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Surplus Fund 1st Nov., 1897

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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

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SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
18	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
19	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
20	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
21	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
22	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
23	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
24	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
25	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
26	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
27	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
28	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
29	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
30	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
31	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
32	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
33	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
34	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
35	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
36	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
37	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
38	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
39	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
40	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
41	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
42	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
43	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
44	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
45	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
46	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
47	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
48	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
49	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
50	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
51	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
52	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
53	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
54	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
55	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00

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The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

At Age of	Monthly Assessments	At Age of	Monthly Assessments	At Age of	Monthly Assessments
18	1.00	21	1.50	24	2.00
19	1.00	22	1.50	25	2.00
20	1.00	23	1.50	26	2.00
21	1.00	24	1.50	27	2.00
22	1.00	25	1.50	28	2.00
23	1.00	26	1.50	29	2.00
24	1.00	27	1.50	30	2.00
25	1.00	28	1.50	31	2.00
26	1.00	29	1.50	32	2.00
27	1.00	30	1.50	33	2.00
28	1.00	31	1.50	34	2.00
29	1.00	32	1.50	35	2.00
30	1.00	33	1.50	36	2.00
31	1.00	34	1.50	37	2.00
32	1.00	35	1.50	38	2.00
33	1.00	36	1.50	39	2.00
34	1.00	37	1.50	40	2.00
35	1.00	38	1.50	41	2.00
36	1.00	39	1.50	42	2.00
37	1.00	40	1.50	43	2.00
38	1.00	41	1.50	44	2.00
39	1.00	42	1.50	45	2.00
40	1.00	43	1.50	46	2.00
41	1.00	44	1.50	47	2.00
42	1.00	45	1.50	48	2.00
43	1.00	46	1.50	49	2.00
44	1.00	47	1.50	50	2.00
45	1.00	48	1.50	51	2.00
46	1.00	49	1.50	52	2.00
47	1.00	50	1.50	53	2.00
48	1.00	51	1.50	54	2.00
49	1.00	52	1.50	55	2.00

Our Investments

The surplus funds of the Order are always invested with a view to safety. A portion of the funds is deposited with Government and State Savings Banks. The balance is invested in first-class bonds, stocks, and other securities.

The following is a list of our investments:

United States	10,000
New Brunswick Government	5,000
Real Estate and First Mortgage on Real Estate	10,000
Deposits	10,000
Deposits Receipts	10,000

In the above it will be seen that we have a large amount of invested surplus funds.

A portion of the funds has been set aside to provide for the needs of the Order in the event of a disaster.

Secretary, John A. MacMillan, O.I.P.

For rates of Monthly Assessments, see Schedule of Rates of Monthly Assessments for the Ordinary Class.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are provided for members of the Order. The Sick Benefit is payable to a member who is unable to work for a period of 14 days. The Funeral Benefit is payable to the next of kin of a member who has died.

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Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.

2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of
Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme
Physician, Dr. Millman, Temple Building, Toronto, Can.

3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Sec-
retary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.

4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to
cover assessments and other fees called for by such
Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover,
as per special instructions.

5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 1,
duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent
through the London office, so that certificates of mem-
bership may be promptly issued.

6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High
Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary
of their own High Court; those not under a High
Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.

7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of
a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list
of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post
Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The
Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is
received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Court
Deputy in bundles for distribution among the mem-
bers.

8. Recording Secretaries will immediately notify the
Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and
address in full

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

Editorial.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Beginning with the January number, 1898, THE
INDEPENDENT FORESTER will be published on the
10th day of each and every month. The change
in the date of issue is made so that the brethren
may have the membership of the Order corrected
up to the first of the preceding month and the sur-
plus up to the first of the month of publication.

All matter intended for publication should be in
the hands of the editors not later than the 5th of
the month.

Notes.

DECEMBER—last month of the year! Make it the
best.

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Of the *twelve* months in which to do the year's
work, only *one* remains. The fact should stimu-
late our diligence.

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A good act with which to crown the closing year
is to get your neighbor to secure for himself and
family the benefits of the I.O.F.

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Before we again greet our readers the Christmas
season and the new year will have come and gone.
To our 125,000 members, their families and friends
we heartily wish a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a GOOD
NEW YEAR.

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In our last issue we gave the fine prize-list
offered by the Executive Council. Study it care-
fully. It contains something that you would like
to win, and that you can by a little persuasive dili-
gence make your own.

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Now is the time for the officers of Subordinate
Courts to bestir themselves and see that their term
of office does not close without that splendid
record being made for which their friends have
been looking. There remain two months in which
to complete it. Be up and doing!

Good citizenship implies provision not only for the wife and children, but also for the widow and orphans. It is good to say "They shall not want while I live;" it is even better to say "They will be provided for after I am gone."

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December in past years has been one of the best of the twelve months for securing new members. Will every brother who reads this paragraph make the effort to secure one application? That ought to mean 10,000 additions to our ranks.

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The first practical lesson many a man got in thrift he learned when he joined the I.O.F. There are many who never laid by a dollar before they joined the Order who are saving not only enough to pay their assessments, but a little besides. Independent Forestry is a great educator.

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Some courts show their kindly remembrance of the family of a departed brother by sending some token of the fraternal and benevolent spirit at this happy season of the year. The courts who begin it keep it up. They enjoy it. Get your court to try it.

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One's opportunity is the measure and limit of the service he should render to humanity. The humblest service will have its recognition.

"A kindly act is a kernel sown
That may grow to a goodly tree,
Shedding its fruit when time has flown
Down the gulf of eternity."

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There are but few members in the Order who did not at times feel the pinch of paying assessments. To spare a dollar at times is difficult. But how much more preferable the temporary inconvenience to the prolonged suffering that might come to wife and children in the event of the bread winner dying uninsured. Pinch if need be, but don't let the certificate lapse.

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The surplus continues its forward progress. On the 31st of November it was **\$2,458,898.60**. The gain for the month was the tidy sum of **\$52,687.21**, and on the 1st Dec. the surplus stood at **\$2,508,591.30**, or net gain during Nov. **\$49,692.70**. This ought to be particularly reassuring to our friends, and perplexing to the prophets, who for years have been predicting that the surplus had reached its highest limit.

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Times are undoubtedly better than they have been for years. Manufacturers, merchants, professional men, mechanics, farmers, all say that money is more plentiful and circulating more freely. Now is the time to make provision for the future, and those dependent upon us. Many have been wait-

ing for better times before joining the Order. The good times are here. Joining the I.O.F. should not be delayed a day longer.

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This is the season for stock-taking, balancing accounts, and so on. As we look back we find a difference between promise and performance, with the balance unfortunately in favor of the former. The survey should make us humble, but it should also make us diligent. Much can and will be done before the year closes. We expect to report the largest addition to our membership ever received in December of any former year.

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We give in another column the circular of the High Chief Ranger of Eastern Ontario, in which he appeals to the members in his jurisdiction to come to the aid of their brethren of Courts Casselman and Cambridge, who lost their all, and for the time being their employment, by the fires that swept the locality. While the appeal is to the brethren of Eastern Ontario, the practical sympathy of brethren everywhere will doubtless go out to our brethren in their misfortune.

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An esteemed brother writes us that he thinks our rates are too high. His conclusion is based on the fact that the rates are lower in some other Orders. This may be. We never claimed to be the cheapest; but we do claim that we are as cheap as we dare be, expecting, as we do, to continue, and to pay 100 cents on the dollar. The man that expects to leave a solid benefit to his family will find the I.O.F. the right Order to "tie" to.

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Time and again we have urged upon every member of this Order the duty of speaking well of it. If a member can afford to speak ill of it in any particular, we cannot expect the stranger who hears him to be favorably impressed with it. The Order gives more solid benefits than any fraternal society of which we have any knowledge. Its management is able, enterprising and successful, and the record made is one of which any organization might justly be proud.

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If your court meetings are not interesting, whose fault is it? In addition to saying that the meetings are not interesting, what have you done for them? Remember it does not require any marked ability to find fault. It may require some to correct the things with which you are dissatisfied. Interest begets interest; lend a hand in the work. Bring in a candidate. Arrange with the officers for a good initiation. Try and discover something with which you can agree, and if you don't find the meeting interesting we are very much mistaken

"Act in the Living Present."

The reason why more men do not carry life insurance, is not that they do not believe in it, or cannot afford it, but that they have persuaded themselves that there is time enough and, consequently, no need for hurry. The dangerous habit of delay has been the rock on which many a one has been shipwrecked. Whether there is to be a to-morrow or not to the individual, it is certain not to be as to-day. To-day is the only day of which we are sure. The morrow may bring accident, sickness or death. It may leave with us the desire to attend to some neglected duty, but may deny us the opportunity of doing it. Any one who reads over the mortuary statement of our Order, or any sister society or old line company with a large membership, will be surprised at the number of deaths that result from accident, or from some disease of the presence of which they had not been aware. The same statements will also show that the average age of the deceased was many years short of their expectation of life. To the man who needs the protection that the I.O.F. gives—and who can afford it—it is but little short of criminal to delay securing for his wife and children the benefits that it provides for them in the event of his death. And as death is a possibility to any one, no matter what his health or age, the wise and dutiful man will at once insure.

Our Surplus.

Until very recently the majority of fraternal societies giving sick and mortuary benefits professed not to believe in a surplus or emergency fund. When a surplus fund in the treasury of the Order was spoken of they flouted the idea, and affirmed their preference for a surplus in the pockets of the members to be drawn on by extra assessments, relief calls, &c., as they might be needed. The average member, however, objected to the extras; though he was told he was liable to them, he regarded every fresh demand as something of the nature of an imposition. Experience has convinced the opponents of a surplus that it is a very desirable commodity, not only for the individual, but for a society. The National Fraternal Congress, that met recently at Port Huron, appointed a special committee to report next year, on "tables of rate upon the level premium, natural premium or step rates, upon step rate plan, with modifications, by applying to a proper extent the principles of a reserve or emergency fund." It must be gratifying to the founders of the I.O.F. to find the plan they adopted in 1881 now practically endorsed by all fraternal societies. To members of our Order the splendid surplus that now amounts to \$2,458,374.60 must give every assurance of the

financial security of the Order, and every confidence that their policies when they become claims will be promptly paid.

The amount of emergency or surplus funds held at the close of 1896, by the forty orders represented in the Fraternal Congress, amounted to \$2,334,334; of that amount \$2,015,484 were held by the Independent Order of Foresters, as compared with \$318,854 held by all the others that have a surplus fund. Since the beginning of the present year the Order has added \$442,890.60 to its surplus, besides paying nearly a million in benefits. Members will note that they have a good Order, the best Order to stay with, and those seeking membership in a Fraternal Order will see that the I.O.F. is the strongest and safest one to choose.

"On Earth Peace, Good-will Toward Men."

Such was part of the song the angels sang when the "Prince of Peace" was born into the world. The harmony of it has been in the world in ever-increasing volume since the night the shepherds first heard it on Bethlehem's plain beneath the Syrian sky.

When the spirit of Him whose coming the angels celebrated will rule the world, ill will be impossible, and peace will fill the land. While the sentiment of good-will is always with humanity, it finds freer expression at the happy Christmas season. To our 125,000 members, their families and friends, we extend the greeting of the season. Our hope is that the anniversary of Christ's coming may be accompanied with pleasant recollections of the past, enjoyment and usefulness in the present, and bright hopes for the future.

Our happiness is largely of our own determining. Not what we have, but what we are, conditions our peace. The thankful mind is a continual feast, and the right motive and aim bring peace even when success has not been attained. Our readers we trust find that, though the years depart, the good attempted and accomplished lives in nobler characters and increased goodness.

Among the members of a great fraternity, whose watchwords are *Liberty, Benevolence and Concord*, the Christmas time will afford special opportunities for exemplifying these great Christian principles. It is ill with a man when he is not endeavoring to live up to his creed. Every Forester will, if he is loyal to what he professes, do all in his power to "make the bounds of freedom broader yet," and he himself will be free from all bigotry and uncharitableness. He will seek out those upon whom the shadow of misfortune is resting, and show them that fraternity to him is a living, helpful reality. To the homes that he knows to have been shadow-

ed by sickness and death he will be the bearer of sympathy, and possibly some token of the benevolent spirit.

As a citizen, he will study to promote peace in the court, the community, and, as far as his individual influence will reach, in the world. Among the forces that make for international peace and goodwill, and that will, when fully exercised, make war impossible, are the millions of Christian men bound together by ties broader than national citizenship, broad as the brotherhood of humanity. The idea of war between men of the same blood, language and faith is appalling. The *charity* that we profess forbids it.

As an organization we have more than ever what ought to evoke the thankful spirit—We have prospered. The membership is 20,000 more than it was twelve months ago. In the same period the surplus has increased just *half a million*. *One million* of the bounty of the Order has gone to relieve distress, and to make want impossible. Our affairs are wisely, ably and energetically administered. The outlook is full of promise. Everything suggests thankfulness and hope.

With hearty good will we wish our brethren in all lands a right MERRY CHRISTMAS and a GLAD NEW YEAR.

“Obtaining Membership or Benefits Through Fraud.”

Section 180 of the Constitutions and Laws reads :

“Any member who shall obtain membership or try to obtain any benefits through fraud, by false representation in his application, or medical examination, or otherwise, or by concealing his true age, or any mental or physical infirmity, or by suppressing any material facts relating to himself or family, shall, *ipso facto*, forfeit all payments he may have made, and all benefits whatsoever that he or his heirs would otherwise have been entitled to receive, and on conviction shall stand expelled from the Order.”

Every member of the Order subscribes to the Constitution, and binds himself to be governed by its provisions. At intervals, long intervals we are happy to say, it becomes manifest that membership has been secured by misrepresenting some facts, suppressing others; or both. When the fraud is discovered in the lifetime of the member, correction is simple if unpleasant, but when it only is unearthed after the decease of the brother the interests of others are involved, and the situation is a little more complicated. It is impossible not to sympathize with the widow and orphans for whose sake conscience and truth had been violated when misrepresentations had been resorted to in order to secure the benefits that the Order offers. It must be remembered, however, that the Order is the guardian of the rights of its members, and

one of their rights is to be protected from paying anything but strictly moral and legitimate claims. The I.O.F. wherever it operates has established for itself a reputation for fair and prompt dealing. The columns of the FORESTER indicate every month the gratitude of the beneficiaries for the speedy settlement of sick and mortuary benefits. It never takes advantage of any purely technical matter, but delights to honor every legal and moral claim, and that with the least delay possible. That the Order will resist any claim arising in connection with any one who has obtained membership through fraud, the brethren may rest assured. In this the Executive will be carrying out the Constitutions and Laws, and in so doing they will be sustained by the civil courts of the countries where the I.O.F. operates.

The Fraternal Press.

We give below that portion of the address of J. G. Johnson, President of the National Fraternal Congress, in which he refers to the press, and the important part it has played in promoting the work of Fraternal Organizations :

“In this favored age and nation, in which ignorance is a disgrace as well as a misfortune, all forward movements appeal to intelligence and depend largely upon a vigorous press for success. In science, commerce, politics and religion, the press is the active, untiring, ceaseless, popular educator, and no successful organizer or leader in any popular movement ever loses sight of this powerful lever for influencing public opinion or inciting individual effort.

Perhaps there is no great popular movement which recognizes this fact more fully than the one which this Congress represents. This is proven by the fact that there is scarcely a society, small or great, young or old, weak or powerful, but which operates and controls, either directly or indirectly, a periodical publication of some nature, devoted to its interests, and intended to reach and influence those who are already its members, as well as those whose membership is desired.

The very nature of these societies renders such publications an almost indispensable part of their machinery. The great bond which unites the thousands of scattered units of membership into the powerful whole, if expressed in one word, is “confidence.” This confidence is always promoted by full and satisfactory information, and the best, if not the only means of conveying this information, from management to membership, fully and frequently, is through the medium of an official organ, and much of the success of any of our successful societies can be directly traced to the intelligence and wisdom which has directed the one or more journals which are published in its interests.

Aside from the strictly official organs published by our societies, there are many other journals to which our system owes much. The independent publications within certain societies representing no jurisdiction and bound to no interest, but devoted to the good of the Order in all its parts, and standing like sentinels on the wall to give warning of impending danger. Those other independent journals, with a still wider field, owing allegiance

to no society, but devoted to the interests of the system in general. All these various journals have strong claims upon the sympathy and support of every well-wisher of fraternity within and without this Congress.

This year, for the first time, the Congress will have with it many of the brethren who have made the fraternal press the factor that it is in our system of protection, and it is hoped that their coming together may result in added efficiency in their particular department, and that the results achieved may justify the addition of such a section as a permanent feature of the future sessions of the Congress."

A Fraternal Press Association was duly formed, with M. W. Sackett, of the *Keystone Workman*, as President. Bro. Sackett is also Sec'y-Treasurer of the Congress. Gilbert Howell, with whom the idea of a Fraternal Press Association originated, is Sec'y-Treasurer. We have no doubt but that a free interchange of opinions among editors and publishers will contribute to increasing the efficiency of the official organs represented in the Association.

"Life Insurance is a Good Thing."

St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic), of Dayton, Ohio, publishes an interesting and well edited monthly paper called the "Parish Messenger." The editor is the Rev. Father Hickey. In the November issue the following editorial note appears:

"Policeman Leonard, who was buried from this church last week, took out one thousand dollars insurance, in the *Foresters*, last spring. Life insurance is a good thing, and prejudice against it is not so common among our people as it used to be. In these days of uncertain employment not every man can carry insurance, but many a man spend in luxury or waste more every year than would secure such insurance, that his family would be well provided for at his death. A man who has the welfare of his wife and family at heart will do his best to keep want and misery away from them, not only while he is living, but even after his death."

The words of the St. Joseph's "Parish Messenger" are both wise and weighty, and we gladly give them the benefit of our wide circulation: "Life Insurance is a Good Thing."—The family of our late brother Leonard found it so. Prejudice against life insurance is fast disappearing. The I.O.F. interferes with no man's religious convictions. The Order teaches loyalty to one's church and country. It inculcates the duty of every man to make the best possible provision for loved ones, not only while he lives, but also such provision as will be ample when he is gone.

It is needless to say that the amount of insurance carried by Bro. Leonard was promptly paid. He died on the 28th October, and the check was issued on the 9th November, just twelve days after.

The Klondike, Alaska and India Proscribed.

Extra Hazardous Rates Must be Paid by Those Who Reside Therein.

The Executive Council, at a meeting held Nov. 6th, by the authority vested in them by the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, proscribed for residence by members of the Order all that part of North America lying north of the 60th parallel of north latitude, which embraces Alaska (except the southern peninsula), the Klondike and adjacent territory; and also India, except by a special permit from the Supreme Chief Ranger and paying Extra Hazardous Rates.

Notice, therefore, is hereby given that no beneficiary member shall reside in the above described territory for a longer period than *thirty* days without a special permit from the Supreme Chief Ranger, countersigned by the Supreme Secretary, and without paying Extra Hazardous Rates; and in case a beneficiary member resides in the above described territory without the permit herein provided for, he shall, at the end of *thirty* days, *ipso facto*, stand suspended from the Order.

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S. C. R.

JOHN A. MACGILLIVRAY,

S. S.

TORONTO, Canada,

December 1, 1897.

Exactness.

"Speak of me as I am; nothing extenuate,
Nor set down" aught in malice."

