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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To receive (1) the Maternity Benefit, (2) the Sickness and Permanent Disability Benefit. Our members of the L.O.F. are requested to pay the usual monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SEVERAL CLASSES.

Age	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10
18	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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Deposit and Dues Fund	\$1,000,000.00
United States Government	\$1,000,000.00
Mortgage	\$1,000,000.00
Real Estate	\$1,000,000.00

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GRONHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R.

Dr. Oronhyatekha.

BY MARY TEMPLE BAYARD (MEG.)

(From the "Canadian Magazine" for June.)

It has been said that the most important movements in the progress of humanity are controlled by some strong personality, and that, in spite of the assertion of philosophical students to the contrary notwithstanding, the effect of the individuality of the leader is of an exaggerated, and that the great changes which society has made would have come in some form at all events, with or without the one whose name has been made great thereby. Nevertheless it is for the most part true, that history is a series of biographies, and that the leader is a factor equally potent with the sentiment which calls him into being.

Of no one can this more truly be said than of Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters. A biographical sketch of Dr. Oronhyatekha could not be written with Forestry left out any more than a history of the Order be given with no mention of Dr. Oronhyatekha, since through his masterly management this organization has been brought up from a membership of a few hundred to many thousand in America alone, with a growth scarcely less phenomenal in England, Scotland and Ireland. All other pursuits have been made subordinate to this, the great object of his endeavors to make the Independent Order of Foresters the largest and best trusted of all fraternal organizations.

To master the first difficulties of such a position, and to win the reputation which his personal ambition naturally coveted, it will be understood, exacted from him great labor, hard study and a will to over ride all discouragements. Of course he had his friends about him in the Order to cheer his hopes and stimulate his efforts to the task; but these friends were also his competitors in his struggles for leadership, men of established renown, reputed for their talents in politics and in the professions; and so it may be regarded as no doubtful praise of the new associate in the fraternity to say that he speedily earned, and has sustained in the estimation of the Order and the public generally, a fair and acknowledged title and place on the same platform socially and—I had almost said politically—which they occupy. But Dr. Oronhyatekha has not permitted himself to have political aspirations, though time and again well-meaning friends have urged him to announce himself a candidate for parliamentary honors, painting in alluring colors the advancement awaiting him along that road. But he has thought best to adhere to the organization whose name has almost become a synonym for his own, and in which he has had all the satisfaction only to be experienced by a man having built up such an Order as that of the I.O.F. For this same reason, Dr. Oronhyatekha has declined flattering editorial offers that have come to him through the recognition of his ready, graphic and forceful pen. Not easy sacrifices these, for the frequent echo of one's name as a gifted speaker or writer, and the agreeable filipp

to personal vanity which is given by the notice of the press magnifying into matter of public importance the conceits of one's brains and rendering his thoughts a commodity in the market is flattery not unrelished by even the most modest, and straightway sets the wits at work again to redouble the echo and its accompaniments.

At the time we first hear of Dr. Oronhyatekha in connection with the I.O.F., he was practicing medicine in London, Ontario, and his professional career was being characterized by a rapid and steady progress upward to the attainment of reputation, influence and independence. But carrying the same energy and enthusiasm into Forestry that he had into the practice of his profession he was soon elected to the office of High Chief Ranger of the province, and in this capacity showed such steadfast devotion to the Order, marked by its regular and continued advancement which it was recognized could only have come by his unremitting watchfulness and toil, that he attracted the attention of the entire Forestry world, and was rewarded by the highest office within the gift of the Order, that of Supreme Chief Ranger.

The increasing demands of the organization under his leadership finally necessitated the abandonment of his profession, which must have seemed a great sacrifice at the time. However, the reward has been great, for to day he has the proud distinction of standing first in fraternal societies of America, with the splendid new home of Forestry, now going up on the corner of Bay and Richmond streets, Toronto, to stand forever a memorial to his zeal and efficiency.

The City of Toronto in particular and the Dominion in general owe Dr. Oronhyatekha a debt of gratitude greater than they know. It is doubtless not generally understood that Canada is not the birthplace of the I.O.F. Like a few other good and useful things it is of Yankee origin. Newark, New Jersey, having been the cradle of the Order. How long it was nursed and rocked in the Union is immaterial, since for so many years it has had its headquarters in Toronto, and been officered chiefly by Canadians. Is it such a common occurrence for Canadians to supplant capable men of the United States in official positions, and to take hold of and build up societies that have been born under the stars and stripes, that no one has thought to question how the I.O.F. came to be transplanted? Has it not occurred that the movements of the Society have been controlled by some unusually strong personality? And do not all fair-minded Canadians see in such a leader of men one to whom they should be proud to "crook the pregnant knee."

Not only is the S.C.R. a born Canadian but also born a full-blooded Indian, and one as loyal to his blood as to his country and to the great Order he represents, which leaves nothing to be added in way of either personal, patriotic or fraternal pride.

The romantic story of his birth, early struggles and varied education is as a twice-told tale already, but one too full of dramatic situations to ever lose in interest. He was born at the Six Nations Reservations near

Brantford, Ont., in 1841, his education was begun at home in an Industrial School, established by "The New England Company" for the training of young Indians. This school was the stepping-stone to Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., where he passed several terms before going to Kenyon College, Ohio, where he remained two years. This course was followed by another at Toronto University, all the while being entirely dependent upon his own resources. But adversity we know, is not unfrequently the most healthful ingredient in the cup of human experience and the best tonic to brace the mind for those encounters in which virtue is proved, renown achieved and success won, developing by patient ordeal and many hard knocks the genuine, but destroying the spurious.

Even as early as Kenyon College days we find in the character of Dr. Oronhyatekha, evidences of that shrewdness, boldness and ability as an organizer, that has marked his entire course. Apropos of these characteristics is a story coming from his college associates to the effect that, finding his limited exchequer nearly depleted at the end of one term and the chances for another consequently at the vanishing point, he organized an Indian show. With one "really" Indian and several of the most raw boned white men he could induce to receive instructions in war dances, songs, and blood-curdling war whoops and be painted and feather-trimmed to suit the requirements of the show, he put in the vacation "starring" through the country, with the result that the next session found the young showman, in the language of the street, with "money to burn."

It was while Oronhyatekha was a student at Kenyon College that the Prince of Wales made his memorable visit to Canada. The Chiefs of the Six Nations deputed him to deliver an address to the son of the "Great Mother," as they called the Queen. The impression the young Indian made upon the Prince and the royal party was so favorable that he was invited to continue his studies at Oxford, England, under the care of Sir Henry Acland, Regius Professor of Medicine, and out of this relation of teacher and pupil, sprung a friendship that will likely last to the end of life.

To Sir Henry Acland, Dr. Oronhyatekha would have us give the lion's share of credit for whatsoever of good or cleverness we find in him to day. His only son, Acland Oronhyatekha, he named for the beloved preceptor, and in every way that a man of wealth and position could, the Doctor has honored the man who directed his studies, stimulated his energies and cheered his life with all the tenderness of a father, when he was a poor Indian boy among a strange people. That the friendship established between these two, teacher and scholar, continues to the present time, the following letter of introduction to the celebrated Doctor Alan Herbert, of Paris, will show :

OXFORD, June 6th, 1891.

MY DEAR ALAN HERBERT:—

May I introduce to you Oronhyatekha, with his wife and daughter. He is a pure Mohawk, whom I

met when in Canada with the Prince of Wales in 1860. He came to Oxford as an undergraduate, upon my invitation, and subsequently became a most excellent physician and surgeon. He has left medicine and is now at the head of a great society of Foresters—a large insurance body in America.

He was attached to us and we to him. Be kind to a rare fellow-man.

Very affectionately,

H. W. ACLAND.

Oxford days over, Dr. Oronhyatekha, like the man in the Bible, "married him a wife," selecting her from among his own race. Mrs. Oronhyatekha has the distinction among her people of having been well born, since she is the great-grand daughter of Captain Joseph Brant, the celebrated Head Chief of the Mohawks of Revolutionary War fame. She is an educated woman, full of an almost girlish enthusiasm in all she undertakes, and she undertakes much. In her, the Doctor has found a ready sympathizer and capable help-mate. To them has been born several children, only two having lived to manhood and womanhood.

Acland, the son, seems following in the footsteps of his father professionally, having been graduated a physician, but given up the practice to look after the interests of Forestry in England. In the selection of a wife, however, he departed from parental example, having married an English woman, thereby introducing the first white blood into the family.

Miss Oronhyatekha, christened by the musical name of Karawinel, with the pretty interpretation of "moving sun," is a young lady who seems to have made the most of her advantages for education and travel, and would do credit to any parents. She is intellectually active and progressive, is a musician, a superb horsewoman and one who can row and shoot like the proverbial woman of her race.

Notable men are often studied to best advantage in their own homes and among their own people. It has been the privilege of the writer to "study" Dr. Oronhyatekha in each of his several homes, for in the matter of residence the Doctor has provided for his family after the fashion set by royalty. In the zenith of his fame he has not lost sight of his obligations to those who watched his first steps and protected his earliest infancy; therefore the home nearest his heart is that one called "The Pines," situated in the midst of his people on the Mohawk Reservation, six miles across the plains from Deseronto, Ontario. Another favorite residence is the newer home on an island in the Bay of Quinte, at Deseronto, which has been suggestively named "The Wigwam," it stands upon stercid ground, having been in the possession of Mrs. Oronhyatekha's ancestors and by them known as "Captain John's Island." This island is a veritable gem in the midst of the waters of the far-famed Bay of Quinte, and was purchased by Dr. Oronhyatekha, and placed on earth in which to loaf and invite one's soul, this island home is the place pre-eminent.

But the demands of the Order on his time makes all loafing on the part of "the chief"

entirely out of the question and barely leaves time to "invite the soul," or for the pleasure of the family circle. The City of Toronto claims him for her own, and upon her streets his picturesque figure daily attracts attention. Among any number of men of distinguished appearance he would claim first and last notice, and not by reason of his color alone, but by his splendid dignity, uncommon repose and general polish, outward evidence of the inner man. Those who know him best do not need to be reminded how distinctively his face and figure suggest his Indian blood. The massive and bold outline of his countenance, the keen eye that can either warm the heart of a friend or wither an enemy; the expressive nose, ample chin, the height, rather above six feet; the shoulders broad as those of Robin Hood; capacious chest and general fullness of development all equally characteristic of his race. His countenance eminently suggestive of "muttering thunder" in repose is full of sunshine in animation; the ever changing expression of his lips at one moment sobered with thought and in the next radiant with a rich lurking humor which comes straight from the heart provokes a laugh before a word has been spoken. These are the traits of character that enliven whatever might be supposed to be saturnine in the merely national cast of his countenance.

Dr. Oronhyatekha has a definite personality, one that awakens immediate interest and exerts an instant charm. He is a man who will win the admiration of the generation which succeeds him as it has those who have had the honor to be his contemporaries. Those who look for the outward evidences of a masterful man in Dr. Oronhyatekha are not disappointed. He might be mistaken for a statesman on duty, but not for a country storekeeper off for a holiday. His is a composite character. The first element in his composition is will, and the words should be written in italics; the second infinite patience and genius for details; the third is a great power to compromise differences in the Order; the fourth is to keep his word; and the fifth to keep silent.

It is paradoxically true of him that he is both stubborn and pliable. Once satisfied he is right he goes ahead promptly. His methods are practical. He believes in money, influence and activity without noise. He rules with an iron or a velvet hand as the case requires. He studies the tendency of public thought as earnestly as does a statesman and contrives to turn up always at the front and leading in the popular direction. As a leader he practices the policy of conciliating his enemies if he can, but whipping them if he must. If smitten upon one cheek he does not turn the other exactly but will watch for a favorable opportunity to show the aggressor, in a plausible and friendly way, that he was in the wrong.

At the head of a large organization his life has been in great part, life in the noon-day,—in the presence of sharp-sighted critics. Public life has always two sides, one acting sentinel upon the other and a blunder or a slovenly neglect of the matter in hand, never escapes without comment. Dulness is de-

ficiency and is sure to be stamped or patented with such sufficient publication as to go forever unquestioned upon its settled and intrinsic demerits. But there has been no such short-coming or inefficiency charged up to Dr. Oronhyatekha. Through professional jealousy, leaders of rival organizations have turned the search light of investigation on both the I.O.F. and the personal character of the S.C.R., but both have stood the test.

Much of Dr. Oronhyatekha's wonderful success as an organizer is doubtless due to his talent as a public speaker, which talent so well qualifies him to contest for first honors in the several societies with which he has become identified. He has been an active worker in the temperance cause, ever since old enough to realize right from wrong. For 39 years he has been a member of that body known as Good Templars. At a session of the Supreme Lodge held in Edinburgh, Scotland, a few years ago, he was elected to the highest office belonging to the organization—that of Supreme Templar.

In Masonry, Dr. Oronhyatekha has received the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter; Knight Templar, 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite, and that of the Mystic Shrine, and is also Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Dominion of Royal and Oriental Masonry.

An English periodical speaks of him in debate as being "calm, courteous, imperturbable, clear and decisive. His weapon is as smooth and incisive as a Damascus scimitar; his dexterity in wielding it, and his quickness in watching the fence of an opponent, are extraordinary and admirable. As a presiding officer he shows even to better advantage, maintaining and expediting business without apparent effort; keeping discussion within legitimate bounds, and extricating it out of tangles by his tact and intimate knowledge of the law and rules of debate." An orator he may not be in the strict sense of the word, having none of that eloquence which struts around the heart without entering it, but he is forceful, poignant, witty and scholarly. For be it known hereafter by all who have thought the Doctor's knowledge begins and ends with Forestry, that he is an omniverous reader. His own room, whether in Toronto, at "The Pines," or in the "Wigwam," is that of the student and scholar. His possessions are all impressive tributes to the refinement and good taste which brought them together. His pictures, marbles, bric-a-brac, and books represent extensive travel and a wide knowledge of people, places, and things.

Dr. Oronhyatekha is a man beloved for his executive ability. In his personal relations he is gracious and unassuming. He never turns anyone away with a short answer, save as "no" is a small word. Everyone who calls upon him may see him, unless the exigencies of official duties and obligations, or in conference, make it impossible to spare even a moment, and may talk to him as long as he has anything worth hearing to say. As a rule it is the visitor who does the talking, unless he be one in whom the Chief has confidence, when he will open the doors of his speech and talk most entertainingly.

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FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK THE SCENE OF THE GATHERING.

TEN THOUSAND PRESENT.

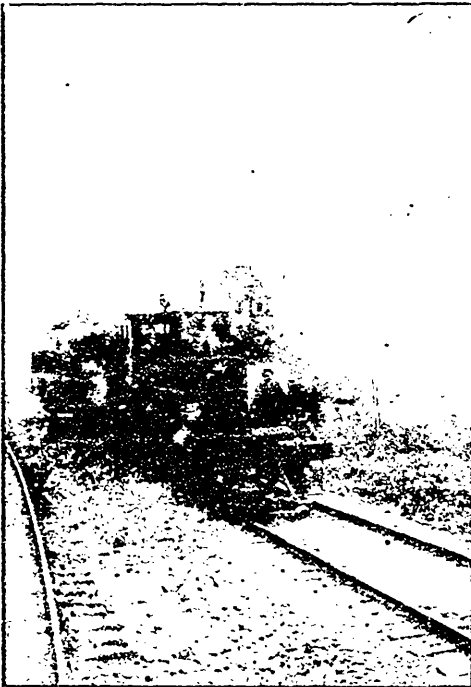
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PRESENTED WITH AN ADDRESS.

Bro. Rev. Alexander Macgillivray Receives the Grand Cross of Merit.

Prosperity of the Order—Many Happy Speeches—Some of the Guests—
Athletic and Aquatic Sports.

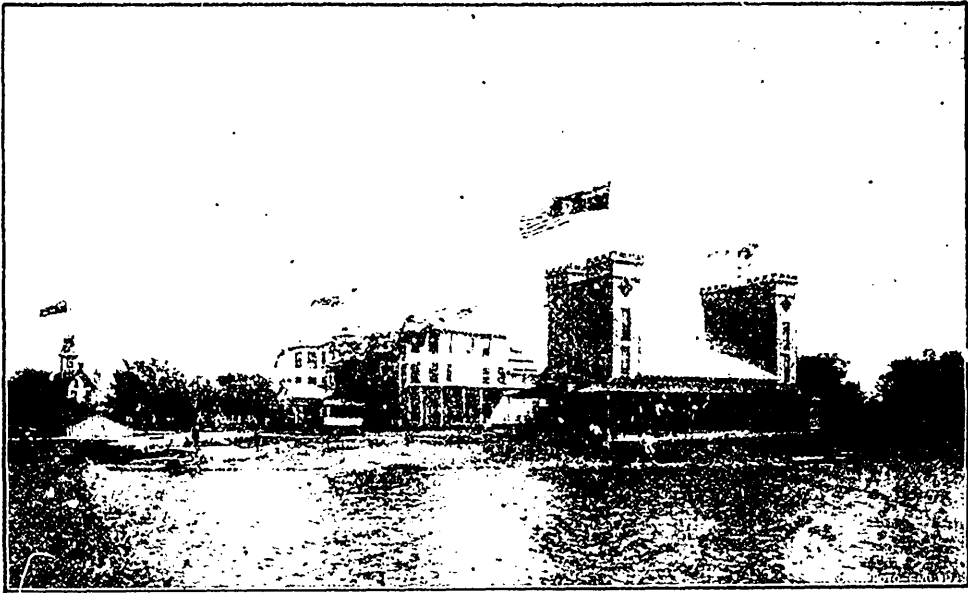
Sunday Service by Rev. Archdeacon Davis, Supreme Chaplain, Rev.
W. J. McCaughan, H. C. R. of Ireland, and Rev. E. Gilfillan.



