.C.R., and Fred. Dunn, H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., J. D. Kennedy, M.D.; C. R., Henry L. Schulte; V. C. R., Albert Masterton; R. S., David H. Bailie; F. S., Robert L. Bailie; S. W., Jos. Sweeney; P. C. R., Alexander Forsyth; Phys., J. D. Kennedy, M.D.

COURT MINNEAPOLIS, NO. 865, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Instituted on the 4th of August, 1891, by Lawrence Fahy, P.H.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., Joseph C. O'Keefe; C. R., Adolph E. Reuillard; V. C. R., James W. Ennis; R. S., Jeremiah C. Connel; F. S., Edward J. McLean; Treas., Thomas Hanlon; S. W., Frederic C. Heffron; J. W., John Hart; S. B., Thomas Chapman; J. B., Edward J. Bristol; P. C. R., Thomas Garvey; Chap., John J. Kelley; Phys., Horatio B. Sweetser, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

COURT AULTON, NO. 866, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.
Instituted on the 7th of July, 1891, by Oliver Cruse, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., Jonas Bushell; C. R., Sidney Smith; V. C. R., Florence Donoghue; R. S., Frank Gallagher; F. S., Royland C. Breeden; Treas., John Parr; S. W., Charles J. Anderson; J. W., Charles Scripture; S. B., John S. Price; J. B., Martin Montoux; P. C. R., Houghton Avery; Chap., Edward Ingersoll; Phys., James Parker, M.D.
Meets every Saturday evening.

COURT HICKSON, NO. 867, HICKSON, ONTARIO.
Instituted on the 12th of August, 1891, by E. S. Cummer.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., T. J. Lovely; C. R., Duncan Smith; V. C. R., Alfred Harwood; R. S., J. C. Rowe; F. S., Alexander King; Treas., Archibald McLerin; S. W., Samuel Ankeraman; J. W., John B. Tree; S. B., Samuel King; J. B., Samuel Marks; P. C. R., Peter Balingall; Chap., Absalom Graves; Phys., M. Steele, M.D.

COURT SHERWOOD, NO. 868, ARTHUR, ONTARIO.
Instituted on the 7th of August, 1891, by W. Cadwell.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., George Smith; C. R., John Bright; V. C. R., James Morrison;

R. S., Amos Dalo; F. S., George A. Scroggie; Treas., George A. Mitchell; S. W., John Stickney; J. W., Harrison Gardiner; S. B., William Close; J. B., Thomas Gilmour; P. C. R., William Smith; Chap., William Grant; Phys., Edward Allen, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and last Fridays of each month.

COURT KENMORE, NO. 863, KENMORE, ONTARIO.

Instituted on the 3rd of August, 1891, by A. Callander.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., David Wishart; C. R., D. Carkner; V. C. R., C. Dow; R. S., Robert McLaughlin; F. S., Hugh F. McArthur Treas., James McMaster; S. W., John McRuar; J. W., Frank Lacelle; S. B., Hector Craig; J. B., Charles McArthur; P. C. R., R. McMaster; Chap., Rev. J. H. Coult.
Meets on the last Friday of each month.

COURT CUMBERLAND, NO. 870, CUMBERLAND, ONT.

Instituted on the 3rd of August, 1891, by A. Callander.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., Henry Byrnes; C. R., D. A. McDonald; V. C. R. W., W. Dunning; R. S., S. Cameron; F. S., William Gamble; Treas., William Gamble; S. W., J. Shirky; J. W., M. Beaton; S. B., E. O'Neil; J. B., R. Moore; P. C. R., James Derine; Chap., William Beaton; Phys., Dr. Ferguson.
Meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

COURT PRESCOTT, NO. 871, PRESCOTT, ONTARIO.

Instituted on the 1st of August, 1891, by A. Callander.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., James (Int); C. R., Isaac W. Plumb; V. C. R., James Stoddart; R. S., Albert Heenan; F. S., James Glasgow; Treas., John Cruthers; S. W., Robert G. Freeman; J. W., D. M. Dunham; S. B., Benjamin Henry; J. B., William M. Seager; P. C. R., Samuel J. Bellamy; Chap., D. A. Dunham; Phys., Dr. A. McPherson.

COURT ASHTON, NO. 872, ASHTON, ONTARIO.