That, nothing more or less, is what the I.O.F. says to its friends, and to those who for some reason or other may not be friendly. Like all institutions the Order has suffered from indiscreet or imperfectly informed friends, as well as from unscrupulous foes. Our foes are not likely to seek or take our advice; we are not tendering them any. Our friends are of course anxious to know how they can best serve the I.O.F. and advance the common good. Wherein they have erred, it was through imperfect knowledge, and not from any lack of interest or love of truth. Complaints are heard occasionally from members who join the Order that things were not represented to them just as they are, benefits were set forth as being greater, the cost of them as being less, etc. Disappointment and irritation are not unfrequently the result. We want every one who speaks for the I.O.F. to inform himself fully and accurately on all matters concerning the Order, so as to give the exact facts and figures concerning everything of which he treats, so that intending applicants for membership

may know the benefits that Independent Forestry offers, and the exact cost of these benefits. Every Deputy is supposed to carry with him the literature of the Order, and to submit the rates of assessment to those whom they wish to interest. Again we say to members, Deputies and Organizers, know your business, set forth things clearly and exactly. The Order appeals on its merits, and wants every applicant to be in possession of all the facts.

“May God Bless and Prosper Your Great Institution.”

We are daily in receipt of letters that indicate grateful feelings of the bereaved and sorrowing towards the Order that has come to them in their hour of trouble and need, not only with the substantial benefits that the I.O.F. provides for its members and their beneficiaries, but also with words of sympathy and tokens of affectionate regard. In September last, Bro. Bernard M. Doolittle, of Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, Syracuse, N. Y., died. The court of which he was an esteemed member attended his funeral in a body, and laid a beautiful floral tribute on his grave. Within six days of his death his afflicted mother received from the executive officers a draft for \$2,000, the amount of his mortuary benefit. In acknowledging it the mother writes :

“GENTLEMEN—I would be unmindful of the love I bear to my lately deceased son, Bernard M. Doolittle; were I not to express my profound gratitude to your Order for the prompt payment of \$2,000, which you remitted me in draft, as his beneficiary. May God bless and prosper your great institution, which protects the widows and the fatherless, and so often brings solace to mourning hearts.

“Respectfully yours,
“ELIZABETH A. DOOLITTLE.”

The above letter, that is but one of many similar ones received, is the best possible evidence of the way in which the I.O.F. makes good its claim to be a protector of the widow, and a friend of the fatherless and sorrowing.

Well Done, British Columbia !

The Pacific province is worthy of more than a passing notice. The work done during the month of October is of a most gratifying character. Although the courts in the province have not yet been organized into a High Court, the gains in membership for the month rank fourth, being only surpassed by New York, Michigan and Illinois; the latter energetic High Court being only five ahead. When the sparse population of British Columbia is considered, the applications secured are all the more creditable; 133 accepted applications is indeed a fine showing, and is a striking illustration of what can be accomplished.

Other provinces and states can learn from the example of British Columbia what can be done. We hope the excellent example set by the mining province will stimulate the work in other places. To the workers in British Columbia we extend congratulations and say, “WELL DONE !”

Courts Winning Prizes in June, 1897, Competition.

1. To all courts now in existence which initiated 20 members or more during the month of June, 1897, a set of officers' badges, or its equivalent in members' badges.

Court	No.	Number Initiated.
Ottawa.....	41	24
Kemptville.....	214	36
Minnesota.....	453	20
Watertown.....	465	27
Oswego.....	549	39
Himsworth.....	686	20
Glen Nation.....	810	21
Traverse.....	853	30
Destiny.....	598	25
Fullum.....	921	29
Omaha.....	1091	21
Penobscot.....	1186	43
Lake Erie.....	1205	20
Raleigh.....	1299	20
Deauchine.....	1312	25
Galion.....	1360	34
Alger.....	1414	20
Gibraltar.....	1489	21
Senefelder.....	1500	20
Industry.....	1558	34
Transfer.....	1577	28
Kempenfeldt.....	1661	20
Portage.....	1872	20
Sylvan Dale.....	3037	21
Seal Rock.....	3041	31
Empire State.....	3062	21
Ponhakin.....	3118	20
Jerry Rush.....	3148	27
Bold Forester.....	3188	29
Newash.....	3113	22
Stantope.....	3235	21
Neahawanta.....	3263	22
Hamlin.....	3308	22
Leasure.....	3440	20
Van.....	3524	20
Gaynon.....	3385	20
Liverpool.....	2007	23

2. To the court, as above, that initiates the largest number of beneficiary members—1 set of officers' sashes.

Court Penobscot, 1186, 133 members.

3. To the court, as above, that adds the largest per cent to its membership—1 set of officers' badges.
Court Leasure, 3440, 133 1/2%.

7. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest number of courts—a two million dollar badge and a deputy's sash and badge.
J. H. Falconer, 3 courts.

8. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest court (beneficiary members only being counted) a two million dollar badge and a Deputy's sash and badge.

Thos. Clark } Each 39 accepted beneficiary
S. A. Bouvier } members.

Official Circular, No. 10.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, 26th November, 1897.

To all Subordinate Courts :

Your special attention is called to the following facts :

1. That the Capitation Tax is due to be transmitted to The Supreme Court with the December report.

2. That the half-yearly assessments for those in the Expectation of Life class are likewise due to be sent with the December report. Special attention is called to the fact that anyone becoming suspended from this class cannot, under the laws, be reinstated.

3. That the semi-annual Pass Word has been sent to all High Secretaries, from whom it can be obtained by all Subordinate Courts who are not in arrears to the High Court. In this connection the attention of all courts is directed to the fact that the High Court Dues are required to be sent to High Secretaries on the *first week day* in January, 1898.

4. The account of The Supreme Court has been transferred to "The Bank of Ottawa," that has opened a branch in the Temple Building. Be good enough to send your remittances in accordance therewith, viz., made payable to "The Bank of Ottawa," instead of "The Molsons Bank."

Wishing you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year,"

We remain, fraternally in L., B. & C.,

ORONHYATEKHA, M. D.,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

The Chief's Reply to the "Insurance and Financial Gazette" of Belfast.

We hope every member of the Order will read the letter of the Supreme Chief Ranger that appears in this issue, and which is addressed to the *Coast Review* of California, that published the article that Dr. Oronhyatekha answers. In tone and argument the letter of the Chief is dignified and conclusive, and ranks among the best of his many able contributions for the promulgation and defense of the principles and methods of the I.O.F.

Companions of the I.O.F.

Enquiries have come from so many different persons and courts concerning the same subject matter that we deem it advisable to answer in advance all such similar inquiries.

Unless by special authority from the Supreme Chief Companion (Dr. Oronhyatekha), only women can sign the application for a charter and be charter members. After a court is instituted the members may at any time by majority vote decide to admit men as social members, who must pay \$1.00 a year court dues. Subordinate Courts cannot confer honorary membership on anyone; that is

reserved to the Supreme Executive Board. After men have been admitted as social members the court may still further advance them by granting them the privilege of full membership—the right of vote and voice and to participate in all benefits of the court; this can be done by majority vote. If one court should grant men full membership, that privilege would not extend to the same men should they withdraw from that court and join another court that had not granted men full membership; they would then be only social members.

The charter fees of \$30.00 for each court are all the fees the Supreme Executive Board will require; no capitation tax will be collected from the Society. From the charter fees the expenses incidental to organizing will be paid, and a charter, seal, five rituals and twenty Constitutions will be furnished to each court. Additional rituals will be supplied at 50c. each, and additional Constitutions at 10c. each. Ode cards, with music, are 10c. each. The books necessary for use in the court can be purchased at any bookstore; blank receipts can be had there also. Application for membership forms are not furnished; members can verbally propose applicants. It is the intention of the Supreme Chief Ranger to offer this Society to the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. at its next session in 1898, as a branch of the I.O.F., and when accepted the I.O.F. supplies and forms will then be available for this Society. Therefore the Supreme Executive Board do not deem it advisable nor necessary to prepare a lot of supplies and forms for the Companions.

There are no benefits connected with this Society, Companions of the I.O.F., except such as each court may decide to furnish to its own members. Many courts are furnishing sick benefits. The expense, then, to the members is merely nominal. The amount of the dues may be fixed by each court, and require only to be sufficient to pay the expenses connected with the court, including the sick benefits, if furnished.

Membership in this Society is not confined to the wives, sisters and mothers of Foresters—any acceptable lady is eligible to membership. Nor is there any age limit—applicants may be under 18 and over 55 years of age. When the Society becomes a branch of the Independent Order of Foresters, those ladies between the ages of 18 and 55 who can pass a satisfactory medical examination will be entitled to the insurance and other benefits of the I.O.F.; those ladies under 18 and over 55 years, and those who cannot pass the medical examination of the Order and those who do not care for the insurance benefits, can remain as social members of the Order.

The Executive Council of the I.O.F. have every confidence that the Companions will be accepted by The Supreme Court at its next session as a branch

of the Order; but should the Society not be accepted it is the intention of the Supreme Executive Board that the Companions will form a Supreme Court of their own. With this in mind a meeting of the representatives of the Companion Courts will be called to meet at Toronto at the same time that The Supreme Court of the I.O.F. meets. Each court will be entitled to one or more representatives, according to the number of members; and due notice will be sent to all courts of the time that will be fixed for the election of representatives and the number to be elected.

There are Courts of Companions in the United States, Canada and in Great Britain. The Supreme Chief Companion is desirous of having this Society ten thousand strong by September, 1894, and to that end he will be pleased to commission both ladies and gentlemen as organizers. It is not desired to have too many organizers in any one place, but those who can and will organize one or more courts should communicate with him. Those who have been, or will be, commissioned as Deputy Supreme Chief Companions and who do not organize a court within three months will have their commissions revoked. One deputy will not in any way be allowed to interfere with the work of another. When an organizer has secured a person as a charter applicant, another organizer must not try to persuade such person to sign his or her list and become a member of another court. There is plenty of room for all.

For further information and terms to organizers, address the Supreme Chief Companion, Oronhyatekha, M.D., Toronto, Canada.

Court Robin Hood, No. 12, Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters, gave with encouraging and gratifying success the first entertainment on October 18th. The programme was long and varied, comprising addresses, recitations, songs, instrumental selections, etc.

The address of Bro. A. Cornwall, Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, on the principles and aims of the Order, proved highly interesting and instructive. Refreshments and a cake-walk brought the proceedings to a close. Companion Sister Valentine discharged with grace and acceptance the duties of the chair.

The court has 12 applications on hand for its next meeting.

COURT KLONDIKE, COMPANIONS OF THE I.O.F.

On the 23rd day of October, 1897, there was instituted at Conneaut, Ohio, Court Klondike of the Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters, by Bro. A. Cornwall of Cleveland, Ohio, Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, with a list of 35 charter applicants. Bro. Cornwall desires to thank the ladies of Conneaut for the kind reception they gave him, also for their great assistance in organizing the court. Special credit is due Sister Buie, Sister Cullin and Mrs. Erb (senior), who did with (Bro. Cornwall) the canvassing of Conneaut. He says, by the manner in which the Sisters have taken hold of the Order that great things may be expected from Court Klondike, of Conneaut, Ohio.

A Defence of the I. O. F.

To the Editor of the Coast Review:

DEAR SIR,—During my recent visit to California the September number of *The Coast Review* was placed in my hands by Mr. Eckstrom, of Santa Rosa, and my attention directed to an article therein concerning the Independent Order of Foresters, taken from *The Insurance and Financial Gazette* of Belfast, Ireland. I may observe, in passing, that this journal ever since the Order was planted in Ireland has been pouring out its vials of wrath upon the I.O.F., but with little or no effect, especially in and about Belfast, where the Order and the *Gazette* are both known. I have been credibly informed that *The Insurance and Financial Gazette* some months publishes only enough copies to supply its exchanges and advertisers, and, as a matter of fact, has less than 200 subscribers, and is wholly without influence, insurance or financial circles in Ireland, and, therefore, we have paid no attention to its periodic attacks upon the I.O.F.

When, however, one of the *Gazette's* articles is reproduced in *The Coast Review* it becomes a different matter. I trust, therefore, that you will permit a few words in explanation in reply to the *Gazette's* article, in which the Order is charged with the very great offence of hypocritically dragging religion into its business matters, and I am personally charged with uttering a "prominent and ferocious falsehood" because I had stated the I.O.F. had a large surplus. These charges are based upon the "Official Proclamation" published by the Independent Order of Foresters, which appears in part on page 484 of *The Coast Review* (September, 1897), and from which I take the following paragraphs, to-wit:

"I esteem it both a duty and a privilege to call upon the members of our favored Order, wherever residing, to unite in fervent thanksgiving to the Gracious Giver of all good for having spared our lives to enjoy the privilege of working for the extension of the Order, as well as for the peace, unity and signal prosperity enjoyed by us as members of the Independent Order of Foresters.

The small amount payable monthly by our members in the way of assessments has not only been sufficient to meet the sick and death claims of the year, amounting to \$89,865.98, but it has also enabled us to add to our surplus, during the twelve months, \$155,745.23, bringing the total surplus for the security of our policy-holders up to the magnificent total of \$2,129,211.38."

The Independent Order of Foresters is a society which has courts or lodges throughout California, the Pacific Coast, and most of the northern States of the United States, and throughout the Dominion of Canada, as well as in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, all under one representative governing body called "The Supreme Court." The Order provides for its membership, like the Independent Order of Old Fellows and other great fraternal societies of like excellent character, sick and funeral benefits, medical attendance, nurses for the brethren who are ill, as well as the fraternal and social privileges of our courts or lodges. In addition to the foregoing benefits, the Independent Order of Foresters provides an insurance benefit running from \$500 to \$5,000, and for giving this benefit we have incurred the anathemas of *The Insurance and Financial Gazette* of Belfast, Ireland, and other journals of like character.

Our membership is high class in every sense of the term, and when I say high class I mean that our members are largely of the educated and intelligent people of the countries in which we do busi-

ness. In California we have many of the brightest men in the various learned professions as well as in political and public life. We have a court or lodge in Los Angeles which numbers over 600 members and another which numbers nearly 300, and among them you will find some of the best business men of Los Angeles, citizens of whom any city might well be proud. In Canada we number among our ranks His Excellency the Governor-General, the Earl of Aberdeen; The Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada; Sir Oliver Mowat, Ex-Premier of Ontario and the incoming Lt. Governor; Sir George Kirkpatrick, the outgoing Lt. Governor; the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario and president of one of our insurance companies, and other well-known public men, bishops and the clergy of various denominations, bankers, lawyers and doctors, and some of our most successful business men, as well as a large number of the intelligent working-men, the bone and sinew of the land. I am sure I represent the sentiments of the great majority of these my brother Foresters when I say that they, with me, recognize the hand of Providence in our history, and that they with me feel grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many favors vouchsafed to us in our work, and that we are glad, from time to time, to have the opportunity unitedly to return thanks for these and all other mercies we receive at His hands, and if in the doing of this we lose the confidence of any man, we may pity such a man, but we shall continue to trust in Providence and keep our powder dry.

If we may be called "hypocrites" for recognizing the directing hand of Providence in the affairs of our Order, and in setting apart a "day of thanksgiving" to be observed by all Foresters, so may the President of the United States be called a "hypocrite" for recognizing the hand of Providence in the affairs of the nation and in setting apart a day in November as a day of thanksgiving to be observed by the people of the United States; but if it be proper for the President of the United States to do this, then it seems to us also proper for the Chief Executive of a great Order like the Independent Order of Foresters to do likewise, *The Insurance and Financial Gazette*, of Belfast, Ireland, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

With regard to the alleged "ferocious falsehood" in stating that the I.O.F. had a "surplus," I must premise by saying that the ordinary insurance corporation is founded for the purpose primarily of making money for the shareholders, and I venture to say that if there were no profits in the business then there would soon be no such corporations. Accordingly, such corporations must fix their rates of premiums high enough not only to meet all benefit claims and all legitimate expenses, but to provide certain profits or dividends on the investments of the shareholders. It is not necessary for the purpose of this letter that I should explain why, but it is a fact that the laws of most countries require all insurance companies doing business on the "level premium" plan to keep a certain portion of the premiums paid by a policyholder "in reserve," for the sole purpose of that policy, until such policy dies or is paid off in the ordinary course. When a level premium company has in its treasury more than is thus required by the law of the land, then it is said to have "a surplus."

Fraternal beneficiary organizations were founded

not for the purpose of making money for shareholders, but to give insurance benefits to the members at the least possible cost. As is well known, most of the fraternal societies levy monthly assessments, based on the mortality experienced by the society from month to month. In other words, collecting from the membership each month just enough to meet the benefit claims and the expenses of management.

The Independent Order of Foresters modified this system by collecting from its membership, not the current contingent monthly cost of the assurance, but a level premium rate, which, in the judgment of the founders, would always prove sufficient to cover the actual cost of assurance.

Now, the laws of the land require of fraternal benefit societies that they should collect, from time to time, and at all times, a sufficient sum to meet all benefit claims. The Independent Order of Foresters has done this, exactly as the laws require, ever since its re-organization in 1881, and, notwithstanding, during all these years it has been collecting from its members only about one half the premium rates required by the Old Line Insurance Companies, it had collected, including interest, on the 1st November inst., no less than \$2,458,374 more than the law requires of the I.O.F., and this we call "a surplus," and will continue to so call it until we can get a better name for it, because it is just so much in excess of the amount which the law requires us to have.

For the benefit of *The Insurance and Financial Gazette*, we may say, and we say it with some feelings of pride and satisfaction, that during the month of October just past we paid within a fraction of \$100,000 in the various benefits of the Order, and had a surplus of \$52,000.

The following is the record of our progress since 1891, during all which time the Independent Order of Foresters has paid all legitimate claims at night. We think it is a record of which any society might well be proud.

THE MEMBERS AND THE SURPLUS
AT 31ST DECEMBER EACH YEAR.

Year.	Total Membership.	Total Surplus.	Death Rate per 1,000.
1881	1,019	\$ 4,568 55	4.50
1882	1,134	2,967 33	11.09
1883	2,210	10,857 65	4.73
1884	2,558	23,081 85	4.23
1885	3,612	29,802 42	7.76
1886	5,801	53,381 28	4.85
1887	7,811	81,384 41	5.78
1888	11,800	117,821 96	6.43
1889	17,319	188,130 36	5.55
1890	21,601	283,967 20	5.18
1891	22,363	408,728 20	6.40
1892	33,024	589,597 85	6.25
1893	51,184	858,857 89	5.47
1894	70,055	1,187,225 11	5.47
1895	84,521	1,590,373 46	5.67
1896	102,888	2,015,481 38	5.50
Nov. '97	123,000	2,453,374 60	

Yours Sincerely,

ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

THE TEMPLE,
TORONTO, Nov. 29th, 1897.

Bro. R. Kidney, D.S.C.R., is pushing things in the Key-Stone State. He is at present at Altoona, Pa., and expects to institute a couple of strong Courts there inside of a month.

Why I Joined the Independent Order of Foresters.

(By an Old-timer.)

1. I wanted to join something. Most men do. I said to myself, can I combine business with pleasure, enjoyment for to-day, with some provision for my sickness and old age, and something for wife and children when I quit the scene?

2. The I.O.F. suited me, at any rate it came nearest to suiting me of all the fraternal beneficiary concerns that I knew.

3. I found among its members sober, reputable, God-fearing men, who believed in the home, the Bible and a future state.

4. On examination I saw that the Constitution and Laws encouraged thrift, forethought and enterprise, interfered with no one's religious convictions, indeed enjoined loyalty to one's church and country.

5. I had an idea that the success of any organization depended not only on the soundness of its principles, and the worthiness of its aims, but also on the ability, integrity and enthusiasm of those at the head of affairs. ΟΡΟΝΗΥΑΤΕΚΗΑ and his colleagues, to my mind, filled the bill.

6. I like deeds a little better than words. I saw the Order carrying out its promises by exemplifying its principles: Fraternity among the members. Sympathy for the afflicted. Prompt payment of benefits to the sick, and of Mortuary Benefits to the widows and orphans of brothers "gone home."