THE "CHIEF'S" SPECIAL—FORESTERS'
EXCURSION.

(From Daily Globe, June 20th.)

DESERONTO, June 19th.—(Special)—Foresters' Island Park, the beautiful island home of the Oronhyatekhas, the Mecca of Independent Forestry, just two years ago was dedicated to Forestric gatherings. Already it has become highly popular with the Order, and each year sees a larger gathering than the preceding one commemorating the anniversaries of the Order that commands in a singular degree the enthusiasm and affection of the members. Yesterday was an ideal day for an outing. The bright sunshine was tempered by a cool breeze. The island, which has been greatly improved since last year, was looking its best, and the thousands present enjoyed wandering over the green slopes and under the friendly shade of the trees with which the island abounds. Excursion trains and steamers brought thousands from many points east and west. At one time it was estimated that fully ten thousand were on the island. The badge of the Order could be seen everywhere. A large proportion of the company were ladies, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. They were interested spectators at the athletic competitions and attentive listeners to the speeches. The Mohawk band enlivened the proceedings with their lively music. The party was gay with bunting, and the welcome extended by the hosts was all that heart could desire. A special train left Toronto at 12 noon. It was made up of eight coaches, and had on board



THE ISLE HOTEL AND PAVILION, FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

the members of the Supreme Executive, the High Standing Committee of Ontario, the office staff and upwards of four hundred members and friends of the Order. The excursion was under the direction of Bro. George E. Challes, who did his part admirably. The Toronto party reached the park about 4 p.m., and were received with cheers by the thousands on shore. The various games and races on land and on the bay had been in progress during the afternoon, many of them having taken place before the Toronto party arrived. Mr. C. Stone, of Toronto, was chairman and director for this part of the day's proceedings, and his hard work was rewarded with marked success. Everything passed off without a single hitch. The presence of Mr. Edward Hanlan, ex-champion oarsman of the world, doubtless helped to swell the immense throng present. The list of the prize-winners is given in another column. The capacity of the Isle Hotel to cater to the wants of the inner man was taxed to its utmost capacity, from noon till 8 p.m. the spacious dining-room was full of excursionists, who did ample justice to the good things provided. Out on the green velvety sward in the shadow of the maples and elms many private picnic parties enjoyed the beauties of the lovely island, the surrounding scenery, than which there is none finer in Canada, and the genial warmth of the glorious June day.

SOME OF THE GUESTS.

At 7.30 p.m. Rev. R. McNair, H.C.R. of Ontario, mounted the band-stand and called the company to order. A selection from the band brought from many a nook a great audience, that listened with deep attention to a number of brief, bright and apt speeches from Supreme and High Court officers and

other workers of the Order. Among those on the platform and in the audience we noticed the following:—Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto; Mr. Ed. Botterell, P.S.C.R., Ottawa; Hon. D. D. Aitkin, S.V.C.R., Flint, Mich.; Messrs. John A. McGillivray, S.S., Toronto; H. A. Collins, S.T., Toronto; Dr. Thos. Millman, S.P., Toronto; Hon. Judge Wedderburn, S.C., Hampton, N.B.; Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, London, England; Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Belfast, Ireland; Ewing Giffillan, Belfast, Ireland; Conrad B. Bennett, H.C.R., Trenton, N.J.; Rev. R. McNair, H.C.R., Carleton Place; J. Bidwell Mills, Hamilton; A. A. Wellington, P.C.R., Oswego, N.Y.; S. C. Lockwood, Oswego, N.Y.; Dr. M. B. Mallory, H.W., Campbellford; W. M. Drennan, ex-Mayor Kingston; J. S. R. McCann, Kingston; R. S. Dobbs, Kingston; J. Parker Thomas, Belleville; Rev. Canon Carey, Kingston; G. F. Marter, M.P.P., Toronto; Daniel Rose, D.S.C.R., Toronto; Dan. A. Rose, manager INDEPENDENT FORESTER, Toronto; W. S. Milne, H.A., Toronto; A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., Chicago; W. H. Wardrope, H.V.C.R., Hamilton; Dr. J. Baugh, H.P., Hamilton; Wm. Dunlop, Toronto; John Kent, Toronto; Thos. Lawless A.S.C.R., Toronto; G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., Toronto; J. D. Clark, V.S.C.R., Dayton, Ohio; E. S. Cummer, P.H.S., Toronto; A. H. Dickson, Toronto; C. R. Fitzgerald, S.A., Buffalo, N. Y.; E. P. Beatty, Toronto; Theo. A. McGillivray, Whitby; John A. McLaren, Ottawa; C. C. Whale, H.I., Toronto; Rev. A. McGillivray, P.H.C.R., Toronto; L. T. Barclay, P.H.C., Whitby; Jas. Stokes, D.S.C.R., Deseronto; Alex. Henry, Valuator, Napanee; George E. Brown, Toronto; Chas. A. Stone, Toronto; Dr. R. J. Niddrie, H.S., Creemore; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Selby; Geo. H. Challes,

Toronto; Atwell Fleming, H.T., Toronto; Mr. Rutherford, Quebec; Mr. Ross, Montreal; J. H. Aylesworth, Bath; J. Goodwin, Kingston.

THE SPEECHES.

In the course of a brief address Mr. McNair expressed his pleasure at meeting the largest Forestric gathering in his experience. They were commemorating the twenty-second anniversary of the Order and bidding welcome home to its accomplished and beloved head, whose hospitality and that of his estimable wife they had been all day fully enjoying. They had present with them many eloquent speakers—all Foresters were eloquent—and it would be his business to allow his audience to hear as many of them as possible, and to this end he must not speak any longer himself, and he would see that those that followed should not speak too long. He had pleasure in introducing to them the Rev. Wm. J. McCaughan of Belfast, H.C.R. of Ireland.

Mr. McCaughan was received with applause, and gave expression to the pleasure he felt in being on Canadian soil and in joining with them to welcome the man they all delighted to honor, and to celebrate the 22nd birthday of the I.C.F. He bore to them the greetings of thousands of their brethren beyond the Atlantic. The Order was making steady and satisfactory progress in the British Isles, and in the three years of its history there they had secured a larger membership than had been secured during

the first five years of its history after its reorganization in 1881. That fact alone showed the wisdom of the Executive in extending Independent Forestry to Britain. The colleagues of the Supreme Chief had delegated to him an important and pleasant duty, that of reading an address from them to their beloved co-worker, Dr. Oronhyatekha. The address, which was beautifully illuminated and bound in album form, was as follows:—

ADDRESS TO THE CHIEF.

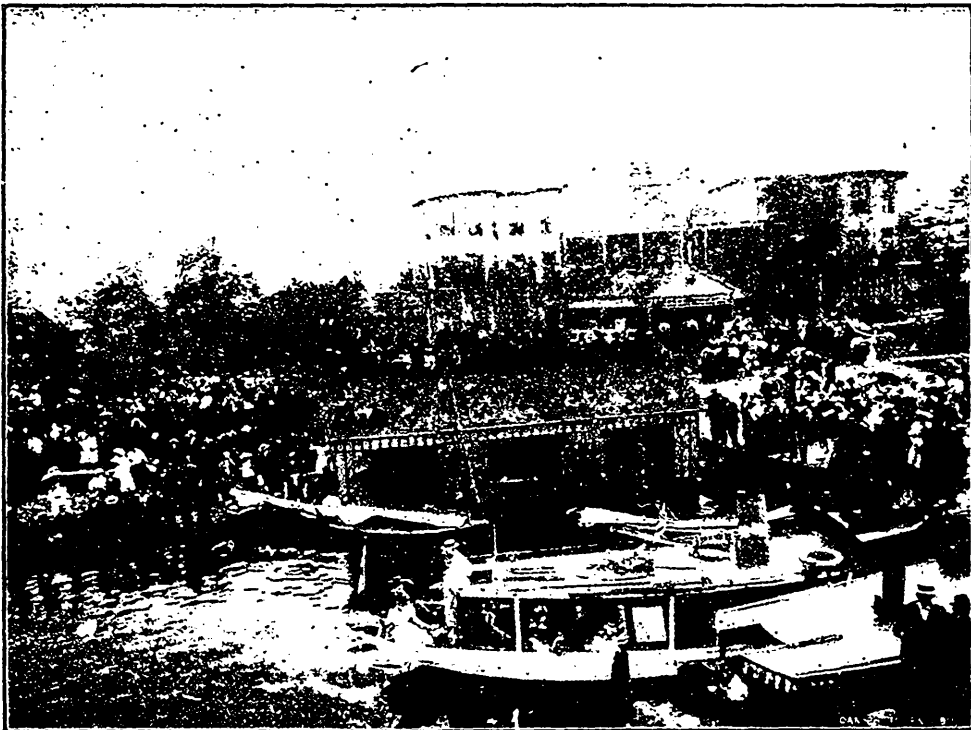
ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., J.P.,
SUPREME CHIEF RANGER,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Your colleagues on the Executive Council join in bidding you a hearty welcome home from your brief but eminently busy and successful trip to the Old World. We rejoice to find you in our midst again in the enjoyment of good health, and giving every evidence of unabated physical and mental vigor.

We congratulate you on being privileged to see the completion of the twenty-second year of the history of our beloved Order, a year that had surpassed all preceding ones in the growth both of the membership and the surplus fund of the Order.

We wish cordially to acknowledge the many signal services you have rendered the Order during the fifteen years you have been its distinguished first officer. With voice and pen you have at all times, and in the face of all opponents and competitors, defended the



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interests and advanced the principles of the Order which you, more than any other, have made great.

Especially at this time do we wish to accord you the meed of praise so justly yours, in promoting, during the last session of the Dominion Parliament, the passage of the bill amending the act incorporating The Supreme Court, by which the Order was further perfected and the interests of the members more fully secured.

We rejoice to be able to assure you that the greatest harmony prevails throughout the 31 High Courts and the 2,500 Subordinate Courts of the Order. The work of extending the benefits of the I.O.F. is being carried on with great enthusiasm and success by a large corps of competent organizers, ably supported by the membership generally, as is evidenced by the surpassing prosperity of the Forestry year now passing.

We note with pleasure the satisfactory progress that is being made with the erection of the Foresters' Temple, so urgently needed for our large and constantly growing staff.

We beg to assure you of the ever increasing affection of the membership of the Order for you personally, of which you have a proof in this magnificent gathering at your beautiful and hospitable island home, commemorating the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of Independent Forestry.

For yourself and your amiable wife we wish many years of continued health, prosperity and happiness. For ourselves we are confident that the future will find the pleasure we have always experienced in being co-workers with you for the Order that we all love, not only maintained, but increased.

(Signed)

J. BOTTEREL,
P.S.C.R.;
D. D. AITKIN,
S.V.C.R.;
JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY,
S.S.;
HARRY A. COLLINS,
S.T.;
T. MILLMAN,
S.P.;
W. W. WEDDERBURN,
S.C.

Foresters' Island Park,
June 19th, 1896.

The address was handed to the Supreme Chief by Judge Wedderburn, S.C., who is affectionately known among the brethren as "the old man eloquent." He briefly mentioned his pleasure at being once again at Foresters' Park. He came bearing the goodwill of the Foresters from the Provinces and islands by the sea. There more than ever before Forestry was prospering. They shared with their friends in the old land and in the new the common attachment to the Chief, with whom it was a pleasure to work, and to whose master mind they were indebted so largely for the phenomenal prosperity of their great Order.

THE CHIEF'S REPLY.

Dr. ORONHIYATEKHA, on advancing to speak, was received with enthusiastic cheers, again and again repeated. It was worth while, he said, going away for a time to receive such a welcome home. It was doubly pleasant when one dwelt not only in his own country and home, but also in the affections of so many friends. He accepted gratefully their beautiful address. He did not claim to be deserving of all the kind things said of him, but he could honestly say that he had striven to merit their esteem. He would prize the address, but he prized even more highly the friendship that prompted it, and the good will that he felt was his. He reciprocated their welcome home by bidding them in the name of his wife and himself, a hearty welcome to Foresters' Island Park. He extended to them the freedom of the island, and he trusted that they would make themselves thoroughly at home and that after they had returned to their occupations they would have pleasant memories of the 22nd anniversary of their beloved Order. He had just returned from a brief but busy visit to the old land. He was accompanied by two prominent brethren from Ireland, the High Chief Ranger, Bro. McCaughan, and the Rev. Bro. Giffilan, the tallest man in the Order. Like Saul among the Israelites, his head and shoulders were above his brethren. He had only one fault. He was yet a bachelor, and he could not come to a better country than Canada to have that defect removed. (Laughter.) His Irish kinsmen, like himself, were men of peace. They never fought unless they got a chance. (Laughter.) Of the Order he did not purpose saying much. They were nearing a membership of 100,000 and the surplus was now over \$1,750,000. They could not say that "the former days were better than these." For the first thirteen years and a half that he was their first officer the surplus had grown to \$1,000,000. For the remaining two years and a half he believed another million would be added. Their enemies had said that years would bring decay; if that were decay they would all gladly take more of it. The present month promised to give the largest addition to the membership of the Order of any month in its history. For three days of the present week the number of applications reviewed by the medical board was 880. When it was remembered that the people of Canada were giving so much time and thought to the political affairs of the nation and that the people of the United States were choosing their candidates for the Presidency, this great growth was all the more remarkable. It was the best possible proof of the soundness of the principles of the I.O.F., the efficiency of its management, the zeal of its workers and members, and the confidence reposed in it by the thoughtful and insuring public. Those that had been in the habit of criticizing the Order adversely had at least seen the futility of their opposition, and now even their enemies were at peace with them. They had present with them many able and eloquent representatives of the Order from several jurisdictions, brethren who had by voice and pen done much to advance their

common interest. He was happy in having an opportunity to acknowledge his indebtedness to these worthy brethren from many States of the Union, the British Empire, and the Provinces of the Dominion. Before sitting down he wished to thank his colleagues for their kind and flattering address and his thousands of friends present for making the 22nd anniversary of the Order, the building up of which he had made his life work, so magnificent a success. (Great Cheers.)

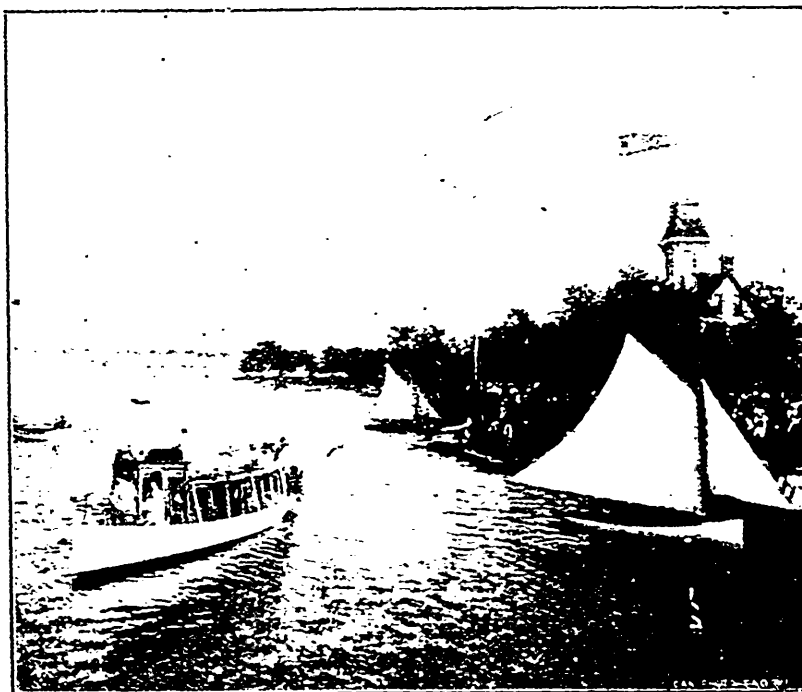
HON. D. D. AITKEN.