Instituted on the 1st of June, 1891, by A. Callander
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., George Thomas Bayne; C. R., Wesley Cherry; V. C. R., Jacob Mathews; R. S., Clarence C. Stewart; F. S., Peter Turner; Treas., Dr. Mathew Alleck McFarlane; S. W., Newman Hall Conn; J. W., William Albert Dewar; S. B., James Ferguson; J. B., John Tomlinson; P. C. R., Archibald Blair; Chap., John Kidd Simpson; Phys., Mathew Alleck McFarlane, M.D.

COURT AUGUST, NO. 873, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 1st of August, 1891, by L. F. Cole.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., Andrew Rowland; C. R., Charles E. Edwards; R. S., A. Hurst; F. S., C. A. McDermand, D.D.S.; Treas., Frederick Klein; P. C. R., Z. D. Barnhart; Phys., J. A. McDonnell, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

COURT EAST SIDE, NO. 874, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

Instituted on the 6th of August, 1891, by A. L. Pomeroy.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., W. A. Armour; C. R., D. V. Whitney; V. C. R., Charles Johnson; R. S., E. E. Foreman; F. S., C. C. Chapman; Treas., W. J. Bales; S. W., James Payne; J. W., A. L. Buell; Phys., C. E. Clark, M.D.

COURT FRANKFORT, NO. 875, FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN.

Instituted on the 13th of August, 1891, by James F. Downer, D.S.C.R.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., Lyman Sites; C. R., William M. Gates; V. C. R., Elmer E. Slyfield; R. S., William C. Smith; F. S., Richard S. Benton; Treas., Frederick E. Markham; S. W., George S. Daves; J. W., Henry E. Smith; S. B., William D. McMillan; J. B., James A. Miller; P. C. R., Lewis Slater; Chap., Harry S. Collier; Phys., Lucius J. Tedman, M.D.
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

COURT BOBCAYGEON, NO. 876, BOBCAYGEON, ONTARIO.

Instituted on the 25th of August, 1891, by Edward Barker.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., John Wilson; C. R., A. E. Bottom; V. C. R., Joseph Warder; R. S., William Flowell; F. S., G. W. Davey; Treas., James

Purdy; S. W., Wesley Dunn; J. W., James Power; S. B., James A. Purdy; J. B., E. Brooke; P. C. R., Thomas Bick; Chap., Thomas Snowden; Phys., W. A. Baker, M.D., and S. H. Thorne, M.D.

COURT PERRY, NO. 877, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Instituted on the 19th of August, 1891, by Jas. Cunningham and G. A. Harper.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. R., Christ Rehder; V. C. R., E. M. Brass; R. S., Charles Gartun; F. S., H. T. Miller; Treas., N. L. Burnett; S. W., Claude B. Amy; J. W., Ralph C. Kancen; S. B., Robert J. Crawford; P. C. R., William Morris; Chap., William C. Blackburn; Phys., C. J. Aldrich, M.D.
Meets every Wednesday evening.

COURT MOOSOMIN, NO. 879, MOOSOMIN, N. W. T.

Instituted on the 26th of August, 1891, by J. H. Dickson, D.S.C.R.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. C. H. R., J. Gordon Donald; C. R., E. W. Jones; V. C. R., George J. Jupp; R. S., R. A. Proyer; F. S., J. N. Bustow; Treas., Charles McArthur; S. W., Charles Taylor; J. W., C. A. Wolfe; S. B., John Fraser; J. B., W. W. Norman; P. C. R., W. J. Tudge; Chap., J. S. Robier; Phys., A. J. Rutledge, M.D., and E. N. Scott, M.D.

COURT A. KENSIDE, NO. 880, A. KENSIDE, MANITOBA.

Instituted on the 24th of July, 1891, by John A. McKay.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., William Carle, sr.; C. R., James Churchill; V. C. R., John K. Dunlop; R. S., Jacob L. Aruckle; F. S., Charles Lewis; Treas., William Carle; S. W., William Ryder; J. W., Robert F. Carle; S. B., Arthur Churchill; J. B., Charles Waggoner; P. C. R., Fred Lewis; Chap., Arthur M. Bailey; Phys., R. S. Spencer, M.D.
Meets on the Thursday on or before full moon.