7. I estimated the cost, and found I could afford it—low enough to be within the reach of my purse, which has never been very deep, and high enough to satisfy me that the I.O.F. could pay what it promised.

8. I like to have enough, and a little over. On that account I liked greatly the "surplus" idea, which was then new in the "Societies." A rival society said, "Come with us, be your own banker and keep your surplus in your pocket." I am not much of a banker, and private banks come to grief so much more frequently than chartered ones. So I banked with the I.O.F.; the surplus then was less than \$100,000, and my share of it was just *half* what my proportion is now.

9. I like the Foresters because it relieves its members when they reach the age when the earning power is gone or greatly impaired, from paying any further assessments. This plan of getting a paid-up policy at 70 suits me. I like it better the nearer I approach the threescore and ten.

10. In my time I have seen over and over again the young, strong and active permanently disabled by accident or sickness, living, but unable to earn the means by which to live. An Order that provides for a benefit under such circumstances and relieves of all further obligations, of a financial nature, is the Order for me. I don't know of another that gives it but the I.O.F.

11. What I did *ten years ago* I warmly recommended others to do. My confidence in the Order has increased with the years. At first I had a benefit of \$1,000; I increased to \$2,000, then to \$3,000, and finally to \$5,000. When the Order will be giving still larger benefits I will be wanting to take them, though too poor and too old to do so.

12. Every reason that appealed to me I urge on my friends that are not carrying insurance or protection. Some (including not a few free traders) prefer the latter term, but the term does not signify as long as you get the benefit. If my experience

and observation are worth anything, I say to every one who needs for himself, or his family, the benefits the I.O.F. offers, join it—do it now, it is a safe, strong, progressive, honorable institution, ably managed by men who have given full proof of their fitness for the positions they hold.

Bro. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, M.P.,
D.C.L., Q.C., K.C.M.G.,
Premier of Canada.

There are, we fancy, but few among our readers who are not familiar, through the illustrated press, with the striking and handsome features of the distinguished gentleman who is the head of the Canadian Government.

Everyone who reads what is taking place in the English-speaking world will be more or less familiar with the prominent part that Sir Wilfrid took in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration in London, England, and the enthusiasm with which the Premier of the first Colony of the Empire was everywhere received. We are proud to claim the first citizen of the Dominion as a brother Forester. His name was the first on the list of charter applicants for Court Metropolis, No. 1409, Montreal. On November 5th Dr. Ορονηυατεκηα, the head of the Order, went to Ottawa and received Bro. Sir Wilfrid into beneficiary membership. 120,000 Foresters in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain bid him welcome to their great international, non-sectarian, non-political, benevolent Society.

Bro. Sir Wilfrid was born at St. Lin L'Assomption, Quebec, on Nov. 20th, 1841. His ancestors came from France, and were among the first settlers of Canada. His literary education was obtained at the College of L'Assomption. Having chosen law as his profession, he entered the office of the late Hon. R. Laflamme, Q.C., and in due time was called to the bar of his native province. In 1864 the degree of B.C.L. was won by him at McGill University. In 1880 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel. From a very early age Sir Wilfrid took a deep interest in public affairs, and resolved when the opportunity offered to seek a seat in the councils of his country. In addition to the duties of his profession he gave considerable attention to general literature and journalism, and for some time edited *Le De-francheur* newspaper.

In 1871 he made his entry into public life, when he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec for Drummond and Athabaska. In 1874 he resigned in order to contest the same riding for the House of Commons. The constituents that he had served with such marked ability in the provincial arena did not hesitate to return him to the wider sphere of Dominion politics. At Ottawa his high attainments were at once acknowledged, and from the outset he took a foremost place among the parliamentarians of Canada.

On the defeat of the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald in 1873, and the formation of a Liberal Government by the Hon. Alex. McKenzie, the young and eloquent member for Drummond and Athabaska was invited to join the Ministry and was assigned the portfolio of Inland Revenue. He held office until the defeat of his party at the general election in 1878.

At the election he suffered defeat in his old constituency, but shortly afterwards Quebec East be-

coming vacant he was returned for that division, and he has continued its representative ever since.

On the retirement of the Hon. Edward Blake from the leadership of the Liberals, in 1887, Sir Wilfrid was the unanimous choice of his party for that important and difficult post. His singularly urbane manner and great tact eminently qualified him for the post. For nine years he sat in the cold shades of Opposition, strong in the loyal allegiance of his followers, and in the personal esteem and friendship of many of the Government party.

In the general election, June, 1896, his party, after eighteen years of Opposition, carried a majority of the constituencies, and Sir Wilfrid, on the

and that a descendant of the French whose mother tongue was the language of that country should be the head of the Government of the first Colony of the British Empire was a unique fact, that showed how extensive and cosmopolitan is Victoria's Empire.

Quite recently Sir Wilfrid visited Washington. Without referring to the political character of his mission, it is interesting to note that the press of the United States refer in the most appreciative terms to his geniality and courtesy, and the excellent impression that he made on all with whom he came in contact.

The elements that have contributed to make the



BRO. HON. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, M.P., D.C.L., Q.C., K.C.M.G.,
Premier of Canada.

resignation of Sir Charles Tupper and his colleagues, was sent for to form a Government.

His success as leader of the Government has fully realized the brightest expectations of his friends.

At the great Jubilee celebration in London, England, last June, next to the illustrious Sovereign whom all the world honors, the Premier of Canada was the most attractive personality. His speeches were all conceived in the right spirit and delivered with an earnestness and eloquence that impressed and delighted every one. His visit to the Mother Land directed a great deal of attention to Canada ;

subject of this brief sketch the most prominent and attractive personality in Canadian public life today are not difficult to discover. The fact that he is of another race than that of the majority of the people whom he serves invests him with a peculiar interest. His aspirations and sympathies are eminently British. Fine, natural endowments have been carefully developed by study and observation. An orator in the true sense of the word, he can arouse and maintain the enthusiasm of his followers, and command the respectful attention of all who hear him. Above all he wears "the white flower of a blameless life"; so that not only those

who follow him politically, but those who differ widely from him unite in respecting and trusting him as a man and citizen.

Sir Wilfrid is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In May, 1868, he was married to Miss Lafontaine. Lady Laurier has long been a prominent figure in the social circle at the Capital. It is enough to say that in every particular she has been a worthy helpmeet of her distinguished husband.

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier may be long spared to his family, Canada and the Empire, is a wish in which every one who knows him, or of him, will heartily join. There are men too great to belong exclusively to any party, race or creed. Bro. Sir Wilfrid is one of these.

The great Order for which we speak, whose practical principle is "the brotherhood of humanity," welcomes with one voice the Canadian Premier to membership within it, and to the enjoyment of all its privileges. We rejoice to see his name added to the long list of honored names, among whom are many of the most distinguished public men of Canada and other lands.

Royal Foresters.

Temple Encampment, No. 60, Toronto.

At a large and very enthusiastic meeting held at the Temple building on the 11th, for the purpose of organizing a military and drill company in connection with Temple Encampment of Royal Foresters, it was decided to limit the membership in said company to 75 men who agree to attend drill and parade when necessary. Tenders have been called for the regulation uniform, coats, etc.; and from the spirit shown at the meeting it was quite evident that the members intended to make Temple Encampment second to none. Some fifty members are now enrolled, and as there are only twenty-five vacancies, any one desirous of joining should communicate with Bro. C. A. Stone, Temple building, without any delay, as the first drill will take place on Monday, November 22nd. The following officers were elected:

Brig.-General, C. A. Stone, Acting Captain.	} With rank of
Surgeon, Dr. Rose,	
Paymaster, T. H. Luke,	} Captain.
Quartermaster, W. W. Dunlop,	
1st Lieutenants, Jas. Gorrie and G. Semple.	
2nd Lieutenants, Jas. Harper and G. Rose.	
Color-Sergeant, G. D. Keachie.	
Sergeant, S. Mawson.	
Corporals, A. Brooker, E. S. Cranfield, E. D. Crocker, A. J. Martin.	

Our heartiest congratulations to Bro. J. D. Clark, P.H.C.R. of Ohio, and his fair young bride. We hope that Wednesday, Nov. 10th, will always be a bright day in their calendar. The *Dayton Evening Herald* gives a very interesting description of the Clark-Stillwell wedding, when the eloquent and popular Past High Chief of Ohio, and one of Dayton's most beautiful and winsome daughters were joined in holy matrimony. May many long years of wedded happiness be enjoyed by them is the wish of the 120,000 Foresters for whom we speak. Bro. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, represented the many Canadian friends of the bridegroom at the happy function. He was also the bearer of the gift of friends at the head office to their esteemed brother.

Personal Mention.

Bro. John L. Starkweather, of Romeo, H.V.C.R. of Michigan, continues to gladden the hearts of the old soldiers by securing for them their much-deserved pensions. Bro. Starkweather has always been very successful in this line of work.

We congratulate Bro. P. N. Breton, D.S.C.R., of Montreal, on the honor of having secured Bro. Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a member of the Order. The name of the Premier of the Dominion of Canada is the first on the charter list of Court Metropolis, Montreal, instituted recently by Bro. Breton.

Bro. D. D. Aitkin, of Flint, Michigan, S.V.C.R., is not only a successful lawyer and prominent member of several fraternal societies; he is also one of the leading farmers of his State. He recently added a carload of imported cattle to his fine stock of thoroughbreds.

Bro. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., who has spent the summer in Great Britain, in the interests of the I.O.F., reports the institution of three strong courts recently in the great commercial city of Manchester. Bro. Marter has returned to Toronto to be present at the meeting of the Ontario Legislature.

Bro. A. D. Valpy, F.S., of Court Gaspesier, No. 1,944, Gaspé Basin, is receiving the congratulations of his brethren and friends on his marriage on the 20th October. The *FORESTER* writes its best wishes to those of Bro. Valpy's many friends. May long life, happiness and prosperity attend him and his bride.

Bros. Ben. W. Greer and Chas R. FitzGerald are busy at headquarters making their quarterly audit of the books of the Order. The interval between their quarterly visits grows shorter, another indication of the uninterrupted growth of the I.O.F. Time does not impair the popularity of the esteemed Supreme Auditors.

Bro. A. E. Armstrong, M.D., Court Physician of Court Washademoak, No. 1,394, N.B., was waited on at his residence by the brethren and presented with an address and ring on the eve of his departure for Philadelphia, where he purposes taking a post-graduate course. The worthy doctor carries with him the good will of all who knew him.

Bro. Rev. Philip Witteck, C.D.H.C.R. of Court Pitt, Pittsburg, Pa., is a zealous advocate of the principles of Our Order, and has done much towards its extension in his city. The worthy brother is one of many clergymen that appreciates the noble principles of Our Order, and who knows, from personal experience, of its practical benevolence and fraternity.

Bro. R. Long, of Appin, was tendered a banquet by his brethren of Court Fidelity, No. 180, on the occasion of his leaving for London, Ont. The worthy brother, who has served the Court long and faithfully as R.S. and C.D.H.C.R., was presented with a complimentary address, a handsome easy chair and gold-headed cane. Those who know Bro. Long say the honor was well-deserved. The brethren of Court Fidelity know how to appreciate valuable service.

Col. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., and founder of the Order, will complete his 70th year on the 20th December. His Foresteric children, that will number by that time 125,000, will, with one accord,

wish many additional years, a calm ending to his long and active day, and finally an abundant entrance into the Celestial City.

Bro. Mingle, H.S. of Pennsylvania, paid our sanction a visit the other day. It is only a little over two years since the Order was introduced into the Key Stone State, but in that time it has secured a firm foothold and bids fair to become one of the strong Orders of the State. Bro. Mingle is an enthusiastic believer in the great Order that he serves with marked ability.

Bro. A. S. Fisher, of Altoona, High Counsellor of Pennsylvania and Court Deputy of Court Mountain City, sets an example to High and Subordinate Court officers. For the month of October he handed in seven applications. We will be glad to give the name of any and all High and Subordinate Court officers who have done better, or as well, or even nearly as well.

At the last meeting of Court Miami Valley, No. 1040, Ohio, Bro. M. G. Fitzgerald, P.C.R., was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane, beautifully inscribed, in acknowledgment of his work in the court. The presentation address was made by Bro. Marcus McLane, C.R., on behalf of the entertainment committee. Bro. Fitzgerald, although taken by surprise, responded briefly, thanking the brethren for the kind token of their esteem and regard.

In the November issue of *Modern Mention* there is what we are assured is an excellent likeness and an appreciative sketch of Bro. C. P. Sweetman, of Dayton, Ohio. Bro. Sweetman is a member of Supreme Court. His fellow-travellers to London, England, in '85, have pleasant recollections of his geniality and wit. Mr. Sweetman is prominent in fraternal society circles. He is a practical printer, thoroughly versed in what is latest and most artistic in the preservative art.

We extend our hearty congratulation to Bro. the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Premier of New Brunswick. The brother recently became Prime Minister of his native province. The head of the New Brunswick Government is a brother of Judge Emmerson, H.S. of the High Court of New Brunswick. He is a member of the High Court, and took an active part at the recent meeting at Campbelltown. We wish our young and distinguished brother a long and honorable career. In our next issue we hope to give a portrait and sketch of the New Brunswick Premier.

Acknowledgments.

\$1,500.

Mrs. Maggie J. Street, of Halifax, N.S., thanks the Executive Council for the payment of the mortuary benefit, \$1,500, of her late husband, Bro. B. G. Street, of Court Royal Jubilee, No. 114, Halifax. The claim papers reached Toronto on the 4th November, and the cheque was received in Halifax on the 10th.

\$1,000.

Mrs. Louise Schaad, of Rochester, thanks the Order for the prompt payment of \$1,000 benefit carried by her late husband, Bro. Casper Schaad, of Court Pinnacle; and the members of the court for many words and acts of sympathy and kindness.

\$1,050.

Mrs. Amanda Bolton, of Norton Station, N.B., thanks the Order for the prompt payment of \$1,050 mortuary and funeral benefit of her late husband, Bro. Bolton, of Court Kennebecasis, No. 24; and the members for their sympathetic help.

\$1,050.

Mrs. Susan Rowland, of Newry, Ont., thanks the Order for the prompt payment of \$1,050 mortuary and funeral benefit of her late husband, Bro. Jno. W. Rowland, of Court Atwood, No. 782, who died on October 31st. The cheque was received November 5th. Mrs. Rowland also thanks the members of the court for their sympathy.

\$1,000.

The officers and members of Court Plainfield, N.J., write the Supreme Chief Ranger expressing their gratitude for the prompt payment of the claim of their late brother, N. M. Vestergaard. They say it was the speediest settlement that ever took place of any death claim in the city.

\$1,050.

Mrs. Pelletier, Vermillion Bay, Ont., thanks the S.C.R. for the speedy payment of the mortuary and funeral benefit of her late husband, Bro. Alex. Pelletier, of Court Kakabaka. She also thanks the members of the court for many acts of kindness and sympathy.

\$550.

Mrs. Reid, of Oak Bay, N. B., wishes to express her thanks to the Supreme Court for the receipt of \$550, being the benefit carried by her son, Bro. F. H. S. N. Reid, also for the sympathy and kindness extended to her by Court Pine Glen, No. 192s.

\$1,050.

Mrs. Sarah Bolan tenders her thanks to Court Parkhill for the prompt payment of the mortuary and funeral benefit of her late husband, and for many acts of kindness shown by the members of the court.

\$1,000.

Miss Maud Armstrong, of Carp, thanks the Executive for the prompt payment of \$1,000 Mortuary Benefit of her late brother, Wm. J. Armstrong, and the court for many acts of kindness in her sorrow.

Talmage on Secret Societies.

I might as well preach against a very busy ant hill or bee hive as to declaim against the secret societies, or to cry out against the existing order of things. Association is a divine arrangement. Men are made for companionship. No life is, or can be, self-existent. We depend upon each other. Secrecy is largely true of both secular and sacred things. The Council or Lodge-hall is not the church, but all true beneficiary orders owe their existence to the spirit of Christianity. They are children of the church in the same sense that they were born under Christian influence. They are auxiliaries to the church in the work of benevolence. They are co-workers in the great sense of humanity in the amelioration of the human race and in the promotion of the interests of mankind.

—Talmage.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of October, 1897.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their October Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Allenford.....	249	McCaul.....	3290
Hooster.....	1901	Trail.....	3350
Unity.....	1910	Bras Dor.....	3353
Complanter.....	3239		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Royal Oak.....	11	Longfellow.....	3323
Aulton.....	866	Singhampton.....	3352
Oxbow.....	1270	Notre Dame de Beauport.....	3400
Reach.....	1829	General Logan.....	3433
Charlo.....	3032	Ono.....	3434
Fine View.....	3184	Memphis.....	3509

Receipts, October, 1897.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
732	British Columbia	\$ 779 89	\$ 49 30	\$ 21 50	3359	New Jersey.....	\$ 3841 65	\$ 53 40	\$ 118 25
7069	California	8903 13	133 21	161 75	10511	New York.....	11146 54	768 80	372 00
234	Colorado with Utah annexed..	375 33	11 10	5 50	1916	North Dakota.....	2013 70	41 86	9 25
3875	Illinois.....	4341 39	54 23	182 75	713	N. W. Territory....	810 40	50 72	23 00
1686	Indiana.....	1935 47	6 86	81 50	2818	Nova Scotia.....	2539 09	217 60	33 00
564	Iowa.....	6 8 77	1 48	15 00	5875	Ohio.....	5934 93	105 11	151 50
2469	Maine.....	1967 96	605 64	83 25	12666	Ontario.....	12105 47	2420 81	164 75
1933	Manitoba.....	2071 78	225 29	23 00	9377	" Central.....	9153 80	1211 94	162 00
11664	Michigan.....	11 24 27	981 76	244 25	9253	" Eastern.....	8903 66	819 42	159 75
3227	Minnesota.....	3723 82	112 88	97 00	1140	Pennsylvania.....	1510 10	31 07	142 00
939	Missouri with Kansas annexed..	1048 90	8 34	17 00	985	Pr. Edward Island..	733 49	15 37	14 50
297	Nebraska.....	3 9 04	2 44	4 00	12267	Quebec.....	13189 67	3829 19	423 25
2338	New Brunswick...	5066 25	862 70	144 25	626	Washington.....	853 77	14 85	14 00
1157	New England	1 53 35	480 29	103 59	1792	Wisconsin.....	2065 49	19 33	63 25
	Refunds Re Loan Expenses				5 3	S. C. Jurisdiction..	833 12	17 12	24 50
	Received on account of Fire Insurance				3177	G. Britain & Ireland	4696 30	23 94	197 11
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts						10 00		
							835 82		
									4037 05
	Grand totals.....		119,133				\$124,761 35	\$13,178 40	\$7,343 41

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	

Supply Account.

Received on account for supplies.....	\$1,007 80	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$1,007 80
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$12,580 11	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$12,580 11
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Submitted in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of October, 1897.

No. 2810. Brother Wm. Cornish, aged 51 years, of Court Maitland, No. 699, located at Brussels, Ont., died of Cancer of Stomach on the 7th August, 1897. Initiated 12th April, 1895. Beneficiary, Margaret Cornish, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2811. Brother Solomon Newton, aged 56 years, of Court Downer, No. 466, located at Marysville, Mich., died of Heart Disease on the 24th September, 1897. Initiated 2nd November, 1859. Beneficiary, Mary A. Newton, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2812. Brother George D. Beckwith, aged 24 years, of Court Chelsea, No. 1612, located at Chelsea, Ont., was murdered on the 18th August, 1897. Initiated 23th June, 1897. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$500.