The next speaker was the Hon. D. D. Aitken, V.S.C.R., of Flint, Mich. Though a citizen of another country he felt at home with the audience into whose faces he had the pleasure

the months of April and May, and Forestry was only in its infancy in his State.

OTHER SPEECHES.

MR. JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, was the next speaker. He promised at the outset that his remarks would be brief. For some days back he had been speaking from four to five hours daily to the electors of North Ontario, convincing them, or trying to convince them that the National Policy was good and that remedial legislation was bad, and he was prepared to find on June 23rd, that they were convinced that he was the right man to represent them in the Parliament of the nation. They might have heard him credited with being a "wobbler."



VIEW OF FORESTERS' PARK FROM THE BAY.

of looking. He did not know whence they all came, but he judged that not a few of them acknowledged allegiance to the same flag that he called his. He shared with those who had already spoken the pleasure that all felt in participating in the celebration of the day, and the welcome home to their host, whose heart was big enough to give them all a corner in it. He knew of no agency better calculated to promote international amity than the great international Order whose principles were summarized in their motto, "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord." He was proud of the Order and its work in the Wolverine State of Michigan. Twice it had led in the number of monthly applications for membership, even Ontario, the mother High Court, being obliged to take second place for

This much he would say, that he would be very far away and very weary when he would not try to wobble to a demonstration at Foresters' Park, especially when it would afford him the opportunity of honoring the Chief, greeting his brethren of various races, creeds and parties and advancing the Order of which he might say now he was one of the founders.

BRO. A. E. STEVENSON, American Agent and H.C.R. of Illinois, followed. He said though the I.O.F. was considered a Canadian Order they loved it in Illinois and in every State to which it had been introduced. After many difficulties they were at last firmly rooted in Illinois. Last month 287 applications were accepted, ranking second among the 31 jurisdictions in the Order.



"THE WIGWAM," FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

BRO. J. D. CLARKE of Dayton, H.V.C.R., of Ohio, was the next speaker. This he said was his second visit to Canadian soil. Years ago he spent a Sunday in Toronto and found it so well kept that he could not spend a nickel. (Laughter.) In his city they had 700 Foresters. He was glad to say that he and they felt that they were standing under the same common banner and with brethren and friends. His special object in coming was to try and bring Dr. Oronhyatekha back with him or to get a promise of an early visit to Ohio. He was happy to say that the promise had been given, and he had no doubt that as a result Forestry would boom in his jurisdiction.

GRAND CROSS OF MERIT FOR REV. BRO. MACGILLIVRAY.

At this stage the Chairman intimated a slight change in the programme. He said they had present with them a brother who had served, and was still serving the Order in Ontario with ability and success. The High Standing Committee had unanimously agreed some months ago to recommend Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, for the Grand Cross of Merit, the highest and most coveted decoration in the Order. The Supreme Council had cordially agreed to bestow the distinction, and he had now great pleasure in asking the Supreme Chief Ranger to invest the worthy brother with the Grand Cross of Merit.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA said it gave him no ordinary pleasure to be permitted to place upon the breast of his personal friend and brother Forester the highest decoration that they could give. He was free to say that there was not a brother in any jurisdiction where Forestry was established that had worked more zealously for the Order, or would wear the honor more worthily. As a private member, a member and Chief Officer of the High Court, a member of The Supreme Court, and last, and most important, as "fighting editor" of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER he had done invaluable work for the Order, which in now honoring him was honoring itself. The Doctor pinned the beautiful and costly jewel on the breast of Bro. Macgillivray and pronounced him a "Chevalier" of the Order.

R-v. Mr Macgillivray spoke briefly and with evident emotion. He confessed to his inability to express adequately his sense of the honor conferred on him. He received it gratefully, and in the spirit in which it was offered. It would remind him, although no reminder was necessary, of the good will of his friends. It would be his constant endeavor to wear it worthily. The value of the gift was enhanced through having received it from the hands of his Chief and personal friend, Dr. Oronhyatekha. He had always found it a pleasure to work with him, and for him in promoting the common cause. He joined with all who had spoken before him in bidding the Chief "welcome

home." Brief though his absence was, they all had missed him. Like the hero of Scottish story, they could say of their Chief that

"One blast upon his bugle horn
Was worth a thousand men."

He concluded by expressing his appreciation of the hospitality they were enjoying.

Short speeches were made by Mr. Bennett of New Jersey, where Independent Forestry had its birth; by Bro. Rutherford of Quebec, Rev. Canon Carey of Kingston and others. The meeting closed with cheers for the host and hostess and the singing of "God save the Queen."

The island was beautifully illuminated at night with Chinese lanterns, and presented a brilliant appearance. In the pavilion there was a string band discoursing music, and for a couple of hours dancing was indulged in by the younger people.

PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of Friday's sports, in addition to the professional sculling race, with the names of the successful competitors:—

The professional race between Ed. Hanlan, ex-champion of the world, and Jas. Rice, of Toronto, attracted great attention. Mr. Rice had a start of 15 seconds. Hanlan won by a boat length.

Yacht race, open to yachts and sailing skiffs, 21 feet and over, allowing bat wings and all, 3 miles—1, Dauntless, of Napanee, J. R. Dafoe; 2, Hustler, of Deseronto, A. F.

McNee; 3, Orpha, of Napanee, Freeman Hoffman.

Yacht race, open to yachts and sailing skiffs, 20 feet and under, 3 miles—1, Viva, of Picton, W. J. Wallace; 2, Tyza, of Picton, M. D. Conger; 3, Tribby, of Picton, Frank Owens.

Canoe race, sailing, 1 mile—1, G. W. Thompson, Picton.

Canoe race, paddling, 1 mile—1, Edward Hanlan; 2, James Rice.

Rowing race, skiffs, not outrigger, 1 mile—1, Arthur Stell; 2, W. Mills; 3, J. Bennett.

Four-oared race, between crews of the Toronto Rowing Club, as follows: J. J. Ryan (stroke), P. J. Mulqueen, A. Stell and J. Smith v. P. J. Smyth (stroke), E. J. Evans, F. Weighart and J. Bennett—1, Ryan; 2, Smyth.

Single scull race—1, J. J. Ryan; 2, P. J. Mulqueen.

Running long jump—1, C. Coleman; 2, H. Stone; 3, W. J. Ingram

Fatigue race (open), 100 yards—1, Coleman; 2, W. F. Robinson.

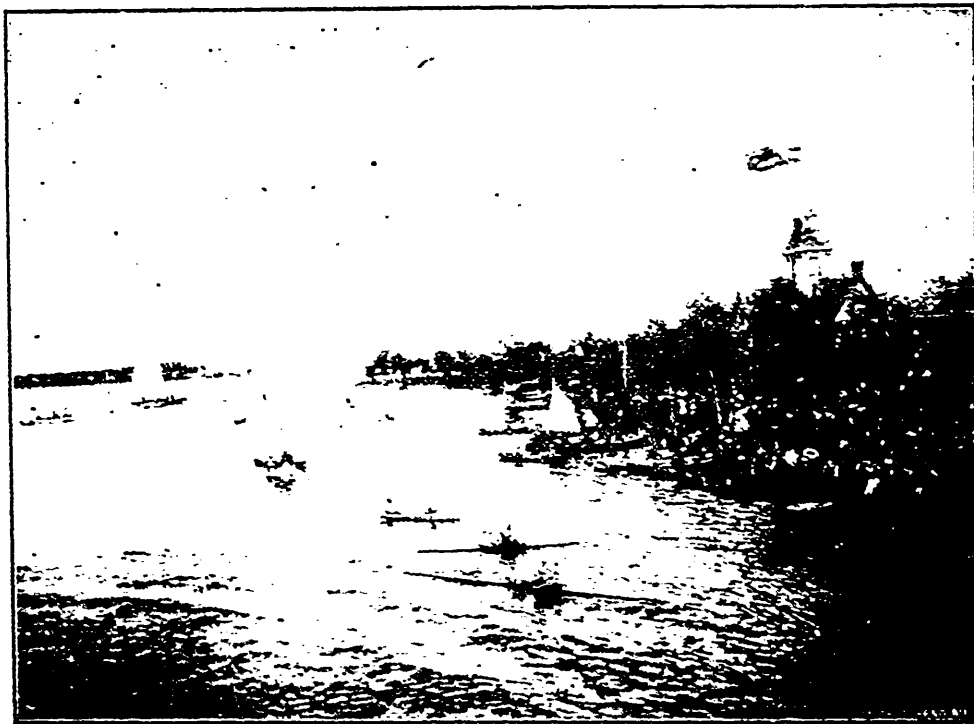
Foresters' race, 100 yards—1, Coleman; 2, Stone; 3, Ingram.

Standing long jump—1, Coleman; 2, Stone; 3, H. Putnam.

Fat man's race (open), 75 yards—1, Ingram; 2, W. Leslie.

Hop, step and jump—1, Coleman; 2, H. Stone; 3, G. Rose.

Foresters' race, 200 yards—1, Stone; 2, Ingram; 3, Rose.



BEFORE THE GREAT RACE, ED. HANLAN VS. JAS. RICE.

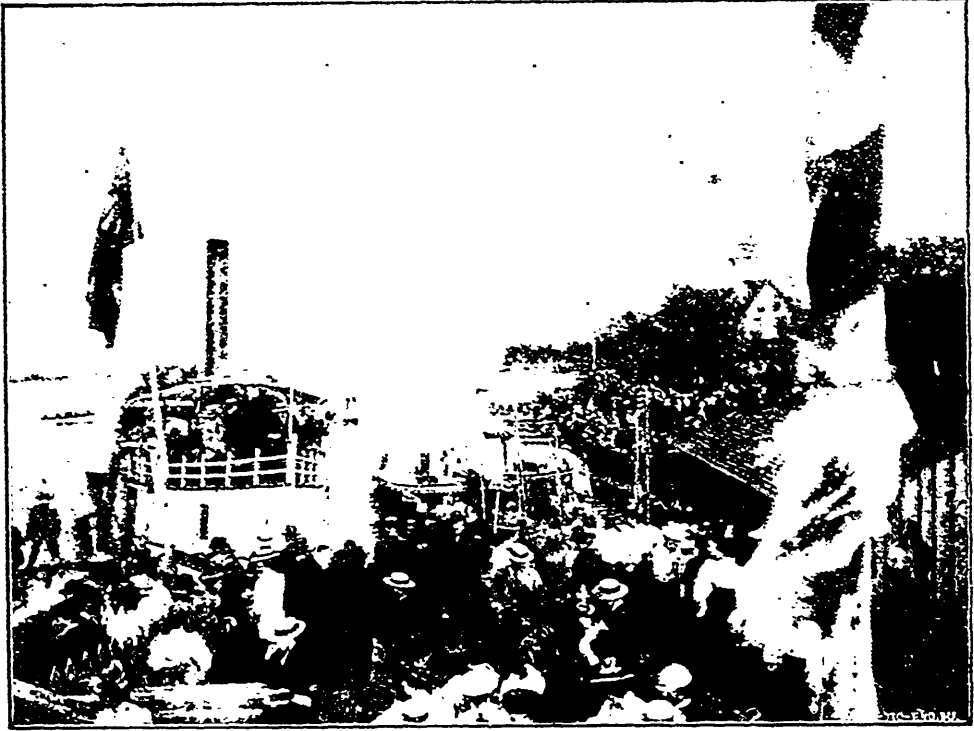
Sack race (open), 100 yards—1. Coleman; 2, Stone.

Foresters' sons race, 16 years and under, 100 yards—1, Frank Norton; 2, John Mason.

Chief Ranger race—1, H. Stone.

Some of the other events were not competed for, owing to the lateness of the hour. The managers of the excursion and the sports were as follows:—Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., chairman of the committee; Mr. C. A. Stone, secretary of the committee and manager of sports; Mr. Atwell Fleming, H.T., treasurer of the committee; Mr. Geo. E. Challes and Mr. A. Henry, managers of excursions; Mr. Edward Hanlan, referee; Rev. Robt. McNair, Mr. Geo. Brown and Mr.

per, A.S.C.R., Thos. Millman, M.D., Supreme Physician, Toronto; Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, Secretary of the Medical Board; J. D. Clark, Dayton, Ohio; Albert E. Stevenson, H.C.R., Chicago, Illinois. There was a very large gathering of friends. The opening selection consisted of a pianoforte recital by Miss Flo Freeman. The chairman, Dr. Oronhyatekha, then made a few exceedingly appropriate remarks, which were followed with a violin solo by Professor Denmark, conductor of the well-known Mohawk band. Miss Beattie gave several recitations, which elicited enthusiastic encores. Miss Oronhyatekha, the accomplished daughter of the S.C.R., gave two very sweet songs. Mr. Rockwell rendered a very effective song. Dr. Acland



SCENE AT THE REGATTA, FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK, JUNE 19TH, '95.

J. H. Gilmour, managers of foot races; Mr. W. A. Power, official time-keeper, and Mr. Wm. Smeaton, official starter.

A FINE CONCERT.

The feature of Saturday at Foresters' Park was the concert in the evening. Though of a somewhat impromptu nature, everything passed off smoothly, and the programme was of exceptional merit.

Oronhyatekha, M.D., S.C.R., occupied the chair. He was accompanied on the platform by the Ven. Archdeacon Davis, of London, Ont., Supreme Chaplain; the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., of Ireland; the Rev. Irving Gilfillan, Larne, Ireland; Judge Wedderburn, Q.C., New Brunswick, Supreme Counsellor; G. F. Marter, Messrs. G. A. Har-

Oronhyatekha gave a song with chorus, in which the audience very willingly joined. Mrs. Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, whose energy and tact the concert was mainly due, sang "By Killarney's Lakes" so effectively as to evoke storms of applause. Mr. Woodcock gave a mandolin solo. The last musical item on the programme was "The Better Land," by Mrs. Hemans, sung by special request by Mrs. Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, with good effect. Judge Wedderburn moved, and the Ven. Archdeacon Davis seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had in a few hours improvised a programme of such exceptional excellence. The programme doubtless owed much of its excellence to the fact that it was originated by members of the Independent Order of

Foresters, and carried out by themselves and their friends. Mr. G. F. Marter moved, and Mr. J. D. Clark, of Ohio, seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, for his kindness in presiding, and to his family for their indefatigable energy and constant tact in making all the friends of the Order comfortable and happy. Dr. Millman put the motion to the meeting, supplementing the remarks of the other friends by a few very appropriate words. The Supreme Chief Ranger having responded in his own apt way, the programme concluded with cheers for the Oronhyatekhas. "God Save the Queen" having been sung, a most successful, enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting concluded.

In the evening the Mohawk band, under the leadership of Professor Denmark, visited the Island and serenaded the Supreme Chief Ranger and his distinguished guests. During the day a very beautiful yacht, called the "Florence" was at the disposal of the guests.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday, 21st June, was bright and beautiful, and a large congregation gathered in the Pavilion to morning service at 11 o'clock, summoned by the chimes, sufficiently reduced in resonance to suit the geographical area of the Island. The Venerable Archdeacon Davis, Supreme Chaplain, conducted the service, and gave an eloquent and impressive address, taking as his text the first verse of the 105th Psalm, "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people." He dwelt upon the many causes for thankfulness to God in all life, and especially in connection with the unprecedented growth and progress of our beloved Order.

In the afternoon, at three o'clock, the Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, Past Supreme Chaplain, preached to a very large audience from the 17th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and 13th verse, "Quit you like men." A very large number of the courts of the Order were represented in the audience.

At eight o'clock, the Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, of Larne, and chaplain of Court Dalriada, Ireland, preached from St. John, 3rd chapter, 16th verse, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The services were all well attended, and most enthusiastic. The singing was exceedingly hearty. Miss Oronhyatekha led the singing and presided at the organ. The Supreme Chaplain is worthy of all praise for the perfection of the arrangements, and the suitability of all the parts of each service for a great Forestric thanksgiving.

All three services on Sunday were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. Rev. W. J. M'Caughan has received many invitations from Canada and the United States to preach. He has been obliged to decline the majority of them, but will preach in a few places. He is booked for St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Aug. 2nd.

"Good, better, best," said a fair visitor, who has taken in the three annual picnics to the park.

Bro. J. D. Clarke, of Dayton, Ohio, who spoke for the first time in Canada, made a fine impression. He easily ranks as an orator.

Strange as it may seem, politics were not mentioned. Bro. John A. McGillivray, with the dust of the fray in North Ontario on him, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day.

"What a lovely field of clover," said a city maiden as a gay field of yellow mustard became visible from the window of the parlor car on the journey down.

"There is not another office in Toronto that shows the same consideration to the staff as ours does. We work hard, but our work is appreciated," said an appreciative young lady.



REV. W. J. M'CAUGHAN, H.C.R. OF IRELAND.

On the way down and at the park, Oronhyatekha showed every attention to guests. He meant that they should be happy, and he succeeded.