COURT RIVERA, NO. 881, RIVERA, CALIFORNIA.

Instituted on the 21st of August, 1891, by H. Rowland Lee, D.S.C.R.
OFFICERS INSTALLED.—C. D. H. C. R., W. D. Grotton; C. R., J. W. Standlee; V. C. R., D. M. Gate; R. S., F. W. Guthrie; F. S., H. M. Little; Treas., T. L. Gooch; S. W., J. L. Russell; J. W., E. A. Fish; S. B., S. L. Purdy; J. B., Herbert S. White; P. C. R., W. D. Spencer; Chap., J. W. Gate, jr.; Phys., W. D. Grotton, M.D.
Meets every Tuesday evening.

Prizes Offered by the High Court of Ontario.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH SECRETARY,
347 McLaren St.,
OTTAWA, 15th Sept., 1891.

The High Standing Committee, High Court of Ontario, offer the following prizes on the conditions mentioned, viz:

1. To the member bringing the greatest number of members into his Court from date of this notice to 31st December, 1891. \$20 00
2. To the member bringing the second greatest number into his Court during above period 15 00
3. To the member bringing the third greatest number into his Court during above period 10 00
4. To the member bringing the fourth greatest number into his Court during above period 5 00

Each competitor will please communicate with the undersigned at once, and at end of term send him a list of members he has been the means of initiating during time mentioned, giving his name and address, and having the list countersigned by the Deputy of his Court.

By order,

JAMES B. HALKETT,
High Secretary.

Supreme Court Meeting.

REFLECTIONS OF A SILENT REPRESENTATIVE

The place of meeting was all right. Detroit is a beautiful city, central, easy of access, with ample hotel accommodation. Of Fraternity Hall, where the Supreme Court held its sessions, the most that can be said is that its name was, and is likely to be, the best thing about it. Old, low and dingy, it was far from being worthy of a gathering—representing 30,000 Foresters.

But one does not look long at the place of meeting. The representatives engage his attention. Each High Court has sent its full delegation. There are over 100 present, representative men in the full sense of the term. Each one doubtless a man of some note in his own locality. Some of Provincial and State reputation, a few known to the nation, only one, probably, known the world over, wherever Forestry and Good Templarism have gained a footing—ORON HYATEKHA, M. D., Supreme Chief Ranger of the I. O. F., and Right Worthy Grand Templar of the I. O. G. T. A man of noble presence, dignified and courteous, firm without being arbitrary, masterful and yet deferential, directing the affairs of the Order with great administrative ability, an administrator of men, as well as affairs, living secure in the confidence and affection of every Forester, and giving without stint service that would have brought him distinction in any walk of life.

Probably the next best known man is JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY, Q. C., the Supreme Secretary, popularly known as "John A.," liked by every one by reason of his kindly nature, devoted to the ever increasing duties of his office, and showing some traces of over work. He holds no meeting complete unless the circle is formed, all hands joined, and "Auld Lang Syne" sung.

To the right of the Supreme Chief sits the nestor of the Order, ED. BOTTERELL, of the House of Commons, for thirteen years the wise Counsellor of the Supreme Court and dignified advocate of Independent Forestry. His presence a pledge of high aims and honorable dealing. The enthusiasm with which the proposal to present him with a silver tea service, was endorsed by a standing vote, showed in what esteem the man, as well as his many years of unremunerated service, was held.

Physician MILLMAN, always in his place, enjoying the grace that restrains from much speaking, never allowing his geniality to get the better of his loyalty to the Order and rigidly rejecting unsatisfactory and doubtful risks. No one wondered when he was re-elected by a 10 to 1 vote.

Little T. G. DAVEY, the "boy" of the Supreme Court, business to his finger tips, with a keen appreciation of good securities, was again unanimously entrusted with the care of the "bag." The responsibility of handling \$40,000 monthly was acknowledged by a handsome increase of salary.

EMMERSON, of New Brunswick, square shouldered and broad browed, sat to the left of the Supreme Chief Ranger, not given to much speech, a tower of strength to the Order in his native Province. His place as Supreme Counsellor for the next two years will be occupied by JUDGE WEDDERBURN, of the same Province, one of the clearest heads and sharpest intellects of the Supreme Court. A few years ago he left the political arena, where he held a prominent place, in the Government of his native Province, having been Provincial Secretary, for the calm of the bench.