No. 2813. Brother William F. Conran, aged 20 years, of Court Industrial, No. 1963, located at New York City, N.Y., died of Fracture of Spine on the 4th August, 1897. Initiated 17th December, 1896. Beneficiary, James Conran, father. \$1,000.

No. 2814. Brother L. P. Jean, aged 30 years, of Court Levis, No. 1512, located at Levis, Que., died of Phthisis

on the 10th September, 1897. Initiated 11th July, 1896. Beneficiaries, Mary Ann and Louis P. Jean, children. \$1,000.

No. 2815. Brother Wm. H. Moon, aged 26 years, of Court Arvilla, No. 776, located at Arvilla, N.D., died of Appendicitis on the 21st September, 1897. Initiated 21st March, 1896. Beneficiary, Wm. Moon, father. \$1,000.

No. 2816. Brother J. W. Taylor, aged 52 years, of Court Wallis, No. 1269, located at Lansdowne, Ont., died of Enteritis on the 15th August, 1897. Initiated 12th April, 1893. Beneficiaries, Carlton E., Eva, Ada and Milton Wm. Taylor, children. \$2,000.

No. 2817. Brother Pierre Caron, aged 41 years, of Court Atlantic, No. 862, located at Ottawa East, Ont., died of Pneumonia on the 23rd September, 1897. Initiated 31st March, 1892. Beneficiary, Alphonse Caron, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2818. Brother Jacob Westphal, aged 27 years, of Court Akron, No. 933, located at Akron, Mich., died of Typho-Malaria Fever on the 30th September, 1897. Initiated 21st September, 1896. Beneficiaries, Eva and Philip Westphal, mother and father. \$1,000.

No. 2819. Brother E. A. Cadieux, aged 32 years, of Court Ann Arbor, No. 1551, located at Ann Arbor, Mich., died of Acute Nephritis on the 27th September,

1897. Initiated 20th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Sophia A. Cadieux, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2850. Brother Alonzo J. Crippen, aged 46 years, of Court Kent, No. 441, located at Grand Rapids, Mich., was killed by falling from scaffold on the 10th September, 1897. Initiated 13th April, 1897. Beneficiary, Lucinda J. Crippen, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2851. Brother W. M. McDonald, aged 21 years, of Court Tamworth, No. 392, located at Tamworth, Ont., died of Pneumonia on the 3rd of October, 1897. Initiated 16th March, 1897. Beneficiary, Maria McDonald, mother. \$500.

No. 2852. Brother T. W. Evans, aged 21 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 41, located at Ottawa, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 24th September, 1897. Initiated 30th December, 1896. Beneficiaries, Mary Ann Elizabeth, Sarah E., Edith N., Emy D., and Jas. C. Evans, sisters and brother. \$1,000.

No. 2853. Brother Jesse Sherwood, aged 22 years, of Court Deffiance, No. 1312, located at Houlton, Me., died of Typhoid Fever on the 28th September, 1897. Initiated 13th November, 1895. Beneficiary, Annie Sherwood, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2854. Brother Alex. L. Murray, aged 23 years, of Court Bend, No. 1485, located at Moncton, N.B., died of Consumption on the 13th September, 1897. Initiated 7th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Alice G. Murray, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2855. Brother Jas. H. Pullen, aged 58 years, of Court La Tour, No. 125, located at St. John, N.B., died of Diabetes on the 25th September, 1897. Initiated 10th September, 1895. Beneficiaries, Clara S. Pepper, Sadie A. DeForrest, Ida M., Jennie A., Jas. H., and Elvira H. Patterson, children. \$1,000.

No. 2856. Brother F. W. Stewart, aged 22 years, of Court Saulters, No. 1585, located at Massey Station, Ont., was accidentally drowned on the 28th August, 1897. Initiated 5th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Sarah Stewart, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2857. Brother Wm. J. Jennings, aged 39 years, of Court Forest Home, No. 431, located at Palmerston, Ont., died of Pernicious Anemia on the 1st October, 1897. Initiated 23rd December, 1890. Beneficiary, Minetta M. Jennings, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2858. Brother James Atkinson, aged 48 years, of Court Pr. Alexandria, No. 26, located at Inwood, Ont., shot himself while insane on the 19th December, 1895. Initiated 2nd June, 1895. Beneficiaries, Administrator and Guardian. \$1,000.

No. 2859. Brother Andrew Joyce, aged 53 years, of Court Balmoral, No. 269, located at Montreal, Que., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 7th September, 1897. Initiated 10th June, 1890. Beneficiary, Margaret Joyce, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2860. Brother Wm. A. Scott, aged 54 years, of Court Eclipse, No. 1900, located at New York, N.Y., died of Cancer of Stomach on the 16th September, 1897. Initiated 7th January, 1895. Beneficiary, Eliza Scott, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2861. Brother S. S. Miller, aged 35 years, of Court Silver, No. 1593, located at Spokane, Wash., died of Paralysis on the 12th September, 1897. Initiated 30th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Lovie J. Miller, wife. \$500. (\$500 previously paid on T. and P. D.)

No. 2862. Brother W. C. Brannen, aged 24 years, of Court Bend, No. 1485, located at Moncton, N.B., died of Tuberculosis on the 13th September, 1897. Initiated 22nd June, 1894. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2863. Brother A. J. Chriswell, aged 46 years, of Court Riverside, No. 319, located at St. Clair, Mich., died of Cancer of Bowels on the 4th October, 1897. Initiated 29th April, 1889. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Chriswell, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2864. Brother George Sheppard, aged 31 years, of Court Bello Rive, No. 912, located at Montreal, Que., was accidentally drowned on the 20th September, 1897. Initiated 8th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2865. Brother H. V. Giard, aged 55 years, of Court C.P.R., No. 1197, located at Hochelaga, Que., died of Bronchitis on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 9th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Alexina Lamoureux, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2866. Brother N. M. Vestergaard, aged 22 years, of Court Plainfield, No. 1144, located at Plainfield, N.J., died of Laryngitis on the 7th October, 1897. Initiated 10th August, 1894. Beneficiary, Michael Vestergaard, brother. \$1,000.

No. 2867. Brother Sloan Bolan, aged 57 years, of Court Park Hill, No. 156, located at Park Hill, Ont., died of Intussusception of Bowels on the 5th October, 1897. Initiated 29th June, 1888. Beneficiary, Sarah Bolan, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2868. Brother Israel Steadman, aged 37 years, of Court Isthmus, No. 329, located at Newboro, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 7th October, 1897. Initiated 11th December, 1893. Beneficiary, Amelia Steadman, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2869. Brother Wm. A. Clothier, aged 47 years, of Court Kemptville, No. 214, located at Kemptville, Ont., died of Paralysis of Heart on the 23rd August, 1897. Initiated 5th April, 1892. Beneficiary, Annie M. Clothier, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2870. Brother Voll M. Lilly, aged 32 years, of Court Vineyard, No. 1044, located at Brocton, N.Y., shot himself while Delirious, result of Blood Poisoning on the 23rd September, 1897. Initiated 14th June, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2871. Brother E. Leblanc, aged 53 years, of Court Guignes, No. 1515, located at Ottawa, Ont., died of Cardiac Syncope on the 30th September, 1897. Initiated 31st October, 1894. Beneficiary, Emilie P. Leblanc, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2872. Brother John J. Reilly, aged 40 years, of Court Carter H. Harrison, No. 3362, located at Chicago, Ill., was accidentally killed by Electric Car on the 7th October, 1897. Initiated 30th June, 1897. Beneficiary, Josephine Reilly, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2873. Brother Alex. Pelletier, aged 29 years, of Court Kakabeka, No. 3107, located at Murillo, Ont., was accidentally drowned on the 12th September, 1897. Initiated 29th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Mary Pelletier, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2874. Brother Wm. McKay, aged 48 years, of Court Simpson, No. 709, located at Bowmanville, Ont., died of Carbuncle on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 19th December, 1890. Beneficiary, Christina McKay, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2875. Brother James Tracy, aged 50 years, of Court Pr. Albert, No. 149, located at Sherbrooke, Que., died of Congestion of Brain on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 7th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Ellen E. M. Tracy, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2876. Brother Jas. F. Edmonston, aged 31 years, of Court Goderich, No. 253, located at Goderich, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 16th September, 1897. Initiated 20th August, 1892. Beneficiary, James Edmonston, Administrator of the estate of Mary Edmonston, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2877. Brother H. H. H. Hawkes, aged 18 years, of Court Mt. Begbie, No. 3461, located at Revelstoke, B.C., was accidentally drowned on the 25th July, 1897. Initiated 13th March, 1897. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Hawkes, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2878. Brother Dennis Carroll, aged 46 years, of Court Hancock, No. 1371, located at Elizabeth, N.J., died of Melancholia and Endocarditis on the 12th October, 1897. Initiated 15th January, 1893. Beneficiary, Kate Carroll, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2879. Brother George B. Bland, aged 40 years, of Court Destiny, No. 598, located at Tacoma, Wash., died of Aneurism of Aorta on the 25th July, 1897. Initiated 25th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Marie A. Bland, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2899. Brother George Kennedy, aged 58 years, of Court Cayuga, No. 281, located at Cayuga, Ont., died of Paralysis of Heart on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 1st March, 1888. Beneficiaries, Etta and Barbara Kennedy, daughter and wife. \$3,000.

No. 2881. Brother Joseph M. Cassie, aged 47 years, of Court Dundee Pioneer, No. 2159, located at Dundee, Scotland, died of Heart Disease on the 19th September, 1897. Initiated 27th September, 1895. Beneficiary, Sarah H. Cassie, wife. \$200.

No. 2882. Brother Xavier Ouellette, aged 39 years, of Court New Hampshire, No. 3311, located at Claremont, N.H., died of Acute Phthisis on the 5th October, 1897. Initiated 23rd November, 1893. Beneficiary, Sabine F. Ouellette, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2883. Brother Henry McDermott, aged 36 years, of Court Sunderland, No. 1373, located at Sunderland, Ont., died of Meningitis on the 16th September, 1897. Initiated 29th May, 1894. Beneficiary, Mary Ann McDermott, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2884. Brother John Burchell, aged 39 years, of Court Mulgrave, No. 824, located at Halifax, N.S., died of Typhoid Fever on the 9th October, 1897. Initiated 14th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Burchell, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2885. Brother L. W. Kenfield, aged 36 years, of Court Hastings, No. 216, located at Hastings, Mich., died of Compression of Brain, caused by accident on the 5th October, 1897. Initiated 27th March, 1889. Beneficiary, Louisa Kenfield, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2886. Brother Albert Fader, aged 47 years, of Court Scotia, No. 1818, located at Halifax, N.S., died of Typhoid Fever on the 13th October, 1897. Initiated 30th

March, 1897. Beneficiaries, Jane and Eva Fader, wife and daughter. \$2,000.

No. 2887. Brother Herman Thomsen, aged 40 years, of Court Carvinal, No. 376, located at Montreal, Que., died of Pneumonia on the 30th September, 1897. Initiated 13th August, 1894. Beneficiary, Axelina Horno, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2888. Brother Herbert V. Ivins, aged 33 years, of Court Virginia, No. 1849, located at Chicago, Ill., died of Acute Nephritis on the 14th October, 1897. Initiated 11th December, 1896. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Ivins, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2889. Brother W. W. Bolton, aged 56 years, of Court Kennebecasis, No. 24, located at Norton Station, N.B., died of Phthisis on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 31st October, 1888. Beneficiary, Amanda Bolton, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2890. Brother Wm. J. Heindl, aged 28 years, of Court Cooper, No. 1567, located at Dayton, Ohio, died of Nephritis on the 6th October, 1897. Initiated 2nd May, 1895. Beneficiary, Alma Heindl, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2891. Brother P. C. Welsh, aged 23 years, of Court Avondale, No. 1012, located at Charlottetown, P.E.I., died of Phthisis on the 14th October, 1897. Initiated 28th March, 1893. Beneficiary, Annie Welsh, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2892. Brother Francis C. Leonard, aged 47 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, located at Los Angeles, Cal., died of Pneumonia on the 20th August, 1897. Initiated 22nd August, 1895. Beneficiary, Mary E. Leonard, daughter. \$1,000.

No. 2893. Brother Ernest Schmidt, aged 38 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, located at Los Angeles, Cal., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 10th September, 1897. Initiated 4th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Minna Schmidt, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2894. Brother E. G. P. Pickup, aged 29 years, of Court Mississippi, No. 78, located at Carleton Place, Ont., died of Cancer of Throat on the 10th October, 1897. Initiated 12th November, 1894. Beneficiary, Mary E. Pickup, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2895. Brother Alphonse Daoust, aged 46 years, of Court Cote St. Paul, No. 1281, located at Cote St. Paul, Que., died of Consumption on the 8th October, 1897. Initiated 2nd May, 1893. Beneficiary, Georgiana Desparois, wife. \$500. \$500 previously paid in Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2896. Brother Jos. Mattingley, aged 52 years, of Court Oakwood, No. 361, located at Richmond, Ont., died of Bright's Disease on the 12th October, 1897. Initiated 17th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2897. Brother Alphonse Morrin, aged 32 years, of Court Attean, No. 1303, located at Jackman, Me., died of Typhoid Fever on the 5th October, 1897. Initiated 14th May, 1896. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2898. Brother Martin H. Russell, aged 21 years, of Court Jas. G. Blaine, No. 1335, located at Bangor, Me., was Accidentally Drowned on the 21st September, 1897. Initiated 18th May, 1896. Beneficiary, Annie E. McLane, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2899. Brother T. Y. Benoit, aged 29 years, of Court Champlain, No. 663, located at Montreal Centre, Que., died of Phthisis on the 5th September, 1897. Initiated 21st October, 1890. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.

No. 2900. Brother Herbert W. Bresce, aged 24 years, of Court Isthmus, No. 320, located at Newboro, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 19th October, 1897. Initiated 12th January, 1892. Beneficiary, Melinda Bresce, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2901. Brother Elwin C. Mead, aged 44 years, of Court Sutter, No. 974, located at Sacramento, Cal., died of Disease of Liver on the 15th September, 1897. Initiated 11th January, 1892. Beneficiary, Sarah L. Mead, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2902. Brother Alex. McCallum, aged 45 years, of Court Tyrconnell, No. 99, located at Wallacetown, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 11th October, 1897. Initiated 4th March, 1886. Beneficiary, Bella McCallum, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2903. Brother Adolph Rill, aged 19 years, of Court Balmoral, No. 269, located at Montreal, Que., died of Toxæmia on the 13th September, 1897. Initiated 22nd June, 1897. Beneficiary, Masha Rill, sister. \$1,000.

Bro. Dr. Coulter, D.S.C.R., New York, has been at headquarters recently. He reports Forestry as firmly established and steadily growing in the first city of the continent. The Doctor is Brigadier-General of Royal Foresters for greater New York.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of October, 1897.

During the month of October the Medical Board reviewed 2,196 medical examination papers, of which 1,862 were accepted and 334 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.		Reject'd.		
	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	
Arizona.....	1	1	N. W. Territory	26	5
British Columbia.....	133	25	Nova Scotia	23	3
California.....	116	17	Ohio	69	23
Colorado.....	12	3	Ontario (Centre).....	94	25
Connecticut.....	3	1	Ontario (East).....	65	12
Illinois.....	133	15	Ontario (West).....	67	14
Indiana.....	41	8	Oregon.....	1	1
Iowa.....	8	1	Pennsylvania.....	39	5
Maine.....	63	9	P. E. Island.....	2	1
Manitoba.....	20	6	Quebec.....	96	24
Massachusetts.....	3	1	Rhode Island.....	29	2
Michigan.....	171	25	Vermont.....	7	1
Minnesota.....	49	5	Washington.....	30	5
Missouri.....	35	6	Wisconsin.....	33	4
Montana.....	16	2	England.....	55	12
Nebraska.....	6	1	Ireland.....	7	1
New Brunswick.....	67	8	Scotland.....	14	2
New Hampshire.....	19	6	Wales.....	1	...
New Jersey.....	58	19			
New York.....	209	33	Total.....	1862	334
North Dakota.....	22	3			

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

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of October, 1897.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$2,294,426 38
" Supreme Secretary.....	123,915 53
" Cheque No. 1352 cancelled.....	20 00
" " 3880 ".....	5 00
" " 4066 ".....	5 00
" Received on account of Insurance.....	835 82
" Transfer Re Loans.....	329 00
" Refund Investment Expenses.....	175 00
	10 00
	\$2,419,721 73

CONTRA—CR.

Paid to Beneficiaries of our late Brothers—

William F. Conran, Court Industrial, 1968.....	\$1,000 00
Thomas E. Carbert.....	Prosperty, 668..... 1,000 00
George D. Beck with.....	Chelsea, 1612..... 500 00
J. W. Taylor.....	Wallis, 1269..... 1,500 00
Solomon Newton.....	Downer, 466..... 1,000 00
William Cornish.....	Maitland, 699..... 1,000 00
O. Marin.....	Champlain, 663..... 3,000 00
William H. Moon.....	Arvilla, 776..... 1,000 00
Wilber D. Shaw.....	Pride of Ill., 1989..... 1,000 00
William A. Scott.....	Eclipse, 1900..... 1,000 00
Pierre Caron.....	Atlantic, 862..... 1,000 00
Jacob Westphal.....	Akron, 933..... 1,000 00
John Hegeman.....	Crawford, 1651..... 3,000 00
T. William Evans.....	Ottawa, 41..... 290 00
W. M. Macdonald.....	Tamworth, 392..... 500 00
J. Crippen.....	Kent, 441..... 1,000 00
Edward A. Cadieux.....	Ann Arbor, 1551..... 2,000 00
F. W. Stewart.....	Salter, 1565..... 1,000 00
Jesse Sherwood.....	Defiance, 1342..... 1,000 00
Alick L. Murray.....	Bend, 1485..... 1,000 00
James H. Pullen.....	Latore, 125..... 833 30
Neil Hunter.....	Puslinch, 51..... 366 66
Andrew Joyce.....	Balmoral, 269..... 2,000 00
Samuel S. Miller.....	Silver, 1568..... 500 00
William J. Jennings.....	Forest Home, 431..... 1,000 00
N. M. V. Stergaard.....	Plainfield, 1144..... 1,000 00
H. V. Girard.....	C.P.R., 1197..... 1,000 00

Israel Steadman.....	Court	Ythmus, 320.....	\$1,000 00
W. A. Clothier.....	"	Kemptville, 214.....	1,000 00
Sloan Bolan.....	"	Parkhill, 156.....	1,000 00
Etienne Lablanc.....	"	Guigues, 1515.....	3,000 00
James Tracy.....	"	Prince Albert, 149.....	3,000 00
Alexander Pelletier.....	"	Kakabaka, 3107.....	1,000 00
John J. Kelly.....	"	C. H. Harrison, 3302.....	2,000 00
William McKay.....	"	Simpson, 709.....	1,000 00
Joseph M. Cassie.....	"	Dundee Pioneer, 2159.....	971 11
Xavier Ouellette.....	"	New Hamp., 3311.....	1,000 00
George Bird Bland.....	"	Destiny, 598.....	1,000 00
Denis Carroll.....	"	Hancock, 1371.....	1,000 00
Henry McDermott.....	"	Sunderland, 1373.....	1,000 00
John Birchall.....	"	Mulgrave, 824.....	1,000 00
L. W. Kenfelds.....	"	Hastings, 246.....	1,000 00
Albert Fader.....	"	Scotia, 1818.....	1,000 00
Herbert V. Ivin.....	"	Virginia, 1819.....	1,000 00
Herman Thomsen.....	"	Carnival, 376.....	1,000 00
Winslow W. Bolton.....	"	Kennebecasis, 24.....	1,000 00
William J. Heindl.....	"	Cooper, 1567.....	1,000 00
Francis C. Leonard.....	"	Los Angeles, 422.....	1,000 00
Ernest Schried.....	"	Los Angeles, 422.....	1,000 00
G. P. Pickup.....	"	Mississippi, 78.....	1,000 00
C. P. Welch.....	"	Avondale, 1012.....	1,000 00
Alphonse Daoust.....	"	St. Paul, 1231.....	500 00
Martin H. Russell.....	"	Jas. G. Blaine, 1385.....	1,000 00
Herbert W. Bresce.....	"	Isthmus, 320.....	1,000 00
Elwin C. Meade.....	"	Sutter, 274.....	2,000 00
Alex. McCallum.....	"	Tyconnell, 99.....	1,000 00
Adolph Hill.....	"	Balmoral, 269.....	1,000 00

\$66,171 07

Old Age Disability—	
John W. Croyer, Ct. Progressive, 254.....	\$100 00
Robert Miller, Ct. Sydenham, 43.....	100 00

200 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	
Jason Pinder, Ct. Whittemore, 672.....	\$ 500 00
Robert Buchan, Ct. Waterdown, 195.....	500 00
Michael Cashil, Ct. Valley, 232.....	500 00
Doctors' Fees.....	20 00

1,520 00

Water Rates.....	\$ 11 25
Taxes.....	541 14
Legal Fees.....	405 59
Insurance.....	\$ 303 19
Commission.....	64 25
Express.....	8 86

1,424 28

Five per cent. to General Fund.....	\$69,315 35
Balance.....	6,195 77
	2,344,210 61

\$2,419,721 73

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$ 111,785 01
" Supreme Secretary.....	13,178 40
" Cheques 833 and 831, cancelled.....	50 00

\$ 125,013 41

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By Sick Benefits.....	\$ 9,066 50
" Funeral Benefits.....	600 00
" 5 per cent to General Fund.....	658 92
" Balance.....	114,687 99

\$125,013 41

General Account for October, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 7,343 41
on account of supplies.....	1,007 80
To 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Receipts....	6,195 77
Sick and Fun'l Benefit Receipts.....	658 92
To Balance.....	11,946 13

\$ 27,152 03

CONTRA—CR.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 2,499 99
Organizing, Salaries and Expenses.....	6,582 90
Wages of Employees.....	4,015 10
Furniture Account.....	1,330 67
General Management Expenses.....	6,974 64
"Forester" and Supplies.....	5,748 73

\$ 27,152 03

Surplus.