The appearance of the park is greatly improved since last season. Increased accommodation for guests in the way of enlarging the hotel and building additional cottages has been provided.

Foresters' Park only requires to be well known to become the most popular resort on the Bay of Quinte.

Among those missed from the gathering were T. G. Davey, P.S.T.; A. H. Backus, H.C.; J. B. Halkett, P.E.S.; A. R. Milne, P.H.C.R.; G. L. Wilson, D.S.C.R., and many other prominent Foresters, who were detained by business engagements.

The next anniversary will be looked forward to with bright expectations.

The party returned on the 22nd, all delighted with their trip.

The committee in charge did everything in their power to make the affair a success. They have received many congratulations on their work.

The G. T. R. officials did their best to make the trip successful, and they succeeded.

June will show more applications for membership than any other month of the year.

Many of the prizes won in the games were donated by firms doing business with the I.O.F. They were very handsome, and attracted much attention.

Mrs. Oronhyatekha evidently found the labor of caring for her guests a pleasure. Her bright presence was everywhere, and many will retain very pleasant memories of her kindness.

“ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.”

Official Circular No. 1.

On account of an error in Official Circular No. 1 as it appeared in the May number, we reprint it, revised in this number.

(As Revised.)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS,
TORONTO, May 1st, 1896.

1. The attention of all brothers is especially directed to the fact that the assessments and other liabilities of a member are payable monthly in advance, and, therefore, must be paid *on or before the last day of each and every month* preceding the month for which the payment is intended to cover; and whenever a member fails to pay at the time above specified he stands *ipso facto* suspended without any action of the Subordinate Court or of the Supreme officers.

It follows, therefore, that all members of a Court who have not paid to the Financial Secretary, in cash, *before the first day* of any given month, say for instance May, would stand *ipso facto* suspended on the first day of May, and would come immediately under the operation of that portion of Section 10 of the act amending our Act of Incorporation which reads as follows, to wit:—“Provided that no member or his beneficiary shall be entitled to any pecuniary benefits of the Society during the time such member is in default with respect to the payment of any assessments, dues, fees, capitation tax or fines.”

REINSTATEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS.

2. A member who has failed to make, say, during the month of April, all the payments required by the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, for the next succeeding month of May, would, as explained in Section 1, stand *suspended* on the first day of May, and the Financial Secretary would have no authority then or thereafter to receive the assessments, dues, etc., from such suspended member, except as provided in

Section 204, and 205 of the Constitutions and Laws.

The provisions relating to the reinstatement of members within *thirty days* who have been suspended for non-payments are in substance as follows:

(a) By presenting within *thirty days* to his own (or some other) Subordinate Court, an application for reinstatement on Form No. 7.

(b) By depositing with the Financial Secretary in cash, all the payments he would have been called on to make had he not been suspended.

(c) By sending the said application for reinstatement (Form No. 7) duly and fully filled up and properly signed to the Supreme Secretary.

(d) If no medical re-examination be required by the Subordinate Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the applicant be acceptable, the Supreme Secretary shall send a notice to the Court (Form No. 47) that the applicant may be reinstated; and if the applicant be then in good mental and bodily health, such notice shall be delivered to him forthwith.

(e) Upon receipt of said notice (Form No. 47) the applicant shall make the required endorsement thereon and deposit with the Financial Secretary any further liabilities, (if any) which may have accrued since making the application, and forthwith return the notice to the Supreme Secretary; thereupon the reinstatement shall become complete and go into effect.

A brother who is reinstated *within thirty days* does not lose his former rating; but a brother who is suspended for even *one day* loses his standing in the Expectation of Life Department, and cannot ever regain it.

REINSTATEMENT AFTER 30 DAYS.

3. A member who fails to make application for reinstatement to a Subordinate Court *within thirty days*, as provided in Section 204 (1) of the Constitutions and Laws, is subject to, and must comply with, all the conditions and provisions of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the preceding Section No. 2, and in addition thereto must comply with the following:

(a) He must again pass the Medical Examination of the Order.

(b) Surrender his Benefit Certificate and again pay the Registration Fee.

(c) Must on reinstatement pay the rate for his age at the time of such reinstatement. [Section 236, (2)]

(d) The applicant must also comply with the requirements of paragraph (e) in Section 2, and in addition thereto, pay to the Financial Secretary the liabilities for the current month at the rating for his then present age.

(e) Upon the completion of the reinstatement, and the receipt of the old Benefit Certificate by the Supreme Secretary, a new Benefit Certificate will be issued to him.

(f) If the member be in the Expectation of Life Department, he loses all his rights in said Department and cannot be reinstated therein. [Section 231, (2)]

GENERAL NOTES.

4. The moneys deposited by all applicants for reinstatement, with the Financial Secretary, are, after the completion of the reinstatement of the applicant, carried to the credit of the brother's account in the books of the Subordinate Court, and duly transmitted to the Supreme Secretary with the next monthly report.

5. If, however, the applicant is not reinstated the moneys deposited by him with the Financial Secretary, who, for this purpose, is the agent of the applicant for reinstatement, are paid back to the rejected applicant.

6. No applicant can, under any circumstances, be reinstated *unless he is at the time in good mental and bodily health*, (Section 207). It is, therefore, the duty of the officers of a Court, on the receipt of the notice (Form No. 47) from the Supreme Secretary, that the applicant may be reinstated, to forthwith ascertain if the applicant concerned be then in good health, and, if so, to secure the required endorsement thereon, and collect any further liabilities that may have accrued since the application for reinstatement was made, *together with the liabilities for the current month at the rating for his then present age*, and immediately return the notice properly endorsed to the Supreme Secretary, and thus complete the reinstatement of the applicant.

7. But if the applicant should not be in good mental and bodily health at the time of the receipt of the notice from the Supreme Secretary, the reinstatement cannot be completed; and it is the duty of the Court Deputy in such a case to forthwith return said notice to the Supreme Secretary, stating thereon his reasons for so doing.

8. Applicants who are applying for reinstatement, *after thirty days have elapsed since suspension*, shall pay the deposit to the Financial Secretary as herein laid down in Section 2 (b) upon the basis of their rating at the time of suspension for all the months which have elapsed from the date of the suspension to the month in which the reinstatement is made. The new rating shall go into effect for the month in which the reinstatement is made, and therefore the first payment under the new rating would have to be made for the month in which Form No. 47 is signed.

9. An applicant for reinstatement who is 55 years of age or over may be reinstated by complying with the requirements exacted of other applicants and paying the rate for his age at the date of his reinstatement, as laid down in Section 255 of the Constitutions and Laws.

10. A member suspended for non-payment may be re-admitted to "good standing" in any Court either by reinstatement, or by initiation as a new applicant.

11. When a member becomes suspended for any cause whatsoever, he then and there loses all his rights and privileges as well as any further benefits in the Order.

12. If a brother has become suspended for nonpayment of any liability, there is no earthly

use in paying the arrears only. All the other formalities laid down in the Constitutions and Laws, and fully explained herein, must be strictly observed.

13. The signing of an application for reinstatement (Form No. 7) is as essential as the payment of arrears. The Form must also be duly and fully filled up and executed by the officers of the Subordinate Court before being sent to the Supreme Secretary, otherwise the application for reinstatement will not be considered.

14. If a member fails to pay any portion of the liabilities falling due in any month, whether it be assessments, dues, capitation tax or fines, he stands *ipso facto* suspended. To preserve your "good standing" in the Order you must, on or before the last day of each month, have paid up in full all obligations for the succeeding month.

We remain in L. B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,

Supreme Chief Ranger.

JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY,

Supreme Secretary.

Personal Mention.

Bro. Dr. D. H. Mann, R.W.G.T., of the Independent Order of Good Templars of the world, an old and esteemed friend and colleague of our Supreme Chief, has been addressing large and enthusiastic meetings in the South. The *Constitution*, gives a lengthy account of his addresses in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, the eloquent Belfast divine and High Chief Ranger of Ireland, is always welcome on this side of the Atlantic. He will only be able to accept a limited number of the invitations extended to him to preach. He will preach in Toronto, Aug. 2nd, at St. Andrews church morning and evening.

On the 9th inst., Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., of Ontario, leaves for an extended trip to the Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Tacoma, W.T. He preaches at Port Arthur on the 12th inst., and at Regina on the 19th, and on the 23rd he will meet with the High Court of Washington at Tacoma. On his way back he will visit a number of the courts in British Columbia and the Northwest. He expects to be back in time for the meeting of the High Court of Ontario, at Ottawa, on the 18th August.

A Parisian merchant, who has been several times robbed by unfaithful cashiers, has invented an infallible test of competency. The cashier presents himself, offers his services, and produces his reference. Then says the merchant: "Show me how you would erase a mistake in your figures." The aspiring cashier sets to work with scraper, ink eraser, and what not; and if he succeeds in destroying all trace of the erasure, he is invited to take his hat and leave. *Tit-Bits*,

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- When a member changes his address, or
- When a member joins a court by card.
- When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

Notes

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We are getting older.

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For June the applications will total 4,596.
Best month on record.

Yesterday was yours. To-morrow you may never see. To-day is in your possession, use it at once and wisely.

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For May the increase in the Surplus was \$37,943.27. That looks very much like solvency and prosperity.

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The Order has passed through infancy, childhood and youth, and has entered upon a perennial manhood.

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New Jersey, the birthplace of Independent Forestry, shows undiminished faith in the Order. The gain for May was \$6.

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The annual gathering at Foresters' Park on the anniversary of the founding of the Order is now an established thing, and the brightest holiday in the calendar.

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The average increase in the membership of the I.O.F. has been over 1,500 members per month of late. Some orders are finding enough to do to hold their ground.

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What will the 23rd year of our Order's history be? Just what we choose to make it. It will be easier than ever to make it better in every particular than any former year.

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Minnesota and Wisconsin walk side by side for the merry month, and are bracketed with 49. Both have done better. Oh! a great deal better. And will do so soon again.

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"As a fraternal and beneficial organization, the I.O.F. has no peer. There can be no better investment than that which brings the protection afforded by our noble Order."
—H.S.C., Pennsylvania.

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Ohio has not been making much noise, but the members are coming in by hundreds. May shows 124 accepted applications. The Chief is going there this month, and we may look for a boom.

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Well done, Maine. The Pine Tree State with 121 new members for May probably makes, all things considered, the best showing in the Order. We commend the pluck and push of this young jurisdiction.

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Quebec follows California closely for May with 145. We call the attention of the eastern sister to the way in which Michigan is closing up and reaching out for second place. The race is getting quite exciting.

The Order is taking deep root in the Keystone State. For May, Pennsylvania shows up with 100 applications. It was only twelve months ago that ground was broken. The progress for the time is most encouraging.

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The roll of our honored dead is getting to be a lengthy one. On the 1st June it numbered 2056. No one can fully estimate the amount of comfort and hope that came to the bereaved household through the sympathy and benefits of the I.O.F.

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California maintains its good average from month to month. May shows up with 152 accepted risks. To assure the 2,000 additional members for the year that Bro. McElfresh, H.C.R., is working for, the monthly average will need to be slightly increased, and it will.

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Not unfrequently one hears a friend or acquaintance saying, I have decided to get some Life Insurance, but not at present, just as if the future were his. The present alone is ours, and he who is wise does to-day the duty that he's nearest,—to-morrow for him may never dawn.

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New York, without any fuss or noise, keeps right at it. For May the showing is excellent, with 203. A finer field does not offer anywhere than that which the Empire State affords. The foundations have been well laid. It may not be in our time, but, Bro. FitzGerald's hope, to see New York lead the world, is not unreasonable.

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Through the courtesy of the publishers of the *Canadian Magazine* we reproduce in this number the admirable sketch of our Supreme Chief from the pen of Mrs. Bayard, that appeared in the June issue of that popular monthly. The fair authoress wields a graceful and versatile pen. The membership of the Order will read the graphic sketch with interest.

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Michigan has shown that they can do it once and again—and for the second time the Wolverine State leads with applications for May, it is on top with 206 applications. All honor to the brethren for their splendid work. If the pace they have set will be maintained a few months longer, Michigan will recover second place, which was lost to Quebec over a year ago.

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A Michigan brother, full of admiration for the insurance features of our Order, has evi-

dently not use for the social side of it, and writes rather disparagingly of the secret work, pronouncing it childish, etc. With the esteemed brother we cannot agree. The benefits of social fellowship are valuable. Many brothers enjoy the meeting of their Court—it is their only night out. The secret work is dignified or childish as we choose to make it.

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“He can play upon our Irish hearts as on a harp, and our eyes grow bright as we look on him. He has given an impetus to the cause in Cork, Dublin and Belfast, which will be evidenced in the greater aggressiveness of our courts, and in an enlarged addition to the membership of our noble Order. The Supreme Chief Ranger carries with him the best wishes of the whole Order in Ireland, and we hope he'll soon ‘Come back to Erin.’”

So writes an Irish brother of the Chief. He knows whereof he affirms.

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Ontario must bestir itself, it was all right at long intervals to yield first place to an ambitious sister for just one month, but to do it two months in succession, and that to the same jurisdiction is two unusual. And then to give second place to another, and be willing to take third, is more than we expected from the mother High Court. For fear of dis-appointment, we do not like to say what the June record will be. Though the field is pretty well occupied, Ontario can still add 500 a month to its great membership of 30,000.

The Independent Forester.

With our last issue the Official Organ completed the sixteenth year of its history. A review of it shows us that it was an exceptionally good year. The things to be remembered gratefully are many. The things to be regretted and forgotten are few.

Many and encouraging have been the kind words that have reached us from our readers. The thought that we are appreciated makes duty a pleasure. The kind consideration of our ever-increasing constituency of friends will be a constant incentive to high endeavor on our part.

As the Order grows larger, and it is doing that daily, the official organ will strive to become still more worthy of the best fraternal society in the world.

To advance the principles of the Order will be our first and constant care. From month to month we will place before our readers such information of the work of the I.O.F. as will be within our reach, and that the space at our disposal will enable us to give.

It will greatly lighten our labor and dissipate our care if some member of the High Standing Committee in each of the *thirty-one* High Court jurisdictions will send us month by month some information of the work being done. To make a "newsy" organ we want news. We give as we get.

To our great constituency of 100,000 Foresters we are deeply grateful for their appreciation and the encouragement that their appreciation gives. Individually and collectively, we count on the continuance of their co-operation. We want to show in the seventeenth year of our history, and in the twenty-third year of the Order, a distinct advance on the best year of the past. The power for good of 100,000 earnest men is simply illimitable.

To the Hunter, Rose Publishing Company, the best of publishers, we make our acknowledgments for uniform courtesy, and unflinching effort to serve us and the Order faithfully.

In the spirit of *Liberty, Benevolence and Concord* we continue the work, and the word is *forward*.

Wanted.

In every court, at least one man who will assume responsibility for that court making an effort to increase its membership. One live, prudent aggressive worker in a court can work wonders. In every court some brother who, when anything worth giving to the Forestric public happens, will send an item of it to the INDEPENDENT FORESTER. The item need not be long, a great deal can be written on a post card.

In every High Court (there are thirty-one High Courts) one member of the High Standing Committee, H.C.R., or H.S., who will send us from month to month short notes of the work in his jurisdiction. There is among our contributors at present just *one* such brother. We invoke blessings daily on his head. These are not all our wants, but we refrain from mentioning any more at present.

The Supreme Chief in Britain.

The brief visit of the Chief to the old land was even for him an unusually busy one, from the hour he landed at Queenstown till he took ship at Liverpool, he was constantly engaged holding conferences with leading workers, addressing public meetings, dedicating halls, opening offices and visiting subordinate courts.

After a speedy sea voyage that the Doctor enjoyed more than is his wont, he arrived at Queenstown on the 15th May. There he was met by Bro. Marshall, General Manager of Great Britain, Bro. M'Caughan, H.C.R., of Ireland, and Bro. Ballantyne, P.H.V.C.R., of Ireland. In a couple of hours after landing the party were on their way to Cork, to be present at a reception arranged for by Court Shandon of that city. The mayor of the city, Sir John Harley Scott, Bart. presided. In last month's issue we gave an account of this successful gathering.

DUBLIN was the next centre visited, here the brethren of the Irish Capital had arranged for a public meeting in Leinster Hall. Foresters, their friends, and the public generally were present in large numbers. Bro. Rev. J. M. Hamilton presided, addresses were given by the Chief and Bros. Ballantyne, Marshall and M'Caughan. At the close of the meeting an informal reception was held, and many of those present were presented to Dr. Oronhyatekha. Forestry in the Irish Capital is sure to make rapid strides.

BELFAST, the chief city of the north, was the next point reached, here a great audience received the head of the Order in their hall, in Royal Avenue. The Order and its working was lucidly set before those present, by Dr. Oronhyatekha, and the other leaders in the I.O.F. At the close of the public meeting a conference of the workers was held and plans arranged for the thorough prosecution of the work in Ireland. From Belfast the Chief, accompanied by Bros. M'Caughan and Marshall proceeded to England.