High Chief Ranger MONROE, of Nova Scotia, was a general favorite. His fervid eloquence cannot fail to extend the Order down by the sea.

Quebec was ably represented by the scholarly Prof. WALTERS. The polished Frenchman DR. CYPRIOT. The interrogative MR. LIGHTHALL, and PETER STRAIBERN, whose heartiness in singing "Auld Lang Syne" left no doubt as to his Scottish origin.

The New York delegation regretted the absence of JUDGE SIEBURN. In Supreme Chaplain REV. E. O. MUNSON, the empire State has a worthy representative.

Michigan's representative on the Executive, D. D. AITKIN, looks like a man that would not be worse than his word. He promised that the membership in his State would double in two years. GENERAL APIN, quiet and unassuming, has by his name and fame contributed not a little to the growth of the Order in the State. If Michigan gave House to trouble the Order it compensated with REV. E. COLLINS, MAJOR BOYNTON, W. F. GLIDDEN, H. A. ROBINSON, and a number of other first class men.

COL. WHARRY, of Illinois, would make his mark in any gathering. He made an admirable convener of the Finance Committee. G. A. HARPER, of Ohio, did not succeed in having the ladies admitted into the Order, he did better—he deserved to succeed. He comforts himself with the thought that "majorities are always wrong."

JUDGE CAROTHERS, of Dakota, is a young man. His fair and impartial utterances showed the judicial mind. He has doubtless a useful and brilliant career before him. He was in his place as Chairman on the Committee on Appeals.

Among Ontario men who did valuable work on committees might be mentioned W. W. FITZGERALD, Q. C., of London, a veteran, a P. H. C. R., and an admirable Chairman on Constitutional Amendments; N. F. PATTERSON, Q. C., another P. H. C. R., an authority on points of law and order, and Chairman on the Committee on State of the Order; High Chief Ranger MILLER made a model Journal Secretary.

Every old campaigner knows BEN GREER and ATWELL FLEMING, who, with a number of other true and tried men, represent London, the "Forest" city, so appropriately the home of Forestry in Ontario.

WM. GRIFFITH, S. V. C. R., of Hamilton, modestly declined re-nomination. "To no one did I look for sounder counsel on the executive than Brother Griffith" said the Supreme Chief and the round of applause, indicated the mind of the Supreme Court.

Everybody knows J. B. HALKETT, the High Secretary of Ontario, and everybody has a good word for him. BARCLAY, of Whitby, MATHIESON, of Belleville, MAYOR DRENNAN, of Kingston, A. F. CAMPBELL, M. P. P., are Ontario men that will hold their own in any assembly of representative men.

It may not be generally known, but fully three-fourths of the representatives at Supreme Court are workers in the great Temperance reform.

"The Supreme Officers come high," said a representative with a frugal mind. "Well," responded a thoughtful brother by his side with a turn for striking averages, "I find that my share as one of 30,000 Foresters will be something like 40 cents annually. I am willing to pay less than a cent a week, to have my affairs managed by such men."

When the Committee on Appeals recommended the payments of a claim, where the right was moral and not legal, and when the Supreme Chief said, "I so advise," and it carried unanimously, an Ontario man said—"fair dealings like that will bring us thousands of new members."

Official Notices.

The Ill. Supreme Commander has been pleased to appoint Ill. J. M. Keller to the command of the Michigan Department Royal Foresters with the rank of Brigadier General. The headquarters of Brigadier General Keller will be at Saginaw, East Side, Mich. All communications in reference to uniforms and other matters relating to the international economy of encampments within the Department of Michigan will be addressed to the General in command.

By order,
ORONHYATEKHA,
Ill. Supreme Commander.

Brother Strathearn, High Chief Ranger of Quebec, has been pleased to appoint Brother Thos. T. Clyde to the position of District Deputy High Chief Ranger for the District of Huntingdon, Que.

JOHN W. STOCKS, H.S.

\$2,000.

PORT ELGIN, 28th Aug., 1891.

Mr. H. Kalbfleisch:

DEAR SIR,—Permit me through you to return my sincere thanks to the officers of the Supreme Court of the I. O. F. for the manner in which they have paid the endowment of \$2,000 on the life of my late brother, A. H. Izzard. May your noble Order ever prosper.