Deposited with Dominion Insurance Department of Canada.....	\$ 100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland.....	97,333 33
United States.....	50,000 00
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Estate.....	1,779,452 46
Debentures.....	90,135 06
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79
Total Invested Surplus.....	\$2,137,461 64
Current Surplus.....	206,748 97

\$2,344,210 61

Sick and Funeral Surplus..... 114,687 99

Grand Total Surplus..... \$2,458,898 60

Yours in L., B. and C.,

H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

New Courts.

Court Mines, No. 3630, Ainsworth, B.C.
 Instituted on the 15th Sept., 1897, by James H. Falconer.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Donald McAuley; Physician, W. H. Lambert, M.D. 56 members.

Court Consecon, No. 3637, Consecon, Ont.
 Instituted on the 16th Sept., 1897, by G. W. Potts.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Kenneth Chase; Physician, Frank Farley, M.D. 10 members.

Court San Gorgonia, No. 3638, Banning, Cal.
 Instituted on the 2nd Oct. 1897, by G. A. McElfresh.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Deroxy H. Gates; Physician, J. L. Shibley, M.D. 13 members.

Court Shell Lake, No. 3690, Shell Lake, Wis.
 Instituted on the 4th Oct., 1897, by C. L. Grund.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., L. W. Sayles, M. D.; Physician, L. W. Sayles, M.D. 10 members.

Court West Stockholm, No. 3693, West Stockholm, N.Y.
 Instituted on the 6th Oct., 1897, by G. L. Phillips.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., M. G. B. Lewis; Physician, M. D. Cook, M.D. 16 members.

Court Hodgdon Mills, No. 3695, Hodgdon, Me.
 Instituted on the 14th Oct., 1897, by T. L. Dickinson.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John B. Hand; Physician, J. S. White, M.D. 20 members.

Court Whitney, No. 3683, Bridgewater Centre, Me.
 Instituted on the 1st Oct., 1897, by T. L. Dickinson.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Almon J. Farcy; Physicians, W. W. White, M.D., and E. Schriver, M.D. 11 members.

Court Lulu, No. 3700, Eburne, B.C.
 Instituted on the 15th Oct., 1897, by Geo. F. Johnstone.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. F. Stewart; Physician, W. D. Brydson Jack, M.D. 30 members.

Court Fontella, No. 3682, Chicago, Ills.
 Instituted on the 10th Sept., 1897, by F. T. Hendryx.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Henry Von Moss; Physician, M. Whise, M.D. 18 members.

Court World, No. 3684, New York City, N.Y.
 Instituted on the 2nd Oct., 1897, by C. L. Coulter.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Reginald L. Foster; Physician, C. L. Coulter, M.D. 21 members.

Court Lac Ouareau, No. 3685, Rawdon, Que.
 Instituted on the 22nd Oct., 1897, by S. H. Rankin.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., D. McDonald; Physician, W. N. Smiley, M.D. 23 members.

Court Arrow Lake, No. 3686, Nakusp, B.C.
 Instituted on the 28th Sept., 1897, by J. H. Falconer.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., F. G. Fauquier; Physician, M. W. Bruner, M.D. 46 members.

Court Cleveland, No. 3698, Cleveland, N.Y.

Instituted on the 5th Oct., 1897, by A. B. Caldwell.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Albert B. Cadd; Physician, ———. 5 members.

Court Geo. A. Halsey, No. 3689, Newark, N.J.

Instituted on the 7th Oct., 1897, by W. T. Bingham.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Chas. A. Heck; Physician, Geo. E. Potter, M.D. 20 members.

Court Ceres, No. 3697, Blaino, Mich.

Instituted on the 5th Oct., 1897, by Chas. H. Ely.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John H. Howard; Physician, H. J. Kinnie, M.D. 16 members.

Court Bonheur, No. 3691, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Instituted on the 6th Oct., 1897, by B. G. Blaisdell.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., D. E. Martin; Physician, F. D. Earl, M.D. 26 members.

Court Chamois, No. 3694, Chamois, Mo.

Instituted on the —th —, 1897, by A. M. Saunders and J. W. Edwards.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. S. Robinson; Physician, W. T. Mahon, M.D. 10 members.

Court Boulder, No. 3699, Boulder, Montana.

Instituted on the 13th Oct., 1897, by Wm. Jamieson.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., F. C. Berendes; Physician, Ira A. Leighton, M.D. 26 members.

Court Silvertown, No. 3696, Silvertown, B.C.

Instituted on the 7th Oct., 1897, by Jas. H. Falconer.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. W. Bouch; Physician, M. W. Bruner, M.D. 31 members.

Court Farragut, No. 3681, Chicago, Ill.

Instituted on the 21st Sept., 1897, by F. T. Hendryx.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. L. Klika; Physician, W. W. Hartman, M.D. 19 members.

Court Patten, No. 3692, Patten, Me.

Instituted on the 7th Oct., 1897, by Thos. Clarke.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., C. E. Bradley; Physician, O. F. Best, M.D. 42 members.

Court Queen's Valley, No. 3702, Strathavon, Ont.

Instituted on the 21st Oct., 1897, by C. L. Sanders.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. I. Park; Physician, Dr. Henry. 19 members.

Court Allegany, No. 3703, Friendship, N.Y.

Instituted on the 22nd Oct., 1897, by Col. A. B. Caldwell.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Dr. W. L. Smith; Physician, C. C. Deming, M.D. 34 members.

Court Brockway, No. 3701, Brockway, Mich.

Instituted on the 1st Oct., 1897, by John Terney.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. C. Miller; Physician, W. A. Cowie, M.D. 24 members.

Court Eldora, No. 1053, Minneapolis, Minn.

Instituted on the 22nd Oct., 1897, by F. R. McDonald.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Chas. B. Greenwood; Physician, R. J. Fitzgerald, M.D. 37 members.

Court Maugerville, No. 1715, Maugerville, N.B.

Instituted on the 22nd Oct., 1897, by Wm. Kinghorn.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., H. F. DeVeber; Physician, B. M. Mullin, M.D. 19 members.

Court Sylvanite, No. 1812, Central City, Colo.

Instituted on the 18th Oct., 1897, by R. K. Harrison.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. E. Strayer; Physician, A. C. Asquith, M.D. 29 members.

Court Clear Creek, No. 1825, Idaho Springs, Colo.

Instituted on the 22nd Oct., 1897, by R. K. Harrison.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Matthew Allan; Physician, J. E. Bobillard, M.D. 35 members.

Court ———, No. 2000, Fessenden, North Dakota.

Instituted on the 26th Oct., 1897, by C. F. Clark.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., C. H. Michaels; Physician, C. E. Sargent, M.D. 19 members.

Court Black Hoof, No. 3008, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Instituted on the 29th Oct., 1897, by Jos. D. Sawyer.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., H. J. Werst; Phy-

sicians, F. Anthony, M.D., and L. Muoller, M.D. 34 members.

Court Doric, No. 3009, Toronto, Ont.

Instituted on the 26th Oct., 1897, by Thos. Lawless and C. C. Whale.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. H. McCormick; Physician, ———. 61 members.

Court Yellow Stone Park, No. 3028, Livingstone, Mont.

Instituted on the 25th Oct., 1897, by Wm. Jamieson.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., R. M. McLeod; Physician, R. D. Alton, M.D. 31 members.

ENGLISH.

Court Demistown, No. 2150, Glasgow, Scotland.

Instituted on the 20th Sept., 1897, by Rev. R. McNair.
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Robt. Morrison; Physician, John P. Granger, M.D. 18 members.

Among the Courts.

Ontario.

The High Secretary was up in the county of Kent during the month of October, and reports the courts on the line of the E. & Huron R.R. as prosperous.

Quebec, Michigan and New York are ready to confess to a willingness to take first place. Now all three are working for it. The honors to those who earn them.

Courts Kincardine, 578, and Paisley, 1183, were visited also on October 13th and 14th, and the same officer gave each an address of instruction in the general working of the Order.

The Mother High Court secured 81 applications for October. This is disappointing. We will continue to expect larger gains in the banner High Court of the Order. The pace must be improved if the banner is to be pushed.

The brethren of Court Pashlinch, No. 51, Morrison, gave a very successful entertainment on the evening of the 25th Nov. Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray of Toronto was among the invited guests. The court is one of the oldest and most substantial in the jurisdiction.

A very pleasant and enjoyable concert was held at Eagle on Nov. 10th. The programme was long and entertaining. Bro. Frank E. McCormick was present, and gave an interesting address. Court Eagle's Nest, 3241, although young, is not sleeping, as they show a gain of ten members since July 1st, '97, and the good work has just got fairly started.

The circular of the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Backus, to the Subordinate Courts anent the statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger in the Temple building, is meeting with a cordial response. Bro. Backus says, "Join in doing a graceful act of complimentary and kindly recognition to one so thoroughly deserving." Contributions may be sent by courts to Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, Secretary of Committee, Toronto.

The Foresters of Elgin County are making arrangements to have a mammoth meeting in the town hall at Aylmer, some time before Christmas. It is expected that this meeting at the High Chief Ranger's home will be one of the most enjoyable ever held in the jurisdiction.

There may not be much room for new courts, but there is room in the old courts for unlimited additions in the way of members.

Centra' Ontario.

Court Prosperity has issued a capital programme for a concert in the Temple on Tuesday, December 28th. Success should attend the court's enterprise.

Court Davenport, Toronto Junction, gave a very interesting and profitable meeting a few weeks ago. The Supreme Secretary, Bro. Jno. A. McGillivray, gave a stirring address on the principles, aims and benefits of the Order. The I.O.F. is flourishing at Toronto Junction.

119 applications and 94 accepted was the record for October. The brethren of the Centre are happy. They are in the lead again among the three Ontario High Courts. But a little bird has been telling us that Ontario (west) is preparing a surprise for November and December.

Court Nottawa has been experiencing some difficulties at the beginning of its history. Bro. C. C. Whale, Supreme Inspector, spent some days assisting the brethren in securing new members. Dr. Oliver, of Stayner, has also rendered some assistance. The court is now on a prosperous footing.

Court Doric, No. 3009, in connection with the Gurney Works, Toronto, is the latest addition to the courts of the Queen City. It has already a membership of 75, and the intention is to count the even hundred before the close of the year. To Bros. Thos. Lawless and C. G. Whale belong the credit of instituting this splendid court. We extend to it hearty welcome.

Courts Dryad and Saugeen, located respectively at Harriston and Mount Forest, have been exchanging fraternal visits, and not only having a good time, but setting an excellent example to other courts. Supper, speech and song were features of both visits. The turn-out of members in both instances was very good. These courts will be heard from as active workers during the coming months.

Court Ermine, No. 1005, Garden Hill, gave a very successful entertainment on the evening of Nov. 8. There was a capital attendance. Dr. Beatty discharged the duties of chairman. Bro. E. J. Hearn, of Toronto, High Counsellor, gave an admirable address on the principles and benefits of the Order, and Bro. Jas. Fax, of Toronto, the lighter part of the entertainment in his humorous selections. Messrs. Reid and Hope also contributed musical selections to the programme.

The public meeting under the auspices of Court Collingwood, on the evening of October 20th was, in spite of the unfavorable weather, well attended. Addresses were delivered by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. W. B. Sanders, and the Supreme Secretary, Bro. Jno. A. McGillivray. Both addresses were highly commended by the local press. Court Collingwood is within a few of the century mark. A town the size and importance of Collingwood should have a court of 200.

Eastern Ontario.

To Court Deputies, Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN,—In the beginning of October our brethren of Court Casselman, No. 437, at Casselman, and Court Cambridge, No. 675, at South Indian, were visited by a most disastrous

fire which destroyed all court furniture, books, papers and records, and has left most of the members, practically, financially ruined and without employment. The High Standing Committee wish to earnestly urge on all Subordinate Courts the necessity of at this time practising that beautiful virtue of benevolence which is the foundation principle of our Order, and to ask them to at once contribute liberally to the assistance of our distressed brethren. We feel confident that not one court will be found missing from the list of contributors.

The funds will be applied to the payment of assessments and dues of our distressed and suffering brethren, and the balance to the personal needs of the brethren as their circumstances may demand.

Courts will kindly forward their contributions at as early a date as possible to the High Secretary, Bro. G. L. Dickinson, Manotick, Ontario.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

C. DAY CLARK, M.D.,
High Chief Ranger.

NOTES.

We are very much pleased to have the FORESTER early in the month, as at present.

Court A'kinson, at Cushendall, and Court Morrisburgh have been having an old-fashioned revival in Forestry.

We cannot report anything very startling during the last month, but the various courts have been reporting a steady growth in membership.

Court Ventnor, No. 1702, has added 14 members since July. Well done! Bro. Ingram has been helping the court. The members extend congratulations to Bro. German Wallace on his marriage.

The old reliable, Court Deseronto, is adding largely to its membership, and gives promise of a regular "boom." The growth of this court is a standing proof of what may be done by earnest effort on the part of local members.

We thank those courts that have written to us giving a short account of their needs and prospects. The High Chief Ranger, Bro. C. Day Clark, will be very glad to hear from all courts, and will attend to all requests at as early a date as possible.

Court Centreville, South Monaghan, held an interesting open meeting on the evening of the 15th October. Bro. Dr. Clark, of Millbrook, presided. Addresses were given by Dr. McKinnon, Millbrook, Rev. Bro. Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. McIntosh and Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R.

We are pleased to be able to state that the courts have responded in a liberal manner to the call for contributions in aid of our distressed brethren in Russell County. We hope every court will send in to the High Secretary its amount at as early a date as possible. We hope no court will be found wanting. Let every court give, and that quickly.

Court Chemong, No. 530, Peterboro, believes in interesting meetings, and shows its faith by its works. It occasionally gives an open meeting, to which the families and friends of members are invited. At a recent meeting musical selections, a debate, and magic lantern views made up the programme. The members of Court Chemong are not complaining of dull meetings.

A fine court has been instituted in Consecon after a considerable amount of trouble. We regret that sister societies should think it necessary to offer such strenuous opposition, which has not always been of a fair character. However, the I.O.F.

never fails in achieving the object aimed at, and we felt that the first failure must not come from Eastern Ontario. Bro. W. J. Ingram has again demonstrated that he is a success as an organizer.

High Court of Quebec.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 1.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
134 Dorchester St.,
MONTREAL, NOV. 20, 1897.

To all Brethren of the Independent Order of Foresters, under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Quebec, Greetings:

BRETHREN,—At the last meeting of your High Court you again called upon me to accept the executive chair, and preside over a body consisting of over twelve thousand members. Let me assure you I am fully aware of the responsibilities connected with the office.

I enter upon the duties of the office with an assurance from my colleagues of their sympathy and support; this, aided by the efforts of every individual member of the Order, should enable us to look the future confidently in the face, and feel that each new year ought to be more prosperous than the old one.

We are again entering upon another Foresteric year; will it be as abundantly fruitful as the past ones? You, my brethren, can best answer that question.

You are no doubt aware that my business will not allow me to devote as much of my time as I should like to the advancement of the Order; on you then I must rely.

It is needless for me to dwell on the merits of our Order; having confidence in its stability, in our Supreme Chief, and his able colleagues, we can, with all the confidence begotten of our own greatness, bring its claims before all nations.

I shall at all times be delighted to hear from members of the Order, and to receive such suggestions as may be for its advancement and interest.

Brethren, our Supreme Chief has served us long and faithfully, and the opportunity has now been given us to show our appreciation of his faithfulness. We feel confident Quebec will not be behind in assisting to place the statue of our Chief in our great Temple.

Your High Court decided this year to do without inspectors. In my opinion such officers have now become necessary. General Deputies cannot be expected to do the same amount of work, even though they be remunerated. Men of practical experience are now requisite for organizing work.

Now, my brethren, let us go forth fully equipped for the good work, having confidence in ourselves in the good work we are engaged in; true to each other, we can be false to none.

May success crown our united efforts, and peace, harmony and prosperity be with you in your individual courts.

Brethren, the work is largely in your hands. Let no difference of race, language or creed affect your fraternal spirit in our great Order. With FORWARD, MARCH! as our watchword, let us push onward till every corner of our fair province shall feel the fraternal influence of our great and noble Order.

To renew and encourage the enthusiasm displayed in prize competitions, the following prizes are offered to all courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Quebec.

Commencing on the first day of January, 1898, and ending on the 28th day of February, 1898, to wit:

LIST OF PRIZES.

First prize to the members having initiated into his own court 55 candidates, \$60.00; 2nd prize, 50 candidates, \$55.00; 3rd prize, 45 candidates, \$50.00; 4th prize, 40 candidates, \$45.00; 5th prize, 35 candidates, \$40.00; 6th prize, 30 candidates, \$35.00; 7th prize, 25 candidates, \$30.00; 8th prize, 20 candidates, \$25.00; 9th prize, 15 candidates, \$20.00; 10th prize, 10 candidates, \$13.00; 11th prize, 8 candidates, \$10.00; 12th prize, 5 candidates, \$6.00; 13th prize, 4 candidates, \$5.00; 14th prize, 3 candidates, \$4.00; 15th prize, 2 candidates, 1 pair gold sleeve links; 16th prize, 1 candidate, 1 gold Forester pin.