At DERBY an important meeting was held on May 21st in Victoria, Sir Thomas Rae presided. The principal speaker was Dr. Oronhyatekha, addresses were also given by the Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, M.A. (High Chief Ranger, Ireland), and Mr. James Marshall (General Manager, London). Among others present were Mr. W. Wilkinson (High Sec., Derby), Mr. F. Walker (Derby), Mr. S. Perlyn (Manchester), Mr. J. W. Pyatt (Nottingham), and Mr. S. S. Chiswell (Liverpool).

The meeting was largely attended and an excellent impression was created in favor of the Order.

London was reached in due time. Here on 2nd June the "Chief" met the High Chief Rangers and High Secretaries and other leaders of the Order in the United Kingdom in conference. The following were among those present: Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., S.C.R., who occupied the chair; Martindale C. Ward, M.D., President of the Medical Board, and H.C.R., London; Acland Oronhyatekha, M.D., Secretary of the Medical Board; J. D. Williamson, M.D., P.H.C.R., Ireland, and Supreme Sword Bearer; Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, H.C.R., Ireland; James Andrew Jenkins, H.C.R., Wales; S. M. Wilkinson, H. Sec., Wales; S. Southern Chiswell, H.C.R., and Joseph Andrews, H. Sec., Central England; George Emery, H. Sec., London; Francis Walker, H.C.R., and W. Wilkinson, H. Sec., Mid-England; Alexander Scott, H.C.R.; James Marshall, Past H.C.R. and S.D.S. C.R.; and John Duncan, H. Sec., Scotland. On the motion of Bro. Walker, seconded by Bro. Andrews, Bro. Wilkinson, High Secretary of Mid-England, was unanimously called to act as secretary to the Conference. Very interesting statements were made by the representatives of the different jurisdictions. The Supreme Chief Ranger handed to Bro. S. Southern Chiswell, H.C.R. of Central England, a cheque for the amount of the endowment certificate of the late Bro. Edward Jones, Court Mount Pleasant, No. 2008, payable to his sister. The High Standing Committee of Scotland reported that they had made arrangements for central offices in Glasgow. Reference was made to the recent Act of Parliament and the large powers conferred thereby upon the Order. Having heard the explanations of the Supreme Chief Ranger, a resolution approving of the action of the Supreme Executive relative to the change in the mode of publishing the financial statements, was moved by Bro. A. Scott and seconded by Bro. Dr. Ward, and carried unanimously.

The thanks of the conference were given to Bro. Wilkinson, who acted so satisfactorily as secretary. Bro. Walker proposed, and Bro. Dr. Ward seconded, a vote of thanks to the Supreme Chief Ranger for his kindness in calling the conference, and his courtesy in dealing with the various questions raised by the members. Bro. Marshall conveyed the motion in felicitous terms, and a most satisfactory conference of some four hours terminated.

SCOTLAND was visited on the 5th June. In Glasgow the fine new offices for the Order were formally opened. The dedication ceremony was followed by a brief and earnest conference with the workers of the north.

The Chief accompanied by Mrs. Oronhyatekha, Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. M'Caughan and Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, left Liverpool for New York on the 6th June. The party arrived at New York on the 10th, on the 11th the New York Courts tendered the "Chief" a hearty reception, an account of which is given in another column. From the above it will be seen how fully and advantageously the time of the Supreme Chief is filled up in the service of the Order.

High Court Meetings.

July and August are the favorite months for High Court meetings. Missouri meets in July, but the exact date is not fixed. It will probably be on the 13th. Manitoba High Court will meet on the 21st, North Dakota on the 16th, Washington on the 23rd, all in July. The Supreme Chief Ranger is making his arrangements, so as to be present at all of them. In August the High Courts of New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Nova Scotia will meet.

The reports to be submitted in each jurisdiction are of a most gratifying kind, and will show substantial and gratifying progress.

Welcome Home.

THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER'S PARTY AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

The S.C.R. party consisting of Mrs. Oronhyatekha, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Ireland, and his amable wife and Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, Chaplain, Court Dalriada 2016, Ireland, after the great reception in New York, left for Foresters' Island Park, via the Hudson River Route to Cape Vincent, thence by steamer to Kingston, where they were met on the wharf by Major Drennan, Ex-Mayor, who looked after all their interests carefully, and saw them safely away by the Grand Trunk Railway to Deseronto, arriving at 5 o'clock, and thence by steamer to Foresters' Island Park. They were received with great enthusiasm, all the bunting on the island were loyally displayed and the Canadian and United States flags floated from the Towers of the Pavilion. The Mohawk Brass Band

under the able leadership of Prof. Denmark, discoursed splendid music. The selections were especially appropriate. "Home Again," for the Canadians in the party, "God Save the Queen," for the Britishers, and "Marching Through Georgia," for Mrs. McCaughan the American.

"A Forester's Christening."

At Dr. Coulter's private residence, 180 W. 94th St., New York, a few Forestric friends and others met in order to baptize his son and heir. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland. Mrs. Oronhyatekha, wife of the Supreme Chief, standing as god-mother, and Dr. A. Oronhyatekha acting for Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, as one of the god-fathers, and Bro. Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, Court Dalraida, Ireland, as the other. The baptismal font used was the solid silver loving cup presented to Dr. Coulter the previous evening, by Court Knickerbocker. The baby was called Herbert Luice. Among those present on the occasion were Mrs. Oronhyatekha, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. McCaughan, Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulter, Miss Berkle, the accomplished harpist, who had added considerably to the success of the musical entertainment of the forestric gathering the previous evening.

Well Done, Illinois.

More than once during the past few years we heard the question asked—"Will results in Illinois ever justify the time, trouble and money given to secure a legal standing in the state?" About a year ago the indications were in favor of a negative answer to the question. But the "Chief" would not be turned from his purpose and the fight went on till victory was won. The license of the Insurance department of the state was secured for the I.O.F. principally through the persistent efforts of Bro. A. E. Stevenson, American Agent of the Order. The High Court of the State was thoroughly reorganized, and things at once began to come our way. The number of applications for membership has been increasing from month to month, until we find that for May Illinois shows 289 accepted, ranking second among our thirty-one High Court jurisdictions, being ahead of Ontario, and only seven behind Michigan, that enjoyed for the second time the high honor of being first. We congratulate Bro. Stevenson

and his able High Standing Committee, and the Illinois brethren on their splendid work. We are quite prepared to see them take first place some month in the matter of securing applications.

Unexpected But Deserved.

Probably the most surprised person in Toronto on the evening of the eventful 23rd of June, was Miss Jessie Bayly, the private secretary of the Chief, who had delivered at her home a beautiful high grade Antelope Bicycle with a friendly note asking her to accept the "Bike" as a token of the esteem and good-will of some score of Foresters who have official and other business with the Supreme Chief's office, and who have always found Miss Bayly uniformly prompt, accurate and obliging in everything with which she had to do. She has served the Order with exceptional ability in the capacity of Private Secretary, and those who have had the best opportunity of knowing the extent and value of her services will not wonder that the subscribers to the testimonial counted it a pleasure to give. The wheel has a silver plate with the following inscription, "To Miss Jessie Bayly, from Forester Friends." That the "Bike" is a beauty goes without saying. It was built specially by Mr. Lochrie, of Bloor Street west.

District Demonstration.

CROSWELL, MICHIGAN.

The Foresters of Sanilac County, Michigan, determined early in the season to have a demonstration worthy of the Order and of their fine County. They fixed on June 25th, as the date, and by making known their wish in time they secured the promise of the Supreme Chief to be present. A strong Committee composed of the following brethren, had charge of the arrangement, viz:—W. A. Oldfield, President; J. W. Dexter, Secretary; Andrew Cutler, N. C. Potts and A. C. Bailey. Needless to say—they did their work. Crosswell, the place chosen for the demonstration is centrally situated and has a charming grove. Special arrangements for cheap rates had been made with the railroads. Arrangements evidently had also been made with the clerk of the weather who is, we are told, a Forester, as the day was delightful.

It is estimated that 1,000 Foresters were present, together with a great concourse of their friends. A fine procession with a band leading, was formed and marched to the grove where the speaking took place. The

chair was acceptably filled by Dr. King, Court Physician. Among the prominent Foresters present who addressed the vast gathering, were, Dr. Oronhyatekha, whose presence drew a great number, Hon. D. D. Aitken, S.V.C.R.; Lee E. Joslyn, H.C.R. of Michigan; A. E. Stevenson, H. C. R. of Illinois; Congressman Snow, Hon. Mr. Springer Jno. Chambers, H.S. of Michigan; Ex-Senator McGinley; Past High Physician Campbell of Michigan and many others. The many solid benefits of the I.O.F. were clearly set forth, and the phenomenal growth of the Order pointed out as an evidence of its adaptability to the needs of the people, and the efficiency with which its affairs are administered. Forestry is having a boom in Sanilac County.

The Supreme Chief Ranger's Engagements for July.

During the present month the Supreme Chief has quite a number of important engagements.

On the 11th, accompanied by Rev. W. J. McCaughan, he visits Dayton, Ohio, where there are 700 members of the I.O.F. Besides addressing a public meeting, he will hold a conference with the officers of the Order there.

On the 13th he is booked to be present at the High Court of Missouri, at Kansas city.

On the 16th he will be at Grafton, attending the High Court of North Dakota.

On the 21st he will be with the brethren of Manitoba, at their High Court meeting in Winnipeg.

During the closing days of the month he will address two or three meetings at important Forestric centres in Minnesota.

"The Widow's Friend."

The following letter is only one of many of a similar nature, that are written to the officers of the I.O.F. It shows how true the Order is to its fundamental principles, and how adequately it meets the ends for which its founders designed it.

The widow of our departed brother, mentions gratefully more than one feature of the Order's good work.

1st, the *sympathy* shown by the brethren. And yet there are some even in the Order who make light of the fraternal bond.

2nd, *Protection*. The mortuary benefits ranging from \$500, up to \$5000, which the I.O.F. give, next to the loving care of hus-

band, father or son, afford the best protection: that dependent ones can, under the care of a loving Providence, have.

3rd, *Prompt payment*. To one in sorrow and perhaps in need, the thoughtfulness that does not delay for a single hour, the payment of the benefit is doubly precious. The I.O.F. takes a pardonable pride in paying at once every just and authenticated claim. These are some of the elements that have contributed to the wonderful growth of the I.O.F. The letter speaks for itself.

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.
June, 2nd 1896.

To the Officers and Members of Court Black Eagle, No. 1106.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS—I desire to acknowledge my sincere thanks to the members of your noble Order for the sympathy and kindness shown to me at the time of the sudden death of my most beloved husband, also for the promptness with which the endowment of \$2,000 which he carried on his life was paid in full.

Your Order is truly the widow's friend, at the time of her greatest need.

Your kindly assistance will never be forgotten and my earnest prayer will be for the growth and prosperity of your Order, that others like myself may know of that kindly protection, to the helpless that comes to the widow and fatherless in the hours of affliction.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. MARY WHITE.

Presentation to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

His colleagues on the executive took advantage of the great demonstration of the 19th June, to present Dr. Oronhyatekha with an address, expressive of their personal regard for their presiding officer.

The reading of it was received with great enthusiasm by the thousands who heard it. The address was beautifully illuminated by Miss Edith Shaw, of Toronto, and was bound in album form. The binding was done under the personal supervision of Bro. Atwell Fleming, H.T. of Ontario, and is a fine specimen of the work of The Hunter, Rose Co., Ltd.

The address, which was read by Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R. of Ireland, will be found on page 7.

Bro. Jas. Watt, Secretary-Treasurer of the Globe Printing Company, has just returned from a six weeks trip to his native land, Scotland. He reports having a pleasant trip, and is looking the better of the outing.

Members of the Order in the Dominion House of Commons.

There will be a good delegation of Foresters in the next House of Commons at Ottawa. But for a shortage of votes more would be there. Good men do not always get their deserts—some not so good get more. Of the members elect that we know to be Foresters are Bros. John A. McGilivray, Q.C., of North Ontario; Beith, of West Durham; Guillet, of W. Northumberland; Hughes, of N. Victoria; Semple, of Wellington; Kloefer, of Wellington; Hutchins, of Middlesex; Ingram, of Elgin; Frechette, Choquette, and Goadbout, from Quebec; McAllister, of New Brunswick. We will be glad to hear of any others. We congratulate our brethren on the honor conferred on them by their fellow electors.

The Independent Order of Foresters.

CONFERENCE, called by the Supreme Chief Ranger, of various High Court officers of the Order for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, London, S.W., on 25th May, 1896, the Supreme Chief Ranger, DR. ORONHYATEKHA, J.P., Toronto, Canada, presiding.

All the High Courts in the United Kingdom were represented.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE PRESENT.

William Wilkinson, H.S., Mid-England, (Derby).

Martindale C. Ward, M.D., H.C.R., President Medical Board (London).

J. D. Williamson, M.D., P.H.C.R., S.S. B., Ireland (Belfast).

John S. Duncan, H.S., Scotland (Glasgow).

S. M. Wilkinson, H.S., Wales (Cardiff).

A. T. Blamey, H.S., Southern-England (Torquay).

Francis Walker, H.C.R., Mid-England (Derby).

Jas. Andrew Jenkins, H.C.R., Wales (Cardiff).

Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Ireland (Belfast).

George Emery, H.S., London (London).

Joseph Andrews, H.S., Central-England (Liverpool).

S. S. Chiswell, H.C.R., Central-England (Liverpool).

Alexander Scott, H.C.R., Scotland (Edinburgh).

James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., P.H.C.R., Scotland, Gen. Man. (London).

Ackland Oronhyatekha, M.D., Aes. Sec. Medical Board, London.

Brother Marshall intimated having received apologies for absence from Bros. W. H. Jones, H.C.R., Southern England, and Dr. Gibson, H.S., Ireland.

Prior to the commencement of business

Brother Duncan of Glasgow took a photograph of the members of the Conference.

On the motion of Bros. Walker and Andrews, Bro. W. Wilkinson, Derby, was elected Secretary to the Conference.

The Supreme Chief Ranger gave his reasons for calling the officers together, and advised that, with a view to greater progress being made in the jurisdictions represented, the various High Courts should themselves take direct action in the work of organization and institution of subordinate courts. To assist in this matter, he said, the Supreme Court through Brother Marshall, its general manager, would in the future devote more time to the work of education, principally by holding public meetings in various parts of the country, and to giving assistance to the High Courts in the several jurisdictions; and of course supplementing their work in the organizing field.

The Supreme Chief Ranger also stated that the Supreme Executive would pay one half the salary, up to a sum of £5 per month, of any High Court Organizer appointed for the institution of new courts, the royalty to be paid to Supreme Court, and the Charter Fee to the High Court, in accordance with the Constitutions and Laws. The Supreme Court would of course reserve to itself the right to dismiss any organizer employed under this arrangement, at the end of any month. The original reports of Instituting Officers to be sent direct to the Supreme Court, through the London office, with all Registration and Certificate Fees called for by Institution Returns.

The Supreme Chief Ranger also explained the principal alterations made in the powers of the Order by the recent bill passed by the Canadian Parliament, whereby we now make annual returns to the Insurance Department of Canada, which include detailed statements of the accounts and securities of the Order, duly verified by the oath of the officers, as we have always done to the Board of Trade in Great Britain, and to the Insurance Department of the various States in the United States, wherein we are doing business. Further than that, the Superintendent of Insurance in Canada has been given the power by the new act to make a personal examination at any time he may choose of all our books and securities.

The authority which we asked for last year to issue policies for a larger amount than hitherto has also been granted. In a word, after an experience of seven years under the powers granted to us in our original Act of Incorporation, Parliament has marked its re-endorsement of the Order by not only increasing the scope of our operations, but by granting to us all the powers and privileges denied us at the time of our Incorporation in 1890.

What is more gratifying is the fact that this re-endorsement was granted by Parliament with a full knowledge of the operations of the Order for a period of seven years, and in the face of adverse criticism by the ablest men that the opposition could produce.

One matter, as affecting future policy-holders, directly, was a modification made

by the new act, of the "old age benefit." All policies issued since this bill became law, on the 1st day of May, 1896, and any policies of members "reinstated" after that date will be subject to the rates at the age of entry, or reinstatement, and be payable at death only: but the payment of premium will still cease on a member reaching the age of 70 as heretofore. It will of course be understood that the new Act does not in any way interfere with the rights and privileges of members who were initiated before said 1st day of May. The Supreme Chief Ranger pointed out that the "old age benefit" might be made a part of the total and permanent disability benefit at next session of the Supreme Court, but he suggested that the question be well considered and representatives to the Supreme Court instructed accordingly.