Yours truly,
DAVID W. IZZARD.

Presentations.

At the St. Lawrence Hotel, Brockville, on Wednesday evening, 12th August, after the conclusion of the session of the High Court of Ontario, a genuine surprise was given to Brother J. B. Halkett, of Ottawa, the High Secretary. A large number of his Forester friends gathered in one of the parlors and the retiring H. C. R., Brother N. F. Paterson, Q.C., presented the brother with a beautiful silver service, at the same time expressing the high esteem in which the Secretary was held and the efficient and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. Mr. Halkett replied, thanking the brethren for this very expressive way of conveying to him their kindly feelings, and trusted that he would always retain their good will by meriting it.

Presentation seemed to be the order of the day, for no sooner had the last speaker finished than H. C. R.-elect Brother David Millar came forward, and addressing himself to Brother T. G. Davey, High Treasurer, said that the treasurer everybody liked, and a few of his brethren felt that they would like to convey to him their good wishes by asking him to accept of a gold scarf pin as a token of the very high regard in which he was held. Brother Davey replied in his usual elegant style, heartily thanking the brethren for the gift and for their expressions of good will.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, and Rev. Alex. McGillivray added to the testimony of the other brethren as to the high estimation in which the two recipients were held by their brethren.

After singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows," "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," the gathering dispersed with cheers for the popular Secretary and Treasurer.

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Notes.

Brother J. B. McIlwain, Mayor of Port Huron, Mich., was appointed Official Stenographer at the meeting of the Supreme Court by the Supreme Chief Ranger. He is a hustler and did great work for the Order, both in and out of the sessions.

Owing to lack of space we have been compelled to hold over a large amount of Forestric matter, including the minutes of the late meetings of the High Court of Ontario at Brockville and High Court of Nova Scotia at Halifax, until next issue.

Brother L. F. Cole has just reported Court Bismark, No. 887, North Dakota. Among the charter applicants are Brother Andrew H. Burk, the Governor of the State, and Brother A. L. Carey, the Commissioner of Insurance for North Dakota.

The address of the High Chief Ranger of Ontario is David Millar, 133 Bathurst Street, Toronto. All communications will have prompt replies, and any suggestion made towards strengthening and extending the Order will be carefully considered.

The High Standing Committee of Ontario will make the selection of second inspector as early as possible. As it is desirable that he should commence his work early in October applications for the position should not be delayed beyond the end of this month.

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At the regular installation of officers of Court Lisgar, which took place in Occident Hall, Toronto, on Thursday 28th August, the Supreme Secretary, Supreme Physician, and the High Chief Ranger of Ontario were present. At the close of the meeting supper was served in the banquet room, and it is but fair to state that few Courts banquet so liberally or so frequently as Court Lisgar. Brother W. Elkins presided with modesty and efficiency.

Tenders.

Tenders for the printing and binding of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER addressed to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., will be received at the Headquarters of the Order, Toronto, till the 15th day of October, 1894, at 12 noon.

The Magazine must be of the present form and size, viz.: 32 pages with cover, matter to be set in Brevier and Nonpareil; six pages of the magazine to be standing matter, also the cover, subject to quarterly changes; the paper to be equal to 55 lb. Double Royal, 500 sheets; the cover to be cherry color, 20 1/2 x 28, 39 lbs. to the ream; sample for quality of papers to be obtained at the Headquarters, on application.

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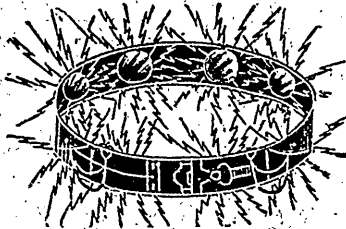
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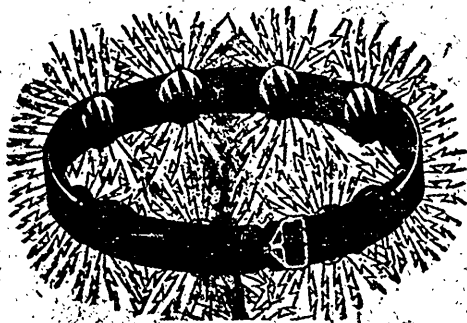
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