RULES.

1st. The competition shall commence on the first day of January, 1898, and end on the 28th day of February, 1898, both days inclusive, and no member shall receive more than one prize.

2nd. The candidates must be accepted by the Medical Board and be initiated as beneficiary members.

3rd. Charter applicants shall not count.

4th. All members competing for prizes will write to the High Secretary for form No. 50, which must be filed with the High Secretary within 30 days after close of the prize competition or the claim shall *ipso facto* be forfeited, as the committee to award the prizes will only meet once.

Trusting that every Forester will do his duty.

Yours in the bonds of L. B. & C.,

PETER STRATHEARN,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest: JOHN W. STOCKS,
High Secretary.

This jurisdiction still holds second place, and means to continue doing so.

The total applications for October were below the average. November and December will compensate for this.

Now that our French-speaking members are receiving the official organ in their own language, they will know more of the merits of the Order, and will accordingly do still better work for its advancement.

Court Valleyfield, No. 523.—This court is agreeing on a date. A livelier town you never struck: Loyal Foresters, a prosperous court, and composed of good men. We fear not but the entertainment will be on a grand scale. This is the news we like to hear. You can rest assured you will have all the assistance we can give you. Your court is worthy of it.

Monday, 25th Oct., Bro. Johnson, G.D.H.C.R., made an official visit to Court St. Francis, No. 1009. This baby court, organized since May last, has already doubled its membership. If we can judge of the good will and enthusiasm of the members in general by that of the Deputy and the Chief Ranger, this court is destined to occupy the first place in the ranks. The meetings will be held in the hall on Cadieux St., No. 537, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Let them be well attended.

No court should permit suspended members to fool them. We learn that suspended members continue to visit courts, and officers are foolish enough to vouch for them. Every Forester should know the password; if he does not, due caution should be used before being admitted. When you have a good officer keep your eye on him. Always remember you are a great insurance organization; business every time.

Court Cherrier, No. 1551, is one of our large and prosperous courts in Montreal west. Our H. Treas. paid them a visit to straighten out some little difficulties. He was loyally received and spent a most pleasant evening. It encourages them to have a visit from High Court officers. They have now started in for the prize competition. If such is the case, we will, no doubt, hear of good work being done by this court. Physician Poupart is a hustler when he gets agoing. Now, Cherrier, keep your end up.

The High Chief Ranger of Quebec made his first official visit to Court St. Paul Wednesday evening, Oct. 13th. He was accompanied by Bro. P. E. Beauchamp, G.D.H.C.R. Among the guests were a few brothers from Court Balmoral. The High Chief addressed a few words and congratulated Court St. Paul on its progress since its organization, and announced that the official organ of the Order will, in future, be published in French as well as in English. After a few remarks from Bro. Beauchamp, the Chief of the court, the members were invited to drink to the health of the new High Chief.

Court Island Brook, No. 695.—This court opened the season with a grand entertainment, the Town Hall being crowded. The programme was composed of the best of talent. On the platform were Bros. Moore, Brown and Stevenson, General-Deputy Gilkerson, from Sherbrooke, being the speaker of the evening. Bro. French, an enthusiastic Forester, entertained the brethren to a well spread table, and we can rest assured the outlook for the prosperity of this court is encouraging. Good officers and good members are willing to do their little part. Success is assured. Come. Now give us your date ahead. It is the duty of all courts to have a Town Hall entertainment. The High Court Executive will help.

The working editor asks, what is the matter with Quebec? We can assure him Quebec is all right. Difficulties? Why, yes, of course, we have difficulties; that is nothing; our success has been in overcoming the difficulties. Grumblers! Yes, of course, we have them. Honestly speaking, they are to be found in Ontario; but how we, in Quebec, do humor them! And they are now getting right down to work. You know we have got a Peter, or Saint Pierre, who in past years has done some service in Forestry; and what with our English FORESTER and our French FORESTER, it is our full intention to have even the working editor hustle, for we have an eye on him. That promised visit has never matured; but the time will come some day when we hope to have his presence amongst us. Our French brethren speak highly of him—those who had the pleasure of meeting him in Toronto.

Court Fulham, No. 921, held a large meeting on the 20th of Oct. last. Bro. P. Strathearn, H.C.R., visited us and greatly encouraged us by his good advice. He was accompanied by Bro. P. N. Breton G.D.S.C.R. The Chief of the court being absent,

Bro. Xavier Pepin presided. After an address of welcome to our distinguished visitors, the Chief *pro tem.* introduced Bro. Peter Strathearn, High Chief Ranger of the Province of Quebec, to the members. In a magnificent speech the H.C.R. congratulated the members on their success in the last competition and encouraged them to continue in future; then he gave Bro. Joseph Paquette the commission of D.D.H.C.R.

The Chief of the court, Geo. S. Warren, being absent, Bro. P. N. Breton ordered Bro. Xavier Pepin to give him the commission and badge of G.D. H.C.R. Bro. Xavier Pepin then thanked the High Chief for the appointments and assured him that the members would continue to work for the advancement of the court and the Order. The court adjourned after spending a very pleasant evening, which will not be forgotten for a long time.

Court Balmoral, No. 269.—The tenth anniversary festivities of Court Balmoral, No. 269, were held in the Monument National, November 2nd, and the result was one of the best socials that has ever been held in Montreal. Unfortunately Bro. P. Strathearn, H.C.R. of the Province, and who is also Court Deputy of Court Balmoral, was absent on account of sickness, and therefore could not take the chair, as was intended, but a very good substitute was forthcoming in the person of Bro. J. J. Connolly. After a few remarks by the chairman the programme was commenced. Mr. E. Brennan was the accompanist, and he did his part to perfection. The talent was generally of a high order. All their numbers, without exception, were rendered in a most artistic manner. Perhaps in no court in the Province of Quebec, or even elsewhere for the matter of that, has a better finished programme been placed before the public. Never was a greater enthusiasm displayed at any of our meetings than on that festive occasion, and the one regret expressed by one and all was that our popular H.C.R., P. Strathearn, was unavoidably absent.

A very nice lunch, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, followed the programme, and was thoroughly partaken of and heartily enjoyed by all, and Bro. Monarque, who was the caterer, and has been the caterer at most of our banquets, outdid himself on this occasion, and well earned the encomiums lavished upon him.

After the usual intermission followed the programme of marches, quadrilles, waltzes, polkas, etc.

Well has Court Balmoral kept up its prestige as the largest banner English-speaking court. The city is now ringing with its praises, and it will be no surprise to us if the court has an increase of some 40 or 50 members as a consequence of its recent red-letter day.

New Brunswick

For the month of October New Brunswick gave its fair quota of applications, the total being 75. This is more than the average among High Court jurisdictions.

The accomplished High Chief Ranger of this jurisdiction, his Honor Judge Wedderburn, paid our sanctum a visit in November. He was attending a meeting of the Supreme Executive. He reports steadily and substantial progress in his jurisdiction.

The members of Court Bethel held their first supper on the 26th Oct. It was a complete success. About 42 persons sat at the table and enjoyed the good things. Toast, speech and song

followed the supper. Every one went home delighted.

A court of the Order was instituted in the Temperance Hall, Maugerville, on Friday, 22nd Oct., by Inspector Wm. Kinghorn and High Secretary F. W. Emmerson, with seventeen charter members. H. F. de Veber was chosen C. D. H. C. R., and A. R. Miles is Chief Ranger. Dr. B. M. Mullin is Court Physician. The new court will be designated as Court Maugerville.

William McConnell, of Hillsborough, Albert County, died during the last week of October, aged 30. He was a most estimable young man and enthusiastic Forester, having long been a working member of Court Hillsborough, and representative to the High Court. Court Hillsborough in large numbers and in regalia, and a general concourse of the people of the town, testified their sympathy for the bereaved wife and friends by attending the funeral.

The Hon. Henry R. Emmerson (brother of the High Secretary of New Brunswick) has now become leader of the Government, and the Hon. Albert S. White, Attorney-General. They are not only prominent in political circles, but have been for some time past worthy and influential Foresters. The Premier was in attendance at the recent Session of High Court. The Attorney-General was chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and, like his colleague in the Government, is an eloquent speaker and able lawyer. We heartily congratulate our distinguished brethren.

The social of Court Kingston was held in Kingston hall recently. Rev. H. S. Wainwright gave the opening address upon the benefits of the Order. Next in order was a solo by Miss Mastin. Mr. Chapman, High Counsellor of N.B., gave a very appropriate address upon Forestry. Miss Wainwright next entertained the audience with a solo. Mr. Wm. Pitt was then called on, and responded with a short address. The entertainment closed with a solo from Miss Mabel Hennessy. Court Kingston was very much disappointed at the absence of the Hon. Judge Wedderburn, High Chief Ranger, and Mr. Coleman, Past High Chief Ranger, who had consented to be present, but were prevented on account of pressing business. After the entertainment, refreshments, which the ladies of Kingston had very kindly provided, were served.

On Saturday night, 23rd Oct., the members of Court Washademoak, No. 1394, Independent Order of Foresters, at Cody's, Queen's County, met at their hall, and proceeded in a body to the residence of Dr. A. F. Armstrong. After being comfortably seated, Mr. Thomas H. Hetherington was asked to take the chair, and having made a very appropriate and witty speech, called upon Bro. W. J. Southern to read an address and present Bro. A. F. Armstrong, M.D., with a ring, bearing the letters I.O.F., as a small token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the court, he having been Financial Secretary for a long period, and also on account of his being about to leave the district. Dr. Armstrong responded in a very feeling way, and expressed his deep gratitude for the kindness shown to him by his brother Foresters. After the presentation the ladies and members adjourned to the dining-room, where a very substantial supper had been provided by the doctor's amiable wife.

Prince Edward Island.

Bro. James E. Birch, Esq., M.P.P., Alberton,
Prince Edward Island.

In Prince Edward Island, as in every place where the I.O.F. is carrying on its work, it numbers among its members many of the prominent business, professional and public men of the community.

Bro. James E. Birch, M.P.P., whose portrait we give below, is one of the successful business men of his native province, and a brother Forester that has, ever since he joined the Order, manifested an active and practical interest in its growth and prosperity. The brother is a native of the province, having seen the light at Port Hill, Queen's County, about the middle of the century. The brother is a bachelor, and we do not care to place his nativity too near the early fifties. His education was ob-



BRO. JAMES E. BIRCH, M.P.P.

tained in the public school of the village, and in the business house of the late Hon. James Yeo, where he remained for four years. When the business passed into the hands of the son of his old employer, the Hon. John Yeo, M.P., Mr. Birch remained for three years with him. He was in Charlottetown for some time, whence he removed to Alberton, where he at present resides. There he was for some years in the employ of John T. Weeks. In 1882 he began business for himself, and is now senior member of the enterprising firm of Birch Dyer.

He is a member of the English Church. He is prominent in Temperance work, and has been an active member of the Sons of Temperance since 1870.

He is also a member of the Masonic order. In politics he is an ardent Conservative. In 1893 he contested unsuccessfully the first district of Prince County. Last July he was again a candidate, and

won the seat from Hon. B. Rogers, one of the oldest and strongest politicians in the province.

Bro. Birch has been a member of the Order for eleven years, and was a charter member of the third court organized in the province. He has served his Subordinate Court as F. S. for six years. Of the High Court he has been a member for four years, and High Auditor for two years. He was chiefly instrumental in securing the next meeting of the High Court for Alberton, where he resides. It is expected that the court there will have at least 100 members to greet the High Court next August. Bro. Birch is an effective platform speaker, and his voice is often heard, not only in the interests of the political party, but on behalf of Forestry, Temperance, and every good cause.

Foresters, not only in P. E. I., but everywhere, will wish Bro. Birch the success that his energy, integrity and ability deserve. And if he only took to brighten his solitary life one of the fair daughters for which his native province is noted, we imagine his cup of happiness would be full.

Among the courts that purpose holding anniversary entertainments in the near future are Courts Westmorland, Petral and Dundas.

Just as we go to press, we learn with deep regret of the death of Bro. Geo. McKenzie, the esteemed Court Deputy of Court Avondale, Charlottetown.

"Count on every member of the I.O.F. contributing, and that with pleasure, 10 cents to the cost of the Bronze Statue of 'Our Grand Old Man.'" So writes a brother on whose word we can bank.

Bro. Geo. McKenzie, C.D. of Court Avondale, Charlottetown, has received a very cordial letter from Mrs. Welsh, in which she thanks the Order and the court for the payment to her of \$1,000 mortgage benefit held by her son, the late Bro. P. C. Welsh. The cheque was received eight days after the funeral. She also thanks the court for their sympathy and kindness during the illness, and on the death of her son, and speaks of the I.O.F. as a good business institution as well as a great fraternal society.

Dr. McPhail read a very interesting paper before members of Court Chantauqua, Friday evening, on his trip to Edinburgh, London, and other historic places in Europe. There was a fairly large number present, and complimentary remarks were made at the close of the paper. This flourishing court, the banner court of the island, is making arrangements for a series of papers during the coming winter. Court Cabot is also making a similar move, and no doubt both courts will add to their membership as a result.—Sunnyside Correspondent *Charlottetown Guardian*.

Court Abegweit, No. 1168, Pownal, after its regular meeting adjourned to the house of Bro. Geo. Carver, treasurer of the court, where with their wives, sweethearts and friends they enjoyed an excellent repast, and a couple of hours of speech and song. "Foresters' House" will afford the travelling public a first-class home. Houses of public entertainment can be run in P.E.I. at a profit and with every comfort, without bars and intoxicants. We have tried and know. We wish Bro. Carver many happy and prosperous years as "mine host of Foresters' House."

On the eve of his departure for British Columbia, Mr. Nelson Fairchild, for many years the efficient

Financial Secretary of Court Ferndale, No. 1055, I.O.F., at Georgetown, was waited upon at his residence by a number of the members of the court and presented with an address and a valuable Forester's ring. The address was read by Court Deputy Mr. Geo. Hibbitt, and the presentation made by Mr. W. W. Jenkins. Brother Fairchild replied in feeling terms and thanked the brethren for this proof of their esteem. After partaking of refreshments, kindly provided by Mrs. Fairchild, and enjoying a social hour, the brethren departed for home.

Court M'newawa, No. 215, Bedeque, celebrated the eleventh anniversary on Nov. 15, with a supper for members, their wives and friends. The attendance was large. Representative Foresters from all parts of the Island were present; among them were Bros J. F. Stewart, P.H.C.R., J. M. Clark, P.H.S., T. Moxe, R. Lamont, Court New-London; Rev. David Price, H.C., Rev. W. J. Kirby, P.C.R., L. W. Fowler, H.S., D. J. Thompson, of Court Petral; R. B. Auld, of Court Freetown; D. Lowther, W. Sobey, E. H. Nowat, A. T. Wright, Chas. Baristo, J. Carruthers, N. Pearson, and many others. Speeches and songs followed the supper. An enjoyable evening was spent, and Forestry received a great impetus.

Manitoba.

20 accepted applications for October.

With the good harvest and high price of wheat, there should be a boom in the Prairie Province.

We notice what the editor said about delay in the mailing of FORESTERS to outside jurisdictions. There is yet room for improvement; for, although the paper went to press four days earlier than last month, it was three days later in arriving here, not being received until the 11th of November. [It should have been there a week earlier.—Ed.]

Court Point Douglas, No. 1015, held another of their very enjoyable socials a few nights ago. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The programme, consisting of instrumental and vocal selections and recitations, was admirably rendered. An address on "Forestry," by Thomas Waddell, P.H.C.R. and Organizer, was well given; he was listened to with great attention. As a result, direct and indirect, of this social, 10 names were obtained. This contains a moral to other courts who are wishful to increase their membership. The chair was filled to the satisfaction of all by Jos. Watson, Esq., C.R. of Court North Star, No. 989.

British Columbia.

Fourth highest with accepted applications for October. The number was 133.

Second with new courts; four were instituted in October.

First with average membership for new courts. Forty and three-quarters is an exceptionally fine average.

To Bro. James H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., who instituted three of the courts, and Bro. Geo. F. Johnson, who instituted the fourth, we extend congratulations on their fine work.

The *Storán Pioneer* gives a full and interesting account of a public meeting held in the Presbyterian Church on the evening of Oct. 10th. Bro. Rev.

Mr. Robbins and Rev. Mr. Knowles spoke in appreciative terms of the good work done by the I.O.F., and the faithful way in which it sought to carry out its obligations. Bro. Falconer followed with an interesting review of the history and growth of the Order. Court Slocan is making steady progress.

A movement is on foot to have a court of the Companions of the Forest organized in Slocan city. This will be the first in British Columbia and the Canadian Northwest.

California.

Just as we are ready for the press we receive the printed minutes of the High Court meeting, an interesting pamphlet of 101 pages. From it we give a brief summary of the proceedings.

For October, California, as usual, did good work: 116 applications were accepted.

We hope the prosperity of the past year will be maintained and improved on. California can come up to Supreme Court with 9,000 members, and will.

High Court of California—Eighth Annual Communication at Santa Rosa.

The largest, most representative and most interesting meeting of the High Court of California was opened at Santa Rosa, on the 12th October, by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. G. A. McElfresh.

All the officers were present, and nearly every court was represented.

Shortly after the opening ceremonies the Supreme Chief Ranger was announced and was received with the honors befitting his rank.

The High Chief Ranger named the usual standing committees.

The reports of the High Court officers were presented in printed form, distributed among the officers and taken as read.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

From the report of the High Chief Ranger it appears that the year just closed was the most prosperous in the history of the Order. The membership in the State is now over 7,000, showing a gain of 1,400 during the year, the percentage of increase being 26. The labors of the H.C.R. during the year were abundant: 110 courts had been visited, 96 public addresses given, 8 public installations of officers, 11 courts instituted, and 3 reorganized. In addition to this were the general office duties, that involved a large amount of correspondence and consultation.

Biennial sessions were recommended as a means of reducing expenditure without impairing efficiency. The general prosperity and growth of the whole Order were alluded to in glowing terms. Feeling reference was made to the death of 32 brothers in the State during the year.

The prompt manner in which all benefits were paid by the Executive Council was referred to. A very exhaustive address concluded with an appreciative acknowledgment of the valuable assistance given in the work by the other members of the High Standing Committee.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of Bro. Perry, H.S., dealt with the membership and finances of the Order. The num-

ber of courts is 137, and the membership the first of September, 7,060. Brethren are urged by the High Secretary to be prompt in paying their High Court dues and their accounts for supplies.

HIGH TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the High Treasurer showed:

Balance from last year and receipts amounting to.....	\$10,351.19
Expenditure	7,039.14
Balance	\$ 3,312.05

DIVISION OF HIGH COURT.

The majority of the courts, through their representatives, having declared against a division of the High Court, no action was taken.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee's report recommending that the salary of the H.C.R., \$1,600, that the salaries of other officers remain as they were for the preceding year, and that the usual mileage be allowed members, was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were unanimously re-elected members of the High Standing Committee:

High Chief Ranger, G. A. McElfresh, Los Angeles.
Past High Chief Ranger, Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, Los Angeles.

High Vice-Chief Ranger, Charles S. Peery, San Francisco.

High Secretary, W. H. Perry, Los Angeles.

High Treasurer, H. S. Eberle, Los Angeles.

High Physician, S. S. Bogle, M.D., Monterey.

High Counsellor, O. G. Hopkins, Sacramento.

High Auditors, C. H. Eberle, Downey; F. V. Parker, Los Angeles.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

High Chaplain, S. J. Duckworth, Monterey.

High Journal Secretary, E. A. Beck, Los Angeles.

High Senior Woodward, William Stewart, San Francisco.

High Junior Woodward, E. H. Mecum, Orland.