The question of consolidating weak courts was raised, and the Supreme Chief Ranger replied that he could not give an authoritative decision until he had examined the last revised edition of the Constitutions and Laws. He promised on doing so to communicate with each High Secretary on the subject. He also stated that the Supreme Executive had determined to cease issuing statements of accounts monthly in the FORESTER as heretofore, but instead thereof, to issue to each subordinate court a quarterly statement, with balance-sheet duly audited by the Supreme Auditors. This announcement was received with satisfaction, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Scott and Dr. Ward, that, "having heard the explanations of the Supreme Chief Ranger, this Conference approves the action of the Supreme Executive relative to the change in the mode of publishing the financial statements."

The thanks of the Conference were unanimously voted as follows:—

"To Brother Duncan, for taking the photograph and kindly offering to supply a copy to each member," moved by Brothers the Rev. W. J. McCaughan and Blamey.

"To Brother Wilkinson, for acting as Secretary," moved by Brothers Jenkins and Scott.

"To Brother Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., S.C.R., special thanks for his attendance, explanations and encouragement," moved by Brothers Walker and Ward. The last resolution was put to the Conference by Brother Marshall, General Manager, and carried with enthusiasm.

This concluded the business of the Conference, which had sat continuously for nearly four hours, and the members were pleased to accept the invitation of the Supreme Chief Ranger to dinner.

W. WILKINSON,
Acting Secretary,
ORONHYATEKHA, 25th May, 1896.
S.C.R.

The Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, of Ireland, is making his first visit to America, he is greatly pleased with what he has seen of the country. The handsome bachelor clergyman is probably the "highest" man in the Order, being 6 feet 6 inches.

Personal Mention.

Bro. J. A. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., is hustling in Prince Edward County—and gathering in members.

High Counsellor, Bro. John L. Starkweather, Michigan, was one of the delegates to the National Republican Convention at St. Louis.

Rev. John Ferries, Past High Chaplain and one of the most enthusiastic Foresters in Michigan, is about to remove from St. Ignace to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Midland.

Bro. Morris Malins, of Court Birmingham, England, has come to Winnipeg, Canada. Bro. Malins is a son of the Past High Chief Ranger of Mid-England. We wish our young brother prosperity in the wide Dominion.

Bro. C. C. Whale, High Inspector of Ontario, in retiring from the chair of W.M., of Georgina Lodge, A.F., and A.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The membership increased from 10 to 111 while "Charlie" occupied the chair.

Bro. Wm. Green, of Court Queen City, Toronto, has been appointed manager of the New York Mutual Reserve Life Association of New York, for Eastern Michigan with headquarters at Detroit. Mr. Green's many friends will join in wishing him success in his new and responsible position.

Bro. Conrad C. Bennet, H.C.R. of New Jersey, who was present at the great demonstration at Foresters' Park on the 19th, was cordially received by his Canadian brethren. He had an opportunity of seeing how Independent Forestry, that had its origin in his State, has flourished on Canadian soil.

Bro. Goodard, F.S. of Court Destiny, No. 598, Tacoma, Wash., would like to hear something from the brother who borrowed money from him on August 10th, 1895. The amount was to be paid in two weeks. Will the tardy brother redeem his promise, and make good a Forester's word and obligation, or does he want to be blacklisted in every court in the Order?

High Secretary FitzGerald has succeeded in obtaining the application of Bro. Victor R. Blehdon, the Grand Receiver of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. No greater mark of esteem or confidence in our Order could be given than that the officers of the various orders throughout our State are seeking admission to our ranks.

Bro. W. F. Wilson, of Court Industrial, New York City, has applied for the \$5,000 limit of policy in our Order. As this brother is the President of the "Fraternal Societies Co-operative Indemnity Union," also "Supreme Treasurer of the Chosen Friends," and President of the "Fraternal Societies Union," (comprising all Fraternal Societies) it can be readily conceived that the brother believes in protection and has the confidence of his conviction that the Order of Independent Forestry is reliable, and that the Reserve Fund is the basis of security.

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their May Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Sundridge	671	Hopeville.....	1931
West Selkirk.....	1126	Olivia.....	1965
Hobron	1593	Parkdale.....	1987

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

Receipts, May, 1896.

No. of Members	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Assessment.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Assessment.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
271	British Columbia...	\$ 362 37	\$ 41 24	\$ 13 00	2785	New Jersey.....	2893 45	52 21	157 25
5183	California.....	7273 32	189 77	357 33	6315	New York.....	7510 25	531 43	417 50
220	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	397 59	9 12	7 00	1486	North Dakota.....	1927 47	49 72	229 50
1580	Illinois.....	1762 44	25 12	186 25	533	N. W. Territory..	756 73	69 59	8 10
1188	Indiana.....	1345 70	5 99	78 01	1747	Nova Scotia.....	1674 82	179 64	21 25
506	Iowa.....	629 05	2 68	29 00	4104	Ohio.....	4742 78	88 79	254 50
1333	Maine.....	1274 89	323 74	108 09	28656	Ontario.....	29120 37	4391 98	692 50
1484	Manitoba.....	2016 29	183 65	71 25	431	Pennsylvania.....	491 76	6 17	76 75
9633	Michigan.....	9712 42	1043 91	537 25	900	P. E. Island.....	1118 63	23 05	33 75
2058	Minnesota.....	2182 81	91 89	95 00	10949	Quebec.....	11096 95	3025 21	254 50
799	Missouri with Kan- sas annexed.....	924 89	8 53	15 04	510	Washington Ter..	625 20	18 31	11 00
4502	New Brunswick....	4638 87	709 55	86 01	1285	Wisconsin.....	1578 70	20 88	72 50
716	New England.....	682 63	219 13	61 59	479	S. C. Jurisdiction.	618 19	19 71	33 00
	Received on account of	Insurances.....			2321	Great Britain and Ireland.....	3345 72	25 42	157 47
	" " " " " " " "	organizing and other accounts.....					268 00		2847 82
	Grand totals.....			92427			\$101,416 97	\$11,441 96	\$6,561 93

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CH.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	\$101,416 97
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	11,441 96
" General Funds.....	6,561 83
Total.....	\$119,720 86
	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
	\$119,720 86

Supply Account.

Received on account of supplies..... \$716 45 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$716 45

Investment Account.

Received on account of principal on Loans..... \$6,350 18 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$6,350 18

Submitted in L. B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Supreme Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of May, 1896.

No. 2023. Brother Sidney A. Shingler, aged 34 years, of Court Fergus, No. 22, died of *Rheumatic Fever* on the 26th April, 1896. Initiated 28th July, 1887. Beneficiary, Mary R. Shingler, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2024. Brother John H. Hill, aged 50 years, of Court St. Mark, No. 282, died of *Cerebral Hemorrhage* on the 1st April, 1896. Initiated 2nd January, 1888. Beneficiary, Lucy Leah Hill wife. \$1,000.

No. 2025. Brother D. McQuarrie, aged 60 years, of Court Britannia, No. 283, died of *Inflammation of Bowels* on the 5th April, 1896. Initiated 20th June, 1890. Beneficiaries, Mary Jane McQuarrie, daughter, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$3,000.

No. 2026. Brother Ira E. Swart, aged 47 years, of Court Auburn, No. 753, died of *Consumption* on the 19th April, 1896. Initiated 12th March, 1891. Beneficiaries, O. F. Soule and Stephen Swart, uncle and brother. \$3,000.

No. 2027. Brother James Drummond, aged 42 years, of Court Credit, No. 113, died of *Ulcer of Stomach* on the 4th April, 1896. Initiated 25th January, 1890. Beneficiaries, Essey, Mabel, Nellie, Lou and James Arthur Drummond, children. \$1,000.

No. 2028. Brother Christopher Leavey, aged 43 years, of Court Mt. Royal, No. 7, died of *Peritonitis* on the 2nd April, 1896. Initiated 22nd August, 1893. Beneficiary, Christina McD. Leavey, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2029. Brother Charles S. Pratt, aged 48 years, of Court West Side, No. 1346, died of *Bright's Disease* on the 15th April, 1896. Initiated 20th December, 1894. Beneficiary, Harriet E. Pratt, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2030. Brother T. H. Chellev, aged 31 years, of Court Glen Buell, No. 878, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 7th March, 1896. Initiated 23rd February, 1892. Beneficiary, Maggie Chellev, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2031. Brother Thos. Richardson, aged 63 years, of Court Sydenham, No. 43, died of *Valvular Disease of Heart* on the 13th March, 1896. Initiated 3rd December, 1879. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$3,000.

No. 2032. Brother Edward Jones, aged 36 years, of Court Mt. Pleasant, No. 2088, died of *Rheumatism and Meningitis* on the 6th April, 1896. Initiated 6th April, 1891. Beneficiary, Annie Jones, sister. \$300.

No. 2033. Brother F. G. Lundy, aged 35 years, of Court Crescent, No. 708, died of *Pneumonia* on the 19th April, 1896. Initiated 22nd December, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 2034. Brother John F. Stevenson, aged 27 years, of Court St. Andrews, No. 508, died of *Congestion of Lungs* on the 19th April, 1896. Initiated 1st March, 1890. Beneficiary, Christine F. Wetmore, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2035. Brother A. T. Dumonchel, aged 23 years, of Court Eveline, No. 1189, was *accidentally killed by falling from a wagon* on the 25th April, 1896. Initiated 2nd October, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$2,000.

No. 2036. Brother P. I. Spencer, aged 39 years, of Court Banner, No. 360, died of *Angina Pectoris* on the 27th April, 1896. Initiated 25th October, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 2037. Brother D. W. Campbell, aged 48 years, of Court Milton, No. 137, died of *Peritonitis* on the 2nd April, 1896. Initiated 27th May, 1887. Beneficiary, Louisa Campbell, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2038. Brother F. B. Woodill, aged 50 years, of Court Seymour, No. 1603, died of *Bright's Disease* on

the 2nd May, 1896. Initiated 5th February, 1891. Beneficiary, Evelina Woodhill, wife. \$500.

No. 239. Brother A. Stephen, aged 93 years, of Court Saskatchewan, No. 1039, died of *Peritonitis* on the 3rd May, 1896. Initiated 25th March, 1892. Beneficiary, George Casie, uncle. \$1,000.

No. 2010. Brother Frank C. Orvis, aged 10 years, of Court Jefferson, No. 1430, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 1st May, 1896. Initiated 1st February, 1891. Beneficiaries, Kate M. and Grace E. Orvis, wife and daughter. \$1,000.

No. 2011. Brother John J. Hoffman, aged 40 years, of Court Blenheim, No. 208, died of *Phthisis* on the 5th May, 1896. Initiated 14th October, 1886. Beneficiary, Eliza Jane Hoffman, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2042. Brother Francis Rae, aged 62 years, of Court Oshawa, No. 291, died of *Pneumonia* on the 24th May, 1896. Initiated 16th February, 1888. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 2043. Brother Arsene Neven, aged 37 years, of Court Champlain, No. 663, died of *Fracture of Leg and Suppuration* on the 10th May, 1896. Initiated 20th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Alica McGarvey, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2044. Brother Arthur Carter, aged 46 years, of Court Deseronto, No. 89, died of *Heart Disease* on the 13th December, 1895. Initiated 1st June, 1884. Beneficiaries, Mary E., Ethel Lillian, Wm. A. and Nellie Carter children. \$1,000.

No. 2045. Brother A. E. N. Suckling, aged 43 years, of Court Yamaska, No. 292, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 24th April, 1896. Initiated 14th September, 1891. Beneficiary, Clara Suckling, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2046. Brother Allan McDonald, aged 61 years, of Court Speedwell, No. 316, died of *Heart Disease* on the 24th April 1896. Initiated 1st March, 1883. Beneficiary, Jane McDonald, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2047. Brother Martin Hansam, aged 46 years, of Court Five Points, No. 1153, *Committed Suicide while Insane* on the 30th March, 1896. Initiated 23rd September, 1892. Beneficiary, Caroline Hansam, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2048. Brother Edward Carr, aged 27 years, of Court Northern Light, No. 127, died of *Chronic Diarrhea* on the 22nd April, 1896. Initiated 10th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Mary Carr, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2049. Brother John B. Brooker, aged 69 years, of Court Victoria, No. 10, died of *Pneumonia* on the 26th March, 1896. Initiated 10th November, 1887. Beneficiary, Esther A. Brooker, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2050. Brother Wm. H. Underwood, aged 25 years, of Court Attica, No. 795, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 3rd May, 1896. Initiated 1st March, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary Underwood, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2051. Brother Joseph Lawrie, aged 29 years, of Court London, No. 1465, died of *Phthisis* on the 13th March, 1896. Initiated 17th January 1894. Beneficiaries, Annie and James Lawrie, mother and brother. \$1,000.

No. 2052. Brother Tom Whittaker, aged 25 years, of Court Hunslet, No. 2149, died of *Enteric Fever* on the 2nd April, 1896. Initiated 22nd January, 1895. Beneficiary, John M. Whittaker, father. £100, or \$189.44.

No. 2053. Brother W. A. Gelinac, aged 28 years, of Court Desaulles, No. 1732, died of *Nervous Exhaustion* on the 13th May, 1896. Initiated 17th January, 1885. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$1,000.

No. 2054. Brother John E. White, aged 37 years, of Court Black Eagle, No. 1116, was *Accidentally Killed on R.R.* on the 2nd April, 1896. Initiated 11th July, 1892. Beneficiary, Mary White, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2055. Brother Jacob Egeler, aged 32 years, of Court Bagley, No. 517, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 4th May, 1896. Initiated 17th February, 1896. Beneficiary, Sara A. Egeler, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2056. Brother D. J. Carmichael, aged 27 years, of Court Glenwood, No. 3129, died of *Peritonitis* on the 12th May, 1896. Initiated 3rd December, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. \$2,000.

TEMPERANCE: that virtue without pride, and fortune without envy: the best guardian of youth and support of old age; the precept of reason as well as of religion; the universal medicine of life that clears the head and cleanses the blood, and strengthens the nerves; in a word, that secures and perfects the digestion.—SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE, 1680.

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

During the month of May the Medical Board reviewed 2,469 medical examination papers, of which 2,197 were accepted and 263 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.
Arizona.....	1	.....	North Dakota.....	23	4
British Columbia.....	5	1	N. W. Territories.....	5	1
California.....	152	8	Nova Scotia.....	28	3
Connecticut.....	1	.....	Ohio.....	124	20
Illinois.....	289	20	Ontario.....	250	34
Indiana.....	26	5	Oregon.....	3	.....
Iowa.....	18	5	Pennsylvania.....	93	7
Maine.....	121	27	P. E. Island.....	15	1
Manitoba.....	31	7	Quebec.....	145	19
Michigan.....	296	35	Utah.....	3	.....
Minnesota.....	49	2	Vermont.....	13	2
Missouri.....	31	2	Washington.....	8	3
Montana.....	15	5	Wisconsin.....	49	6
Nebraska.....	12	2	England.....	24	4
New Brunswick.....	44	6	Ireland.....	1	1
New Hampshire.....	22	3	Scotland.....	6	.....
New Jersey.....	56	7	Wales.....	1	.....
New York.....	203	23	Total.....	2197	263

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

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

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report.....	\$1,607,260 69
" Supreme Secretary.....	101,148 97
" Insurance.....	288 00
	\$1,708,697 66

CONTRA—CR.

By claims paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

James Drummond, Court Credit, 133.....	\$1,000 00
Eugene Smith.....	500 00
Christopher Leavy.....	1,000 00
Charles S. Pratt.....	2,000 00
Robert J. Wickert.....	1,000 00
Thos. Richardson.....	3,000 00
John R. Hill.....	1,000 00
Thomas H. Chellev.....	1,000 00
Napoleon Gagnon.....	1,000 00
A. T. Demouchel.....	2,000 00
William G. Smith.....	500 00
John F. Stovesson.....	1,000 00
Donald McQuarrie.....	2,000 00
Ira E. Swart.....	3,000 00
Arthur D. Lavoie.....	1,000 00
A. A. L. Hereux.....	3,600 00
D. W. Campbell.....	3,000 00
Arthur Carter.....	1,000 00
Marten Hansam.....	3,000 00
W. H. Underwood.....	1,000 00
Allan McDonald.....	1,000 00
Arsene Neven.....	3,000 00
Edward Carr.....	1,000 00
John B. Brooker.....	1,000 00
Joseph Lawrie.....	1,000 00
Tom Whittaker.....	489 44
Sidney A. Shingler.....	1,000 00
E. N. Suckling.....	1,000 00
Peter R. Spencer.....	1,000 00
W. A. Gelinac.....	1,000 00
Denis Carmichael.....	2,000 00
Jacob Egeler.....	1,000 00
J. E. White.....	2,000 00
Edward Jones.....	973 38

Paid Disability Benefits to Brothers—	
W. T. Holcroft, Court Tweed, 434 ..	\$500 00
E. Maher, Court Aurora, 183.....	500 00
Eugene Rowell, Court Valley, 232..	1,000 00
T. C. G. Featherston, Capital, 1115..	1,000 00
William C. Jones, Court Maple, 155	600 00
Timothy Cragg, Algoma, 140.....	1,000 00
Medical Examination <i>re</i> Disability Claims.....	20 00
	<u>\$ 4,520 00</u>
Old Age Disability—	
Charles R. Colville, Victoria, 10	300 00
Refund of Assessments to Courts and members	6 61
Louis A. Schultz, M.D., examining members in Illinois, Court Independence, 1793.....	25 00
Marter & York, Insurance Premiums on Mortgaged Property.....	116 00
Laidlaw Kappelle & Co., amt. of account..	463 08
Expense <i>re</i> Legislation.....	850 00
Lavalee & Lavalee, Costs <i>re</i> Lefebvre vs. Ct. St. Denis.....	36 00
5 per cent. to General Account.....	6,057 45
Balance.....	1,847,835 75
	<u>\$1,708,677 66</u>

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.	
To Balance per last Report.....	\$ 79,341 97
" Supreme Secretary.....	11,441 96
	<u>\$ 90,783 93</u>
CONTRA—CR.	
Paid Sick Benefit Claims	\$ 10,387 07
" Funeral Benefit Claims	425 00
" Five per cent. to General Fund.....	572 10
Balance.....	79,369 76
	<u>\$ 91,753 93</u>

General Fund.