High Senior Beadle, Levi Garrett, Kingsburg.

High Junior Beadle, E. M. Norris, Napa.

High Marshal, W. R. Rupe, Burbank.

High Conductor, J. H. Dixon, Hollister.

High Messenger, G. E. Lucas, Mayfield.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT.

Bros. J. W. Thayer, M.D., G. A. McElfresh, S. J. Duckworth, C. B. Dickson, B. I. Salmon, W. B. Lardner.

Santa Barbara was chosen as the place of meeting for the High Court in 1898.

A subscription was taken up among the members present to Bro. G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., a P.H.C.R. badge.

Bro. Chas. S. Peery, H.V.C.R., was unanimously recommended to the Executive Council for the Grand Cross of Merit.

THANKS TO THE SUPREME CHIEF.

Bro. S. J. Duckworth introduced a resolution as follows:

Resolved That the High Court of California hereby tenders to Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatka a vote of most grateful thanks for the honor conferred by him upon the Order in California in attending the sessions of the eighth annual High Court.

Resolved, further, That the Supreme Chief Ranger be and is hereby cordially invited by this High Court to renew his visit with the Order in California during the session of the ninth High Court at Santa Barbara in 1898.—Carried unanimously.

The thanks of the High Court were tendered to the courts of Santa Rosa and the citizens for their hospitality, and to the press for full reports of proceedings.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The officers for 1897-98 were duly installed with appropriate ceremonies by Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.

After brief congratulatory addresses by some of the newly-installed officers, the High Court was duly closed.

Illinois.

Third, with 138 accepted applications for October. Michigan second. New York first.

3,875 was the total membership at the 1st October. It will be well on into 4,000 by the 1st January, 1898.

The impetus given the Order in the State by the presence of the Supreme Chief at the High Court at Peoria is making itself manifest.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson and his colleagues are planning a vigorous campaign, which they will doubtless carry on with characteristic energy.

The coming year is expected to be the most prosperous ever enjoyed by the Order in this State. Times are good, and I.O.F. is better known. The more it is known the better it is appreciated.

A new court has been organized during the past month at the cor. 31st and Indiana Ave., by Phil. McDougall, D.S.C.R., with twenty members. It is known as Court Fearless, No. 3710. Many new applications are being received for it. The prospects are that they will have 40 or 50 members by Jan. 1st.

Court Woodlawn, 1621, Chicago, Tuesday, Oct. 26th, entertained their members and friends in a most pleasing manner. Talks on Forestry by Chief Ranger Falconer and W. R. Gillette were both interesting and very instructive. The Weber Quartette furnished the music in their usual and happy style. B. W. Culp, D.D.H.C.R., and several visitors from Courts Chicago, Hercules and Kenwood were present.

Nov. 5, 1897, Bro. C. E. Sharpe, Chief Ranger of Court Lakota, instituted a new court in Chicago, which will soon be one of the leading courts of that great city. Bro. Sharpe remains a member of Court Lakota, and loses none of his interest in that, but seeing an opening for a good court, and being an earnest Forester, took advantage of it. Success to Bro. Sharpe, Court Lakota and the new court (Invincible).

Court Carter H. Harrison, No 3362, has had a great boom since the death of Bro. Kelly, who was killed some time ago while getting off a car on Halstead St. The family, the friends and acquaintances of the deceased were so delighted with the prompt payment of the insurance carried by Bro. Kelly, that they have felt it a duty to reciprocate by trying to induce others to become members. We understand that one man has sent in nearly enough applications to win the grand prize offered by the High Standing Committee.

Honors are crowding thick and fast upon C. H. Gillig, one of the deputies in the office of the county recorder. When the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Foresters held its session in this city, in September last, Mr. Gillig was elected as representative to the Supreme Court, which will convene at Toronto, Canada, in August next. This morning he was agreeably surprised to receive from the High Court a commission, appointing him District Deputy High Chief Ranger for Illinois, of whom there are only two in this State.—*The Evening Star*, Peoria, Nov. 3.

Fort Armstrong Court, No. 3205, Rock Island, initiated seven new members at its meeting on Thursday evening, and wound up with a banquet. An honored guest of the occasion was Mr. George H. Mustard, of Port Huron, Mich., Deputy Supreme Ranger, who has been in Rock Island some little time, and expects to remain until Christmas, on a comprehensive fraternal mission. The Foresters in October had a membership of 119,133, and on the 1st November its surplus, which is held sacredly as a reserve fund, amounted to \$2,458,374, illustrating the strength and solidity of a well-managed fraternal insurance society.—*Rock Island Daily Union*, Nov. 17, 1897.

Court Pride of Illinois, No. 1989, West Pullman, is to be congratulated on the excellence of the team work done by them. On the 15th Nov. a joint meeting was held at that place, to which several neighboring courts were invited. William R. Gillette, High Inspector, and E. Donohue, High Treas., of Illinois branch, were present to speak on the benefits of the Order.

The meeting was called to order at the usual hour, and after roll call the officers vacated their chairs and the initiation team took charge of the work. We have no hesitation in saying that no finer work is done by any court in this city than that done by Court Pride of Illinois.

Court Chicago, No. 3044, is getting to the front, and making the people of Englewood feel that they are most decidedly alive. At their second meeting in Nov. they had an initiation which was done in fine style, more care being taken, perhaps, from the fact that a number of visitors were present from Court Woodlawn, the home court of the High Court. At the close of the initiation, and as soon as the necessary business was transacted, the Court of Companions, which was in session in an adjoining hall, were invited to come into the court room, where an address was given by High Inspector Gillette, followed by remarks from other visiting brothers. Bro. Culp, of Court Chicago, is a thorough-going, enthusiastic Forester, of whom his court is justly proud.

The joint meetings being held in the city of Chicago are being well attended by the members of the invited courts, and a great deal of enthusiasm is manifested. The meeting held at the hall of Court White Rose, in Ravenswood, on Nov. 9th, was a glowing success. The Foresters present seemed to partake of the zeal which filled the speakers on that occasion. After the officers of the High Court had spoken, the members, many of them, expressed their confidence in the Order, and their determination to do all that was possible to increase the membership of their individual courts. The work done by Court White Rose shows them to be careful business men, as everything moves along with the precision of clockwork. At the close of the meeting the visitors, as well as the

members of the court, repaired at once to the banquet hall, where stood a table loaded to its utmost capacity with refreshments most suitable for the occasion. After an hour spent in cheerful conversation and eating, the brothers dispersed, feeling that the meeting had been both enjoyable and profitable.

Maine.

The record for October is one that does credit to the Pine Tree State. 68 accepted applications show better work than what is apparent in some older jurisdictions.

A grand public meeting was held at City Hall, Old Town, on the evening of Nov. 2nd last. Supreme and High Court Officers and members from the surrounding courts were expected, but many were kept away by the severe rainstorm of that day and evening. An interesting meeting was held, however, in spite of the storm without. Remarks were made by the High Court Officers, interspersed with music by an orchestra of five pieces, and recitations and solos. After the conclusion of the programme a social hop was enjoyed by all present. An oyster supper was served during the evening.

A pleasant feature of the occasion was the gracious acknowledgment by Bro. Clarence Scott, H.C.R., of the receipt of a large box of beautiful pinks from the conservatory of Bro. F. H. Moses at Bucksport, through N. S. Harlow at Bangor. The flowers were a gift from Bros. Moses and D. E. Sutherland, C.R. of Court Alamoosook, to be used at the banquet and meeting, and were highly appreciated by all.

Besides being public, the meeting was also held in honor of Court Penobscot, No. 1186, of Old Town, it being the fifth anniversary of this court. Among the High Court Officials present were: Clarence Scott, Esq., H.C.R.; Geo. L. Spaulding, H.T.; T. S. Dickinson, M.D., H.P.; M. A. Johnson, Esq., H.C.

The festivities closed at a late hour, and all pronounced it a most pleasant occasion.

Connecticut.

The following letter is good news from this State. It shows how true the brethren are to the principles of the I.O.F.:

PLYMOUTH, CONN., Oct. 20, 1897.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA.

DEAR SIR,—Knowing that those in high places like to hear good reports from those under them, and, better still, good reports of them, I having a heart full of gratitude for Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, thought it but just to the Order at large, and to them in particular, that I write you a few lines telling of the good deeds and brotherly love they are too modest to speak of, for only to the members of the court are their deeds known.

Nearly a year ago my husband, who is insured in the I.O.F., and is a member of Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, was stricken down first with one disease, then another, and finally fibroid phthisis set in. During all this time he has not been able to earn anything; and as that was all we had to depend on it left us rather dependent on our friends; but Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, though small in number, they have been large in their gifts of brotherly

love, for they have ministered constantly, and to all appearance untiringly, to his wants, and in a large measure to that of his family. No one could do more, and few would do as much. We have repeatedly thanked them, but I felt as though such loyalty to a sick brother was deserving of a little higher notice; for where is the court that would do more? They would seek to screen their acts, but they are but a small court in numbers and so far removed from all other I.O.F. Courts that (I know) their leaders often become discouraged. My husband enjoys the FORESTER, as he would be lonely without its monthly visit now he is "shut in." With best wishes for the prosperity of the Order at large,

I am respectfully yours,

MRS. F. M. ADKINS.

Ohio.

The accepted applications for October were an even eighty.

The brethren all over the State unite in their congratulations to their Past High Chief Ranger on the occasion of his marriage. If good wishes count, and they do, Bro. Clark and his bride will have a long and happy life.

Bro. Jno. A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, addressed a large meeting of Dayton Foresters and their friends on the evening of Nov. 10th. The S. S. is popular in Ohio, and can always count on being greeted with appreciative audience.

A portrait and sketch of Bro. D. E. Rogers, H.C.R. of the jurisdiction, will appear in our next issue. Bro. Rogers has entered on his work with enthusiasm, and bids fair to maintain the pace set by his predecessor in office, Bro. J. D. Clark.

Court Simon Kenton, No. 3471, which was the only court that did not furnish report to the last session of the High Court, and which was subsequently suspended for non-payment of dues, is being revived and placed upon its feet by Bro. Gleason. By the way, Bro. Gleason is doing valuable service for Forestry in Ohio.

Court Ququa, No. 1502, Marion, gave a "stag social" in their hall on Friday evening, Nov. 12th. The High Chief Ranger was present and delivered a characteristic address. A large number of Foresters were present, and the meeting reminded one of an old-time Methodist revival. A new zeal will kindle in Marion as a result of this meeting.

Court Pottawatomie, Tecumseh, was host the other evening, and received with true Forestric hospitality the brethren of Court Adrian. A candidate was initiated in due form; supper, speech and song followed. Bro. Blanchford, P.C.R., welcomed the brethren, and Bro. Knight, C.R. of Court Adrian, responded. There should be more of such visits among courts; they promote good fellowship and stimulate activity.

Court Portage, No. 1872, Woodville, dedicated their beautiful new hall with imposing ceremonies on Friday night, October 29th. The High Chief Ranger, D. E. Rogers, was in charge of the services and delivered an address. With a brass band, a banquet, a splendid literary entertainment and speeches, the evening was made one of marked importance to the work in Woodville. No pains or labor was spared to make this service a success in every respect.

There was never a time in the history of Ohio Forestry that so much work is needed and with such great results promised. May we rise to the occasion and in defiance of a depleted treasury assume individual responsibility for the growth of our Order, than which no grander exists. The executive have and will spend every cent of their income to assist in building up the work, but there will be no receipts until January, and the brethren must take the work upon themselves, and, indeed, it is to the rank and file that we owe our success. But, on the other hand, why should they not work? Where can they find nobler objects for which to labor?

Hamilton.—A large and enthusiastic outpouring of Foresters convened in the Elks Hall on the evening of Nov. 5th, the largest ever held in southern Ohio. The visiting lodges from Cincinnati, Middleton and Oxford were met at the depots by reception committees, and escorted to the hall. In all there were about 350 Foresters present. The initiation of eight candidates was impressively carried out, and the "impression" will ever remain in the minds of the new members. The Order was gratified by the report that fourteen applications were received, and these will be initiated in two weeks.

After the regular session the members were ably addressed by Past High Chief Ranger J. D. Clark, of Dayton, O.; Supreme Deputy M. D. Parkinson, and Bro. Lou J. Beauchamp. Altogether it was one of the most successful and encouraging meetings the Foresters have held in Hamilton.

Washington.

The tide is rising. Thirty-five applications for October. November and December will be still better.

Tacoma and Seattle are rivals in all good things. In both cities the I.O.F. is well established and has a fine field for further extension.

Court Faith, Custer, was visited on the 21st Oct. A number of applications were received, and the H.C.R. left with the assurance that good results would follow his visit.

The court at Leavenworth was visited on Nov. 1st by the High Chief. The brethren there had had their numbers augmented by the perfect number of seven, with more to follow.

Court Emerald, No. 1382, Whatcom, enjoyed a visit from Bro. Forsyth, and the benefit of a thorough drill in the unwritten work. Applications for members will now be in order.

Tacoma courts have sent their contribution not only for the bronze statue of the Chief, but also for the Foresters' cottage in connection with the Muskoka Consumptive Sanatorium. "Do likewise."

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. John A. Forsyth, is "pushing things." He has about completed a tour of the courts in the State. For the future he expects to devote a good deal of time to organizing courts.

Court Key City, No. 637, Port Townsend, was visited by the H.C.R. Oct. 15th; two well attended and interesting meetings were held. Seventeen applications were secured, and the members thoroughly instructed in the unwritten work. The High Chief was cordially thanked by the brethren. The good work will be continued.

Minnesota.

For this month our news from Minnesota is limited.

We report with pleasure 49 accepted applications for October.

The membership the 1st October was 3,227. The brethren will bring it up to 3,500 by the end of the year.

A wave of prosperity has struck the State; things are humming. Our members will see to it that the I.O.F. shares in the general good times.

Court Adelphi, 1505, Minneapolis, is proving itself to be worthy of its name. One brother was financially aided when his wife died. Another brother who needed a trained nurse had one furnished by the court at the cost of \$28. On the 27th Oct. 20 members of another order cast their lot with the I.O.F. and Court Adelphi. Bro. O. Keeffe, P.H.C.R., was chiefly instrumental in securing them. A supper followed the initiation, visiting brethren being present from a number of the courts in the twin cities. Twenty applications were handed in at the close of the evening's proceedings. Well done, Court Adelphi.

Michigan.

Detroit is one of the great Forestric centres of the continent. High Court meets here next February. Now is the time to push things.

For October Michigan comes second with 171 applications, just 75 ahead of Quebec, to which second place was surrendered some months ago. A gain of 75 a month would reverse things ere long.

The beloved wife of Bro. A. A. Weeks died on Sunday, November 7th, of Bright's disease, after an illness of several months. Bro. Weeks' many friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to himself and family.

Court Traverse is bound to have the handsome Chief Ranger sash offered by the High Court for the largest membership on January 1st, 1898. Bro. Himmelein and Court Valley must hustle if they want to stay at the head.

The brethren of West Branch held a successful meeting and social on the evening of October 14th, which was followed by a banquet attended by their families. High Chief Ranger Callaghan was present and responded to a toast.

We have received the September number of the *Michigan Forester*, published at Mayville, Mich. It is a bright, newsy, four-paged paper, and contains several columns of local Forestric news. We will be pleased to see it regularly.

Michigan has taken a long step forward and the gap between it and Quebec is less. What will January bring? High Chief Callaghan expects to be ahead; but then High Chief Strathearn means to keep ahead. We suggest they run an even race.

Second place for Michigan, January 1st. Remember the date; *rain or shine*. H.C.R. Callaghan has just issued the statue circular, the jurisdiction will do its share towards it. From all over the State comes the word, "Michigan must be at the top."

Bro. Sparling, D.D.H.C.R. for Detroit, reports that the I.O.F. is having a big boom in that city,

and if hard and persistent work will do it, Bro. Sparling will soon have fifteen hundred members in the city. He is being ably assisted by Bro. Gardner, D.S.C.R.

One of the features of the great carnival of fun at Grand Rapids was the Fraternal parade, and the I.O.F. made a grand showing. Bro. Stotler and his committee did their work well, and the demonstration will help the Order in the Second City. We expect them to have one thousand members by the next High Court meeting.

New York.

Make the effort of your lives in getting in members during the month of December, that we may head the list of High Courts in accepted risks, as usual.

Bro. McGuire, of Court Fire Brigade, was recently re-elected Mayor of the city of Syracuse, and is a credit to himself and to the Order. We trust his administration will be a prosperous one.

The contribution of the "founder," Col. A. B. Caldwell, to the Statue Fund, is unique—10 cents for each year of the Supreme Chief's life—we won't say what the exact amount is. New York will give its quota.

The brethren at Niagara Falls are already making preparations to entertain the next High Court session, when the delegates will have an opportunity of witnessing one of the world's famous pieces of scenery, unexcelled anywhere.

At the recent election in New York city, Bro. Augustus W. Peters, of Court Mecca, was elected president of the borough of Manhattan on the Tammany ticket. He was the first P.C.R. of Court Mecca, and one of the most popular of the New York city Foresters.

All matters of interest pertaining to all bodies of the Order of Independent Foresters in the State of New York desiring the same mentioned in the monthly FORESTER should send same to High Secretary C. R. Fitzgerald on or before the 10th of each month.

The Rev. Bro. B. G. Blaisdell, District Deputy for Jefferson County, who was prostrated through illness at High Court session, has been slowly recovering and is able to be about. He has instituted a new court at Ogdensburg, named after the famous artist, Rosa "Bonheur."

The Hon. E. W. Dinkelspiel is about completing a contract with a well-known theatrical management in New York City for the lease of his lot, 116 feet on the boulevard and 164 feet on Sixty-fifth street, for a consideration of ten thousand dollars per annum, upon which the management is to erect a theatre.

Court Mexico, one of the baby courts, and to which the High Chaplain, the Rev. N. Wayne Wolcott, belongs, added five new members at their last meeting. We feel quite confident that the eloquent and popular High Chaplain will be the means of Court Mexico becoming one of the best courts in the State.

Court Oswego is to be congratulated upon its new quarters, which are said to be the finest in Oswego. The furnishings are complete, and the expense necessary for the good effects produced was considered justifiable. Ample accommodations are

found in the four rooms used, and Court Teutonia will meet in the same quarters.

The courts in Syracuse are said to be doing excellent work, and will make a good showing during Nov. and Dec. Col. Caldwell has instituted a new court at the "Colvin Tract," Syracuse, and has another under way which he announces will be a Christmas present to the Order. Where is the young man who is doing as good work as the "Founder"?

The "degree staff" of Court Genesee, with P. H. C. R. Wm. F. Morthorst as their "Chief," recently had their photograph taken in a group and presented to H. C. R. Chas. A. Kendall and C. R. Fitzgerald, High Secretary. The work of art was produced at the photographic parlors of Bro. Morthorst, and is one to be especially prized. Each face a perfect likeness, and each a friend. They will be framed and kept as a souvenir. Many thanks, boys.

The brethren feel good here to think that the High Court of New York carried off the "blue ribbon" prize for the tenth time. High Secretary C. R. Fitzgerald and his energetic cohorts are responsible for the great honor, won from 36 High Court jurisdictions. The enthusiasm at the last High Court session which greeted Bro. Fitzgerald's nomination for the eighth time was unrivalled; and Charlie "smole a pensive smile."—*Syracuse Times*.

As the first meeting night in December is the annual election of officers in each of the courts, it is to be hoped that diligent efforts will be made in electing good Financial Secretaries and Chief Rangers, who, of all the officers, are the mainstays of every court. We hope that Secretaries will be prompt in not only the regular monthly remittances, but the semi-annual High Court dues to the High Court, and the per capita tax to the Supreme Court.