RECEIPTS.	
To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 6,861 93
" " on act. of Supplies....	716 45
" Five per cent. Mortuary.....	5,057 45
" Five per cent. S. and F. Benefit receipts.	672 10
Balance	8,396 74
	<u>\$ 21,604 67</u>

CONTRA—CR.

DISHURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 2,599 99
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	6 091 17
Wages of Employees	3,067 55
General Management Expenses.....	7,450 25
Furniture.....	727 85
Fees refunded to Courts and members.....	99 27
Disbursements on account of FORESTER and Supplies.....	1,539 69
	<u>\$ 21,604 67</u>

Surplus.

Deposit Insurance Department Canada..	\$ 100,000 00
" " " " Gt. Britain & Irel'd ..	97,333 88
" " " " United States	50,000 00
New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Mortgages.....	1,239,502 05
Debentures.....	96,521 62
Total Invested Surplus.....	\$1,633,356 40
Current Account Surplus.....	44,479 35
Total Mortuary Surplus.....	\$1,617,835 75
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	79,369 76
Grand Total Surplus.....	<u>\$1,727,205 51</u>

Yours in L., B. and C.,

H. A. COLLINS,
Sup. Treasurer.

When a man loves his neighbor as himself it generally turns out that the neighbor is a pretty girl," says a sacriligious paper, And yet it seems natural.—*Ec.*

New Courts.

- COURT MAMMOTH** No. 3207, MAMMOTH, UTAH, U.S.A.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1896, by J. H. Kardley.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., P. H. Heninger; Chaplain, Geo. Dravetz; Physician, C. L. Add eman, M. D. 19 members.
- COURT MANZANITA**, No. 3208 JACKSON, CAL.
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1896, by A. A. Campbell and E. A. Mack
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., W. E. Kent; Chaplain, Eugene Schwartz; Physician, B. H. Schacht, M. D. 22 members.
- COURT FORT ARMSTRONG**, No. 3205, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1896, by J. W. Rogers.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., R. S. Blakemore; Chaplain, J. P. Hubbell; Physician, Dr. J. De Silva. 15 members.
- COURT BURROAK**, No. 3206, HEGEWISCH, ILLINOIS.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1896, by A. E. Stevenson, F. Donohue, and W. P. Clancey.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Peter E. Johnson; Chaplain, Joseph Doe; Physician, Jacob Poehls, M. D. 27 members.
- COURT UNION TRACTION**, No. 3209, PHILADELPHIA, PENN.
 Instituted on the 6th day of May, 1896, by Jas. D. Henderson.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Thomas B. Foot; Chaplain, G. Walter Bricker; Physician, George Sinnamen. 30 members.
- COURT CARILLON**, No. 3211, MONTREAL, QUEBEC.
 Instituted on the 10th day of May, 1896, by J. Lavolette, M. D.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., L. P. Fortin; Chaplain, O. Crevier; Physician, T. L. Sylvester. 13 members.
- COURT PINE RIVER**, No. 3212, RICHLAND CENTRE, WISCONSIN.
 Instituted on the — day of May, 1896, by D. Jay Adams.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., R. H. Delap, M. D.; Chaplain, Herbert S. Miller; Physician, R. H. Delap, M. D. 18 members.
- COURT NEEWASH**, No. 3213, BROOKHOLM, ONT.
 Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1896, by Geo. Menzies.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. Menzies; Chaplain, W. E. Norton; Physician, Wm. John Earley, M. D. 20 members.
- COURT LITTLE METIS**, No. 3214, LITTLE METIS, QUEBEC.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of May, 1896, by P. H. A. Caron.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R. P. H. A. Caron; Chaplain, John J. Jackson; Physician, M. Blais, M. D. 14 members.
- COURT ASTORIA**, No. 3215, ASTORIA, L. I., NEW YORK.
 Instituted on the 11th day of May, 1896, by C. L. Coulter, M. D.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. A. Johntra; Chaplain, R. H. Rhone; Physician, O. L. Mulot, M. D. 20 members.
- COURT FOX VALLEY**, No. 3217, GENEVA, ILLINOIS.
 Instituted on the 12th day of May, 1896, by A. J. Messenger.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., C. J. Linder; Chaplain, F. H. Wheeler; Physician F. M. Marsteller. 23 members.
- COURT GRAND LEDGE**, No. 3218, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN.
 Instituted on the 13th day of March, 1896, by A. A. Weeks and F. W. Welch.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., M. H. Gausenhousar; Chaplain, Elgin Mitton; Physician, W. E. Nelson, M. D. 23 members.
- COURT BIG ROCK**, No. 3219, CHESANING, MICH.
 Instituted on the 12th day of May, 1896, by J. D. Van Sickle.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., J. A. Chapell; Chaplain, Will. Bennett; Physician, L. B. Steward, M.D. 24 members.

COURT BLOOMFIELD CENTRE, No. 3220, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

Instituted on the 14th day of May, 1896, by W. T. Bingham.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Theodoro N. Parent; Chaplain, Christian Buck; Physician, F. W. Lockwood, M.D. 20 members.

COURT BARON DE CASTON, No. 3221, CASTINE, MAINE.

Instituted on the 13th day of May, 1896, by Thomas Clarke.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., W. B. Burtram; Chaplain, Fred. A. Perkins; Physician, George A. Wheeler, M.D. 24 members.

COURT EASTON, No. 3222, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

Instituted on the 6th day of May, 1896, by John Frost.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., J. B. Prichard, M.D.; Chaplain, G. C. Jacobs; Physician, J. B. Prichard, M.D. 31 members.

COURT ANNEISCE, No. 3223, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 6th day of May, 1896, by A. J. Kniffen and F. T. Hendryx.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Albert J. Terwell; Chaplain, Larkin A. Rockwell; Physician, H. J. Tillotson, M.D. 23 members.

COURT MONDAMIN, No. 3224, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Instituted on the 1st day of April, 1896, by J. S. Combs.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., E. J. Sullivan; Chaplain, Frank Rosewater; Physician, Charles Rosewater, M.D. 29 members.

COURT FOURMEN, No. 3225, SOUTH OMAHA, NEB.

Instituted on the 14th day of May, 1896, by J. S. Combs.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., A. L. Hunter; Chaplain, J. T. Russell; Physician, Thomas Kelley, M.D. 17 members.

COURT WESTWARD HO, No. 3210, LONDON, ONT.

Instituted on the 9th day of May, 1896, by T. G. Davey.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. A. Tanner; Chaplain, A. E. Gauld; Physician, C. Y. New, M.D. 21 members.

COURT TITUSVILLE, No. 3230, TITUSVILLE, PENN.

Instituted on the 22nd day of May, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Dallas F. Spalding; Chaplain, Lueroff O. Bradley; Physician, Wm. G. Johnston, M.D. 18 members.

COURT CONOQUESSING, No. 3196, BUTLER, PENN.

Instituted on the 21st day of April, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. R. Kearns; Chaplain, Charles R. B. Hunt; Physician, Charles R. B. Hunt, M.D. 12 members.

COURT MORRIS, No. 3229, BOONTON, NEW JERSEY.

Instituted on the 22nd day of May, 1896, by W. T. Bingham.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., M. Lewis Brover; Chaplain, Jas. Trimble; Physician, A. E. Carpenter, M.D. 32 members.

COURT SILVER CREEK, No. 3258, SILVER CREEK, NEW YORK.

Instituted on the 19th day of May, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., John H. Grant; Chaplain, Horace Swetland; Physician, Wm. W. Cole, M.D. 14 members.

COURT WAPSIE, No. 3227, INDEPENDENCE, IOWA.

Instituted on the 18th day of May, 1896, by Thos. J. Birch.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Michael Opmus; Chaplain, J. D. Lizer; Physician, W. C. Miller, M.D. 14 members.

COURT JAMESTOWN, No. 3231, JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA.

Instituted on the 22nd day of May, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., R. W. Davidson;

Chaplain, W. E. Loomis; Physicians, R. G. De Puy and D. Baldwin. 20 members.

COURT MEMONINEE, No. 1191, MEMONINEE, MICH.

Instituted on the 1st day of May, 1896, by A. A. Weeks.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., C. W. Hutchinson; Chaplain, Adam Allison; Physician, H. A. Venneman. 27 members.

COURT GOLDEN ROD, No. 775, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 4th day of May, 1896, by _____.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. F. McIntyre; Chaplain, M. Diamond; Physician, J. F. O'Neal. 32 members.

COURT _____, No. 3232, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 27th day of May, 1896, by W. H. Lee and W. S. Williams.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., F. E. Van Tassel; Chaplain, Giles F. Hunter; Physician, H. E. Allaben. 13 members.

COURT DE SOTO, No. 3233, GALENA, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 15th day of May, 1896, by J. M. Fletcher.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Henry I. Clauer; Chaplain, Geo. D. Lindsay; Physicians, H. F. Gunn and M. H. Cleary. 20 members.

Among the Courts.

Ontario.

Dedication of a Foresters' Hall at Fairfield.

COURT FAIRFIELD, No. S90, has given an example that ought to prove encouraging to other courts located in a purely country district. It has over 60 members, and is now the owner of one of the handsomest forest homes possessed by any court in the Order. The dedication took place on June 2nd. It had been the hope of the court to secure Dr. Oronhyatekha for the interesting ceremony, but much to the Chief's regret, his many engagements made it impossible for him to attend. The dedication ceremony was performed, in the presence of a company that filled the hall to overflowing, by Rev. R. McNair, F.C.R., assisted by Rev. A. Macgillivray, F.H.C.R.; Bro. Whale, H.I., and visiting brethren from Court Island City, Brockville. At the close of the dedication ceremony, Bro. Macgillivray presented the court with a silver mounted gavel, suitably engraved, and a picture of the founder of the Order, Col. Caldwell, P.H.C.R. In connection with the dedication, the court gave a picnic. The day was beautiful, and the attendance of Foresters and their friends was very large. Foresters were present from Brockville, Glen Buell, Mallorytown, Athens, Prescott, Bishop's Mills and Merrickville. The Brockville brethren turned out in large numbers. Dinner and tea were served on the beautiful grounds of Bro. Carr, of Woodlawn. The Island City band, of Brockville, discoursed sweet music. A number of athletic events afforded a pastime for a great many; and speeches on the principles, benefits and growth of the Order were given by Revs McNair and Macgillivray, and Mr. C. C. Whale. Bro. G. P. Graham, of the Brockville Recorder, a prominent member of the Workmen Order, spoke a few apt words of greeting from the A.O.U.W.

Bro. Walker, C.R. of the Court, discharged the duties of chairman with great acceptance. An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the conferring of honorary membership on Mr. Carr, who gave a free deed of the ground on which the hall stands, and who placed his beautiful grounds at the disposal of the brethren for their picnic.

The ladies entered heartily into the day's proceedings, and deserved the hearty vote of thanks tendered them. Court Fairfield has done nobly, and we extend our hearty congratulations.

COURT PEEL, No. 136, Port Credit.—The third anniversary of this court was appropriately observed by the members attending Divine service in the Presbyterian church on the evening of June 14th; the attendance of the members was large.

The brethren, who occupied the centre of the church, made a very fine appearance; the church was filled to the doors. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto. At the close of the service, the brethren met in their court room and passed a vote of thanks to the church authorities. Court Peel is one of the live growing courts of the Order.

COURT ISLAND CITY, No. 375, Brockville.—A special and well attended meeting of this Court was held on the evening of June 1st. Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray of Toronto, who was initiated into the Order in the Court was present and gave an address on the present position of the Order. The brother was very cordially received by his mother Court. Inspector Whale who is a great favorite in Brockville was given a flattering reception and made a stirring speech. Addresses were given by Bros. Dr. Horton, C. P., Bro. Mix, C. D., J. N. Marshall, Barrister, R. H. Gamble, T. Morrison and others. Some of the brethren of the Court were apparently as great strangers to the majority of those present as the visiting brethren. Court Island City is within a few of the century mark and Bro. Mix promises the even 100 before long. Island City will reach it.

COURT HIGH PARK, No. 3230, Toronto.—This is the latest addition to Toronto Courts. It is located in the west of the City and has been worked up by Bro. R. Abbs who is its first C. R. They expect to begin with at least 20 members the 1st July.

COURT MT. MACKAY, Fort William.—This anniversary service of this Court will be conducted by the Rev. A. Macgillivray of Toronto, on July 12th.

COURT CRYSTAL, No. 1972, Fesserton, Ont. This Court was instituted in September of last year with a membership of fourteen who have all stood to their guns. Six applicants are awaiting initiation and a prospect of at least twelve more who wish to be in before the first of July. The promptness of the Supreme Executive in settling the many sick claims which they have been called upon to pay to those who have been sick has made a good impression in this locality in

favor of the Order. Bro. Ben. Pipher wishes to thank the Supreme Executive for prompt settlement of his sick claim of \$38.15, which he received almost by the return mail, as he thinks so short was the interval between the time of sending in the claim and the receipt of the cheque for the same.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES OF COURT MISSISSIPPI, No. 78.—Never in the history of Court Mississippi had they such a successful anniversary service as was held last Sunday in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place. Long before the hour of service the beautiful edifice was filled by Foresters and friends to its utmost limit, and hundreds were turned away being unable to obtain admission. The Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland and the Rev. R. McNair, High Chief Ranger of Ontario, conducted the services which were highly appreciated by a very large and intelligent audience present. The sermon was preached by W. J. M'Caughan, and was for style of structure, eloquence of delivery, originality of thought and aptitude of illustration characteristic of this eminent Irish divine. Certainly Sunday was a day long to be remembered by the Foresters of Carleton Place. When the Foresters repaired to their rooms a motion was passed by the united Courts of Mississippi, Minerva, Beckwith and Frankton expressing appreciation of the services rendered by those who took part, especially to Mr. M'Caughan for the eloquent sermon which he had delivered.

COURT ZEPHYR, No. 316.—The picnic of this Court, on the 18th June, was a very successful and enjoyable affair. The weather was all that could be desired, and the members of the Court entered with enthusiasm into the proceedings of the day. The brethren, accompanied by visiting brethren from Uxbridge, Sutton, Greenbank, Leaskdale, Adora and other places, marched to the grove headed by the fine band of the place which is made up largely of Foresters. At the grove short and admirable addresses were given by Rev. James Frazer, of Sutton, Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, C. C. Whale, H.I., and the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Dewey. The ladies of the Methodist Church furnished an excellent tea. Forestry is very popular in this part of Ontario.