Court Fire Brigade, of Syracuse, gave an oyster supper at the "Chemical" parlors, presided over by the superintendent of the fire department, Bro. Quigley, assisted by ex-Fire Commissioner Russell as toast-master, and by caterer Bro. Stearns, affectionately called the "quartermaster-general." It was lucky there was no fire alarm, and all appeared to enjoy themselves, especially the popular "chief," who commands the respect of the "boys," as well as the good citizens of Syracuse.

Court Confident, No. 3654, Buffalo, was instituted on Friday evening, September 3rd, by two of our leading brother Foresters of Buffalo, Chas. A. Kendall, P. H. C. R. of New York, and Bro. Geo. P. Martin, District Deputy of Erie County, with a membership of 25 good men and true, who will work earnestly for the best interests of the Order. This court, being only a little over a month old, had added to its applications for membership, which are now pending, the fine total of 10.

Court Empire City is gradually increasing its membership, and with the stimulus of District Deputy Ochs, as its most popular member, we anticipate this court will become the banner court of New York city, as it is the Pioneer Court, having been organized and instituted by District Deputy B. C. Graves, of Westchester County, in 1894, as the first court of the Order organized in New York city since the organization of the original Court Robin Hood, under the old regime of the Order, over twenty years ago.

The Foresters of Syracuse, more particularly of Court Fire Brigade, have taken a great interest in

the promotion of Bro. John P. Quigley as Superintendent of the Fire Department of that city, and are now proud of their "Chief." In Forestry he is the C.D.H.C.R. of his court, deservedly popular, courteous and affable. We are pleased also to congratulate him on his accession to so prominent a position, and also to be able to announce that Bro. Thomas F. Ryan, also of Court "Fire Brigade," has been promoted to "first assistant," who will be a splendid accession to the valiant Superintendent.

Court Electric City, of Schenectady, initiated ten members during October, and expect to do still better work in November and December. The popular Court Deputy, Bro. Samuel Barlow, has been promoted to the honorable position he so well deserves, of District Deputy of Schenectady County. There is no more enthusiastic brother in the Order than the deserving new District Deputy, through whose efforts a court of Lady Companions and an Encampment of Royal Foresters were formed in Schenectady. Through his efforts and those of his good wife, a bazaar has been started for the purpose of procuring uniforms and equipments for the Encampment, and we will be very much mistaken if success does not crown their efforts.

The rounding up of the session at Malone was made extremely pleasant by the humorous speech of Bro. E. C. Perkinson, of New York city, which could not have produced a more happy effect had it been studiously prepared and delivered as a set article in a programme of an evening's entertainment. He was one of the original members of Court Robin Hood, the first court organized under the regime of Col. A. B. Caldwell, when the Independent Order of Foresters was organized in New York city, and glories in his being alive and able to sound the praises of the good old "Colonel," whom he regards with honor, love and devotion. Bro. Perkinson is one of the famous photographers of New York city, and his gallery is a well known collection of the best art in the metropolis.

Court Brooklyn City gave a complimentary "Smoker" at their court rooms Nov. 11, and the members and their friends pronounced the evening's entertainment one of the best they ever attended. A set programme, consisting of instrumental and vocal music, duets, solos and recitations, was so pleasantly arranged and executed as to merit the plaudits of the large audience. Bro. Dr. Rodhr entertained not only by an interesting recitation on "Life," but made a very favorable impression in explaining the benefits to be derived by a membership in the I.O.F. Refreshments were served during the evening, concluding with funny stories and a good old-fashioned smoke. It is expected that several new members will be the result of the entertainment.

New Jersey.

New Jersey can always be counted on to do a fair share of work. For October the accepted applications were 58.

One of the most interesting events in Forestry for some time was the anniversary celebration of Court Elizabeth, No. 1, the pioneer court of our great Order. We depart from our usual custom and give considerable space to an account of the proceedings. We are indebted to the Elizabeth *Daily Journal* for an admirable report of the way in which the twentieth anniversary was commemo-

rated. The celebration took place Nov. 9th in the Lyceum Theatre, taking the form of an entertainment that was enjoyed greatly, not only by the members but their many friends who had been invited as guests.

Court Elizabeth is the oldest in the present Order of the I.O.F., having been the only court in the United States to join with the Canadian seceders from the old Order when the present organization was formed in 1881. Originally Court Elizabeth was instituted on August 24, 1877, in the Mary Warren Baptist Mission-house on Third Street, now Hough Chapel. That evening forty-three men gathered and were instituted as the court by Col. A. B. Caldwell, who is known as the father of the original Order. The court was then known as No. 3, but assumed the No. 1 when the re-organization took place four years later. Joseph D. Bennett was the first Chief Ranger, and is now acting as treasurer of the court.

The court grew rapidly in numbers and now stands among the foremost ranks in membership. The original 43 has grown to 302, and more are joining every session. Of the original charter members 18 still hold active membership and are familiarly known as the "old guard." They were all present at the anniversary, several taking very active participation in making the event a great success. Their names are as follows:

The Old Guard—Jos. D. Bennett, Rev. Thomas Heywood, Theron B. Clark, Henry F. Robinson, Robt. A. Mulford, Jas. Dabb, Peter Mitchell, Willett T. Bingham, Wm. A. Van Voorhis, Moses Baiz, M. L. Cooper, Conover S. Harris, John Collyer, H. W. Dederick, Wm. Trewin, Samuel P. Thornton, John Mitchell, Jas. Colvell.

During its twenty years of existence Court Elizabeth has disbursed in cash benefits over \$13,000, for one of its principles and objects is to aid sick and distressed brothers, and besides this has a cash balance in the treasury of \$2,200. It is because of these and many other accomplishments that the members are so justly proud of their court, and why they were so happy in the anniversary celebration.

The Lyceum was crowded with Foresters, their wives, sweethearts and friends, who were gathered to celebrate with Court Elizabeth's members the anniversary. All were happy, and brotherly spirit pervaded the very atmosphere.

In the boxes, among others, were Mayor Rankin, Senator Voorhees, Drs. Mack and Moorhouse, Chas. E. Reed and Clarence D. Ward, of Rahway, all Foresters.

The guests began to gather early, and some time before the hour arrived for the entertainment to begin the theatre held its quota. There was a hum of voices as the time was passed until the curtain rose. The stage was set with a drawing-room scene, and the arrangement of many palms, artistically placed, gave a charming effect. The audience applauded as the programme began with a piano overture. Forestry is a brotherly Order, and it may not be out of place to note that the piano was from the warerooms of S. T. Morrow, a member of the celebrating court.

The first part of the programme comprised songs, recitations and impersonations, and was brought to a close with an address upon Court Elizabeth and the I.O.F. by Rev. Thomas Heywood, P.H.C.R. of New Jersey.

The address lasted less than half an hour, and proved an entertaining, instructive and pleasure-

giving anniversary speech. Unlike all addresses of this character, it had no dryness, and was thoroughly appreciated by Foresters and those out of the Order.

The second part was equally varied, and proved quite as interesting.

Of course, the members of Court Elizabeth feel that they have more than ever to be proud of, for the entertainment was one of the best given in a long time, and the members who arranged it are being warmly congratulated.

(We wish the grand old court continued prosperity. May the "old guard" witness its jubilee. —Ed.)

High Court of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15th, 1897.

Referring to Circular Letter, dated July 1st, 1897, offering prizes of badges to the court and \$10.00 in cash to the member securing the greatest number of new accepted beneficiary members, it has been decided by the High Standing Committee to extend the time of the competition to December 31st, 1897, inclusive, in order to give full advantage of the extra inducements offered by the Supreme Court for the months of November and December.

Application for the above-named prizes must reach the High Secretary by January 15th, supported by the signature of the C.R. and R.S., and the seal of the court.

Approved:

GEO. W. STRICKLAND, CHAS. W. MINGLE,
H.C.R. H.S.

Court French Creek, No. 3322, is having another boom, and find it necessary to be on the alert to keep up their supply of application blanks.

On Thursday evening, the 11th November, the Supreme Secretary, Bro. Jno A McGillivray, delivered a public address under the auspices of the Courts of Pittsburgh. The "Iron City" is fast becoming a Forestric centre.

The High Councillor writes of Court Mountain City, Altoona, Pa.: "The presence of Bro. Kidney here has had a tendency to 'boom' our court; at the last meeting there were two initiations and ten more applications. We will soon have a hundred members at the rate they are now being proposed."

Court Quaker, No. 1980, held a very enjoyable meeting on Nov. 16th, to which a number of the other courts and their friends outside the Order were invited. This was one of the most successful and interesting meetings held in Philadelphia, though the attendance was not as large as expected, probably due to rain, yet it was a thoroughly representative one. There were present, in addition to the members of Court Quaker City and their friends, brothers from each of the following courts: Carnival, No. 376, Montreal; Trinity, No. 1806, Toronto; French Creek, No. 3322, Franklin, Pa.; Kensington; No. 3301, Philadelphia; Union Traction, No. 3209, Philadelphia; and William Penn, No. 3302, Philadelphia.

In another way, too, the meeting was representative; at least four other fraternal societies were represented by their Supreme Officers, some members of the I.O.F., and others not members. Each had something interesting to say in behalf of fra-

ternal insurance, and all were positive in the expression of their opinions, that the I.O.F. Executive must have been gifted with a wonderful foresight to have planned our system so far in advance of all other societies as to bring about its present splendid success. Numerous stirring and impressive speeches were made, and one and all, members and visitors, will undoubtedly be the better for the meeting. The entertainment was interspersed with music and pathetic and humorous recitations; a light collation was served and plenty of good cigars. All present expressed perfect satisfaction with the meeting, and the members especially went to their homes with the determination to assist each other in making Pennsylvania take the lead in Forestry soon.

Missouri and Kansas Annexed.

More frequent news and more of it would be welcome from this jurisdiction.

Progress if not great is sure. 35 applications were accepted for October. The membership will be over 1,000 before the close of the year.

During carnival week, October 3rd to 10th, the High Court assisted by the Subordinate Courts of the two Kansas cities kept open house, dispensing hospitality and information to all who came their way. Foresters from eleven States and Provinces registered. A large quantity of Forestric literature was distributed. From the seed thus sown it is expected that an abundant harvest will be reaped in the near future.

Bro. R. N. Kennedy reports an awakening of enthusiasm among the members and a more general interest on the part of the citizens generally in the I.O.F.

Indiana.

The Hoosier State is moving on and up.

The membership October 1st was 1,686. Make it 2,000 by January 1st, 1898.

Applications for October were 49, but this is no indication of what the numbers will be for November and December.

Court Anderson, No. 3,110, had 4 initiations at its last regular meeting. The membership is now 70. The work for the balance of the year is cut out. The new year is to begin with an even 100.

On the evening of the 9th November, at their regular meeting, the brethren had a pleasant surprise-party when the members of Court Kith-tee-lee land, Companions of the I.O.F., came with their baskets and invited the brethren to a social hour. That the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one goes without saying. The Companions will add greatly to the social delights of the Order.

Court Huntington, No. 1437, is now coming to the front. H. L. Chadwick, D.S.C.R., W. W. Wilson, H. Secretary, and F. P. Myers, Court Deputy, joined forces recently, and went gunning for new members. The membership now numbers 33, and more in sight.

Bro. H. L. Chadwick, D.S.C.R., is still working in Indiana, and we trust he will remain throughout the year. The courts at Huntington, Wabash, Monticello, Veedersburg, have recently had his valuable services, and the reports from these courts will doubtless show many new members.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool and District.

Rumor says that Court North Meols, No. 207, Southport, intends to have a "smoker" in the near future.

Bro. G. F. Milne, Financial Secretary Court Roby, No. 2137, is around with a happy smile on his face looking for an application form. His candidate hasn't a name yet. He weighs 11 pounds.

Bro. S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R. Central England, has not laid down his armor now that he has added the "Past" to his title. He is the same jovial Forester as ever, always on hand when there is work to be done.

Court Liverpool, No. 2007, feels quite aggrieved that their court was not mentioned in the October FORESTER as being the largest in this jurisdiction. In things Forestric in this district Court Bolton may take the bun, but Court Liverpool claims the banner with 66 members on its roll.

That Independent Forestry is acceptable to the people of the British Isles is made clear at each forward movement that is made here. Success invariably follows the giving of publicity to what the Order is. At Lowestoft, the last new district in which the system of the Order has been openly advocated, cheering progress towards the promotion of a court is noticeable. The district was visited by Bro. Marshall, and Bro. Boddy is for the time being located there.

Court Garston, No. 2122, continues to initiate candidates at every meeting, having nearly doubled their membership in the last few months. At their last regular meeting Dr. Molyneux, the Court Physician, was presented with his certificate of membership, suitably framed, and it now occupies a conspicuous place in his office. Bro. S. Smart, High Messenger, is untiring in his efforts to make Court Garston one of the largest in the district.

Court Camberwell, No. 2047, had several visitors at their monthly meeting on 29th ult., in the persons of Bros. Marshall, S.D.C.R.; Captain Allen, D.S.C.R.; Eagle, C.R., Court Walworth; Swabey, F.S., Court Admiral Benbow. Formal financial business was most carefully attended to, and admission of new members was made, Bro. Marshall giving the obligation and unwritten work. Following the interesting work of the evening a vote of thanks was accorded to the visitors, acknowledging which Bros. Marshall and Allen gave effective little speeches.

Court First Bolton issues a monthly call the *Court Circular*, an eight-paged manuscript periodical that has reached its third issue, and that ought, if merit is appreciated and rewarded, live. Bro. Yose wields a versatile pen. He is editor, artist, composer, publisher, business manager, and everything else for his periodical. We wish him every success, and will work for the *Court Circular* regularly.

Stoke-on-Trent Courts, First North Staffordshire and Copeland, held a joint meeting on 10th ult. Bros. Montford, C.R., of the former, and Fenn, of the latter, acting as C.R. and V.C.R., respectively, at this function. Each court dealt with the details concerning themselves. At the

close an open meeting, enlarged by the presence of friends, was carried to a successful issue. The programme was interesting in that it included pianoforte solo, songs and duet, most excellently rendered by various friends, and speech by Bro. Marshall.

Streatham, the court of this name, numbered 2154, had a monthly meeting of more than usual merit and vivacity. Bro. Slocombe, C.R., presided, and the various departmental officers made faithful performance of their duties. Business over, the meeting was thrown open that friends might enjoy and benefit by the programme provided under heading "good and welfare." Songs, of full quality, were at call, but the major portion of the evening was devoted to discussion of the "fraternal" as distinguished from the "purely business" features of the Order. Bros. Stott and Tydeman, as chief speakers, gave excellent food for thought. Bro. Marshall, present as a visitor, also joined in the discussion.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held in Hatton's cafe, Birkenhead, on October 13, the occasion being the institution of a new court by Bro. A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. G. F. Marter, M.P.P.; S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R., Central England; J. Porter, P.C.R., Court Anfield, No. 2068; S. L. Ferguson, C.R., Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050; C. Bartlett, C.R., Court Roby, No. 2137; R. H. Campbell, Chap., Court Mt. Pleasant, No. 2098; R. H. Leckie, S.W., Court Liverpool, No. 2007; J. D. Grundy, Court Liverpool, No. 2007, and Henry Grey, of Court Mt. Pleasant, No. 2098. Court Birkenhead, as the new court is hailed, starts out with a splendid corps of officers, and we predict for it a large measure of success.

Court Eastbourne, No. 2205, was instituted on the 8th inst. at Eastbourne. The *Gazette* says: "The ceremony was performed by Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.R., Manager of the United Kingdom, assisted by Bro. F. Slocombe, Bro. Captain Allen, Bro. Stott, Bro. Levy, and Bro. C. N. Holmer, D.S.C.R. The officers of the court were then elected as follows: Bro. T. E. V. Kirtlan, Chief Ranger; Bro. J. T. Parsons, P.C.R.; Bro. P. B. Evershed, V.C.R.; Bro. G. J. A. Craze, R. S.; Bro. J. H. Caesar, Financial Secretary; Bro. T. Bainbridge, Treasurer; Bro. Dr. Matthews Browne, Court Physician; Bro. Rev. William Wakeford, Court Chaplain; Bro. E. A. Slocombe, C.D.H.C.R., etc. After the business, which was of a somewhat lengthy but exceedingly interesting character, had concluded, the ladies were admitted, and a very pleasant time was spent, when Mrs. Allen contributed a recitation, and Bro. Stott and Bro. Parsons both sang in excellent style; and altogether the new court had such a "send off" as to ensure a career of great success.

NOTES.

The Order may be said to have passed the experimental stage in the old land.

The British people have shown their characteristic conservative caution in dealing with the I.O.F. After four years' experience they are now satisfied of its ability to carry out its promises. They have seen all claims honorably and promptly paid, while the surplus of the Order has more than doubled.

Applications are coming in faster than ever before; for October the number from England was 67. Certainly not a bad showing for an off month in life insurance business.

IRELAND.

Bro. James Marshall, General Manager, has just paid a visit to Court Portrush, with a view to strengthening the court in that place.

Bro. Allen, of Belfast, and Bro. Gilmour, of Dublin, the two organizers of the Order in Ireland, are both working very hard, and with the prospects of the best results.

We have to mourn the loss in this jurisdiction of two more members by death, Bro. Edward Firth, of Court Carlisle Circus, Belfast, and another esteemed brother who was a member of Court Woodbine, Lurgan.

The family of our late Bro. Doctor Davidson have received with much gratitude the cheque for £400, for which he was insured in our Order. They are greatly pleased with the promptitude with which it was paid.

The Order in Ireland is making steady and substantial progress. This progress is not confined to any one particular part of the Island, as there are two flourishing courts in the city of Cork, the

members of which have just been stimulated by a visit from Bro. James Marshall, General Manager for Great Britain. His visit has been the means of quickening the members to greater Forestric zeal.

Court Lagan Vale, Dromore, which is a strong, substantial court, has just had a lecture from the Reverend James Rentoul on "Counterfeit Coin," which was largely attended. By this means the Foresters have been brought prominently before the people of that town.

SCOTLAND.

From the land of the heather we have received no communications this month.

We learn from official reports that Bro. Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, has completed the institution of the third court since his arrival in Scotland.

For October the number of applications have been 16. We have no doubt the number in the near future per month will be many times that.

SOUVENIR SPOONS.

OPENING OF "TEMPLE."

THE accompanying cut represents the beautiful Souvenir Spoons, manufactured for the Executive Council, commemorating the opening of the "Temple." The Spoons are a fine specimen of the jeweller's art, the crown at the top of the handle being wrought in red and blue enamel; beneath the crown are the letters I.O.F. and the maltese cross in red, white and blue enamel. Partially surrounding the handle is a beautiful wreath in light green enamel. Below the maltese cross are the bow and arrows, with the letters L.B.C. In the bowl of the spoon is a handsome representation of the magnificent "Temple" erected by the Order, underneath being the words "I.O.F. Temple, Toronto."

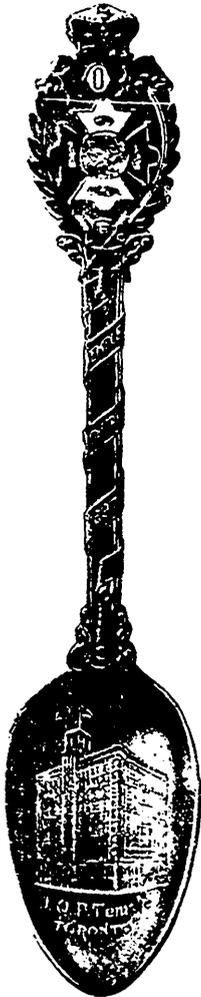
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