COURT DESERONTO, No. 93, DESERONTO.—A public meeting under the auspices of the above court was held on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst. There was a good attendance of members and their friends. Bro. E. M. Wallbridge, D.D.H.C.R., presided, and was accompanied on the platform by Revs. W. S. McTavish, B.D., W. J. M'Caughan, H.C.R., Ireland; E. Gilfillan, Larne, Ireland; Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, Asst.-Sec. of the Medical Board; Conrad B. Bennett, H.C.R., New Jersey. The Mohawk band was also in attendance, and, under the leadership of Professor Denmark, discoursed a number of appropriate selections. The Irish brethren had their thoughts of home evoked by an admirable collection of Hibernian airs, down on the programme as "Recollections of Ireland." Bro. Conrad B. Bennett, H.C.R., of New Jersey, gave a brief account of the his-

tory of the Order, and as H.C.R. of the State in which it was born and cradled, dwelt with pleasurable pride upon its rapid growth and development. Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, Chaplain Court Dalriada, 2016, Ireland, complimented the court upon its activity and energy, referred to the characteristic perseverance of the Canadian membership, and hoped the Irish brethren would be stimulated to imitate their efforts. The Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., expressed his pleasure at being present, and wished the court and the distinguished visitors every success. The Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, H.C.R., Ireland, referred to the pleasure he felt in being present again in Deseronto, and being honored as the messenger of fraternal greetings from the brethren in the Old Country to the workers in the land of the Order's adoption. He dwelt at some length on the historical, financial and fraternal aspects of the Order. Bro. James Stokes, D.S.C.R., moved a vote of thanks to the band and the speakers who had honored them with their presence, and to whose remarks they had listened to with pleasure and profit. The chairman put the motion to the meeting; it was carried enthusiastically by a standing vote. The chairman conveyed the thanks of the audience to the friends referred to in appropriate terms. The H.C.R. of New Jersey and the H.C.R. of Ireland having responded, a most successful meeting was brought to a close in the usual way.

ONTARIO NOTES.

The year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the I.O.F. in Ontario.

H.C.R., Bro. Robt. McNair, is booked to speak at an anniversary service in Kinsmore on Dominion Day.

Representatives to High Court will please secure standard receipt when purchasing their R. R. tickets at the beginning of the journey.

Again the question of dividing the Ontario jurisdiction into two or three High Courts is prominently to the front. We believe division to be in the interests of the Order.

The two courts of Foresters in West Toronto attended the Presbyterian Church on June 21st. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rae, pastor of the church.

Among the new courts in the east that are preparing for picnics in the near future are Waba, Dunvagan, Clyde Forks and Kenmore. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, is booked to speak at Waba on the 19th of June.

Letters continue to come in asking for public speakers for picnics, public meetings and anniversary services; these are filled as far as possible, but sometimes it is impossible to respond to these, on account of previous arrangements.

Bro. the Rev. John Grenfell of Carleton Place, P.H. Chap. of Quebec, is removing from Carleton Place to Kingston. Court Mississippi is sorry to lose one of its most

enthusiastic members, but Court Frontenac will be the gainer.

The Foresters of Collingwood, Duntroon, Stayner, etc., attended divine service in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, of which Bro. Rev. D. L. McCrae, Ph.D. is pastor. The congregation was large and the sermon and music appropriate.

A new court has recently been put in at Whitney, which starts with a Charter list of 32 members. There is every probability that this new court will secure a set of officers badges, by having 40 members before the end of June. They are also taking steps already to have a new hall built, and we shall hear from this court again.

Court Dromore is always noted for its successful entertainments, and this year was no exception to the rule. Bro. N. W. Campbell, P.S.I. for South Grey, was present and delivered an eloquent address on Forestry. Bro. Taylor, "The Laird of Dromore," extended his well-known hospitality to all visiting Foresters on that occasion.

We are glad to learn that Bro. C. C. Whale is meeting with great success everywhere he goes. During a recent meeting at Hallsville and Mountain Station, he did good work which was greatly appreciated, not only by the courts there, but also by the High Court. His visit also to Fairfield, Mississippi, Emsdale, Brockville and elsewhere, has done much towards helping on the march of our noble Order.

Court Beaconsfield, No. 80, held a most successful picnic at Pakenham, on the 2nd of June. Large crowds witnessed the sports during the afternoon, which were well contested. In the evening a public meeting was held in the town hall, which was crowded to the doors. The address of the evening was given by the H.C.R., who spoke for over an hour on the merits of the Order. Court Beaconsfield is an enthusiastic court, and the heart of Bro. Summerton was cheered by the success of the meeting. Addresses were also given by each of the three clergymen of the town who are all Foresters.

Quebec Notes

We will miss the *Quebec Forester*. After serving its day and generation, it has quit the scene.

The High Court will hold its 9th annual session August 25th and 26th. The Supreme Chief Ranger will be present.

For the convenience of the many courts in Montreal, a supply depot has been opened in the commercial metropolis of the Dominion.

The High Standing Committee of Quebec have appointed July 1st as Foresters' Day, and the brethren are invited to join in civic and fraternal celebrations in a manner suitable to the day and the locality where the brethren reside.

The work of organizing new courts is being pushed with vigor. Second place is not going to be surrendered, even to please Michigan.

From now till the meeting of High Court, in addition to the ordinary remuneration, a bonus of \$25 will be given to Deputies for each court instituted.

High Court of Nova Scotia.

Notice is hereby given, that the High Court of Nova Scotia will meet at Lunenburg, on Wednesday, the 12th day of August next. Each subordinate court is entitled to two representatives. Any court having more than fifty members is entitled to one additional representative for every twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof. One representative from each court will be paid mileage and per diem allowance. A full representation is urgently requested. The usual reduced rates will be secured. Those going by railway will pay one first-class fare, and get a standard certificate from the ticket agent at starting point.

W. T. BELL.
High Secretary.

Dated at Amherst, N.S.,
this 10th day of June, 1896.

High Court of P. E. Island.

The third annual meeting of the High Court was held at Montague on Thursday and Friday, June 11th and 12th. Representatives and officers to the number of about 60 were present, and the reports of the officers showed the Order to be in splendid condition. During the past year six new courts were organized, and the membership increased 150.

The session was most harmonious and pleasant, and the good people of Montague vied with each other in their efforts to make the session a pleasant one. The thanks of the press committee are especially due to the courteous attendant of the telephone office, who spared no efforts in the interests of the visitors.

The officers elect and appointed are as follows:

H. C. R.—J. Farrer Stewart, O'Leary.
H. V. C. R.—C. W. Kielly, New London.
H. Secy.—L. U. Fowler, Bedeque.
H. Treas.—W. H. Prowse, Murray Harbor.
H. Phyn.—Dr. H. W. Robertson, Crapaud.
H. Counsellor.—R. H. McDonald, St. Eleonors.

Auditors—J. E. Birch, Alberton; George McKenzie, Charlottetown.

Chaplain—Rev. Ewen Gillies, Murray Harbor.

S. Woodward—Charles Murphy, Summerside.

J. Woodward—Henry Wood, Pownal.
S. Beadle—James Pickering, Clinton.
J. Beadle, N. J. McDonald, Montague.
Marshal—Cyrus Morris, Summerside.
Conductor—M. McLeod, Milton.
Messenger—F. W. Picketts, Freetown.

In the evening the large and beautiful hall was filled to overflowing with citizens of Montague and the surrounding districts, and a choice programme was rendered as follows:

Recitation—C. W. Kielly.

Speech—J. E. Birch.

Recitation—Miss Phoebe McDonald.

Speech—Rev. Mr. Kirby.

Speech—R. H. McDonald.

Speech—Rev. Ewen Gillies.

A public installation of the officers was then held, Past H. C. R. Dr. J. M. Martin, acting as Supreme Chief Ranger; J. M. Clark, Supreme Marshal, and Dr. McLaughlin, Supreme Conductor. This concluded one of the very best meetings of the High Court, and the members are to be congratulated on the splendid showing made. The next session of the High Court will be held at Summerside in 1897, the time to be arranged later.

High Court of Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 26, 1896.

TO ALL COURT DEPUTIES:

BROTHERS,—Herewith I enclose the semi-annual password for the term beginning with July 1st, 1896. I also enclose blank for the semi-annual report, which should be sent to this office, with the fifty cents per member semi-annual per capita, immediately following your first meeting in July, such per capita being payable on every member whom you at that time have reported to the Supreme Court as in good standing on July 1st. This per capita is in addition to the twenty-five cents you send to the Supreme Court, and is used in paying the current expenses of the State High Court, the mileage and per diem at its annual meetings, etc.

I am pleased to report that every court in arrears at the time of our annual meeting last February is now square on our books, and that in addition thereto we have additional courts at Manchester, Waterloo and Independence.

Local courts should use their best endeavors to establish sister organizations in their immediate sections, and will promptly secure any needed aid by addressing M. M. Hoffman, H. C. R., Dubuque, Ia.

Congratulating one and all on being members of the best fraternal insurance organization on earth, I am, Yours fraternally,

PERRY PERKINS,
High Secretary.

High Court of Wisconsin.

MADISON, WIS., June 1, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts, of the I. O. F. in Wisconsin, Greeting:—

The attention of all Subordinate Courts and brothers is called to the fact that according to our Constitution each Court is required to make a semi-annual report to the High Court on the first day of July of each year, and to remit with same the sum of fifty cents for each member in good standing at that date. This report is made on Form No. 25, and it is earnestly desired that each and every Court will make out this report as complete and full as possible, and send the same

to the High Secretary as soon as possible after July 1. Courts organized since January 1, 1896, will not be required to remit the fifty cents High Court dues, but should send in their reports. Courts not having Form No. 25 should send for them at once.

As the representation to the High Court, which meets in Racine, on February 3, 1897, is based on the number of members in good standing on July 1, it is hoped that each Court will do its best to make their representation as large as possible by increasing their membership largely during the month of June.

The Supreme Court is now offering prizes for new members, and has granted a dispensation to Courts to initiate at charter rates. There is no reason why we cannot make a large increase in our membership if all will do their best during the next month. Since the annual report of the High Court in February last, six new courts have been organized in the state, and several more are under way and will soon be added to our list. We now have fifty-nine courts in this state.

It is desired by the S. C. that the Order should reach the 100,000 mark by July 1. Let us do our part in making our noble Order 100,000 strong.

Respectfully submitted in L. B. & C.,

B. F. PARKER,
High Chief Ranger.

J. C. PROCTOR,
High Secretary.

—
New York.

RECEPTION TO THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER
AND THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF
IRELAND.

The *Campania* arrived with the Supreme Chief Ranger and party on 12th June, at New York City. On the following evening a magnificent reception was given by the brethren of the Empire City in the beautiful hall of the Scottish Rite.

Bro. C. L. Coulter occupied the chair and delivered a brief but happy and appropriate welcome, at the close of which he read the following suitable poetical greeting from Col. A. B. Caldwell who regretted exceedingly his inability to be present.

Welcome mighty Chief once more!
Welcome to our grateful shore!
Welcome to the friends you love!
Welcome to the friends who prove
Active, earnest, steadfast, true,
All of those who still love you.
Welcome to our Gotham home,
Always welcome when you come,
Welcome to the clime the best,
To give a weary brother rest,
Welcome Chieftain wise and just,
Whom we venerate and trust,
Welcome by the grasp of hand,
Welcome to your native land.

At this point the Grand Organ under the skilful control of Mr. Albert C. Johnston struck in with the particularly appropriate piece, "Hail to the Chief." The Supreme Chief Ranger then delivered one of his usually effective speeches.

On the platform were Bro's. Conard B. Bennett, H.C.R., New Jersey; Rev. Geo. Buckle, P.H.C.R., D.S.C.R. and High Chap.,

New Jersey; Rev. Ewing Giffan, Court Dalriada, Ireland; The Hon. August W. Peters, Chairman of the Consolidated Stock Exchange.

After the playing on the harp of the typical Irish piece, "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Hall" by Miss Berkle, Dr. Coulter in a few significant sentences introduced the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Ireland, who spoke at some length on the fundamental principles of the Order. After some more music, an address was delivered by Rev. Geo. T. Buckle, and the Hon. August W. Peters. After various other interesting items, the Hon. Geo. C. Austin, Assembly man and Chairman of the most important of all the Committees in the state, "The Cities Committee," before which all Bills relating to the cities in the state of New York must come and which dealt with the greater New York Bill having been called to St. Louis to the great convention for the nomination of the new President of the United States, sent an interesting apology and directed his speech to be read by the Secretary, Mr. Harry Lever, Chief Ranger, Court Knickerbocker.

When our distinguished S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, predicted in the preface to the history of the I.O.F. that the Order would, in time, be one of the greatest Fraternal Benefit Societies in existence, he probably did not count on his hope being realized this early in his own day. It is our great privilege to-night to do him honor and to pay him tribute. His recent trips in the western and south-western states of the Union, we are assured, resulted in greatly improved health to him, and that he was delighted with the condition and prospects of the Order in the various places that he honoured. He has just returned from an important conference in London, where he met the leaders of the Order in Great Britain and perfected arrangements for the vigorous prosecution of the work in all the High Court jurisdictions of the mother country. Indefatigable in all his efforts to promote and advance the interests of the Order, ever vigilant, ever faithful and loyal, possessed by unequalled skill and ability in directing the insurance or benefit features of the Order, we bow to him as our great leader, our S.C.R., our own *Oronhyatekha*. In doing honor to him we honor ourselves. Our tribute is modest, our homage is humble, but both are as sincerely tendered as they are indisputably deserved.

With such a leader, the results predicted by him are rapidly becoming accomplished facts. On the 1st of May, according to the official organ, it looked as if we were within 7,000 of the coveted membership of 100,000. Last year over 7,000 applications were received during the months of May and June, and every indication is in favor of that number being exceeded this year. On 1st April, 1895, the surplus was \$1,273,251.95. On 1st April of this year it was \$1,673,466.15, or a gain of over \$400,000 in one year. There is a ring of prosperity about that fact that delights every Forester and clinches his faith in the solidity of the Order. To the mothers, sisters and wives who are present here this evening, and to the sweethearts who will be

come wives, for every good unmarried Forester has a sweetheart, and as soon as a sweetheart becomes a wife, the benefit certificate is taken out for her, and sometimes before—think of it, absolutely safe insurance at an expense of less than 3 cents a day for each \$1,000.

A recent change in our Constitution, made by the Canadian parliament, and "for this we acknowledge our great gratitude to the S.C.R." allows the Order to issue \$4,000 and \$5,000 policies. By the new law the Order was required to deposit \$100,000 with the Canadian Government within 60 days after the passing of the Act. Our worthy S.C.R. pursued a course that is characteristic of him in all matters pertaining to the Order. Did he wait the 60 days, not at all. The marked cheque of the Order for \$100,000 was deposited with the Government at once, in fact a day before the Bill received assent of the Governor-General. That is the way our Executive does business, and that is the kind of business that has made the Order as successful as it is to day.

The greater part of the musical programme was given by Knickerbocker Court Glee Club, and was of excellent quality. Bro. H. M. Blight, who heard of the reception in the city, where he had been on business from Toronto, stopped over for the occasion, and contributed a fine baritone song. Mr. Seth Crane's Bass Solo was sublime, and his "Foresters' March" exceedingly appropriate and effective. The following chorus will give some idea of the song, which was written by Bro. Theo. Miller, M.D.:

FORESTERS' CHORUS.

The hour is loudly sounding,
Each heart is filled with glee,
While Foresters are marching
To the music of the tree.
From north and south they're coming,
Like a strong, resistless flood,
To bear each others burdens,
And do each other good.

Mr. Watty Hides, director and accompanist, Miss Berkle, and others, all deserve high praise.

Mrs. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger's amiable wife, was introduced to a number of the ladies.

The social part of the programme may be said to have culminated in the presentation, by Court Knickerbocker, of a very chaste silver loving cup and jug. Mr. Harry Lever, Chief Ranger of the Court, making the presentation, and admirably expressing his own feelings and that of the court as follows:

The hour is late, and I will detain you but a few moments while the last, but by no means the least, pleasurable duty of the evening is performed.

The worthy representative of the Supreme Chief in our neighbourhood is Dr. C. L. Coulter, D.S.C.R., the father of Court Knickerbocker, whom we all delight to honor, for we all know in so doing we are honoring the Supreme Chief, whose appointee he is, and through him the Order itself. I say "father" because Dr. Coulter first brought us together, taught us with patience, our first lessons in Forestry, guided our tottering footsteps in our infancy as a court, and now that we are

rather lusty youngsters, I know he delights in our rapid growth, and must take unto himself with pride the knowledge that his earnest zeal, loyal, honest and faithful work for Forestry, has resulted in the establishment of many courts as devoted to the Order and its principles as is Court Knickerbocker.

Dr. Coulter, I regret that the compulsory retirement of the Supreme Chief prevents his hearing these words of eulogy and praise I would speak on behalf of our court. However, the pleasing duty devolves upon me of presenting to you this loving cup, which I now hand you, and which is meant to express, in some small degree, the sentiments of love, appreciation and honor of Court Knickerbocker to its founder and staunchest friend. While the intrinsic value of the gift is not great, the sentiments which inspired it are strong. While the service is of silver, the hearts of the givers are pure gold in respect to their motive, as I have endeavored to express it. Please accept it with the sincerest good wishes of Court Knickerbocker, and may you be long spared to continue your good work.

Mr. W. J. Duncan, the able and energetic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, was present throughout a considerable portion of the meeting, but was suddenly summoned from the hall on important business before he had an opportunity of expressing, as he desired, his interest in the work of our beloved Order.

A most enjoyable, lengthened and enthusiastic gathering was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen," as enthusiastically as it could be sung even in the old country itself, and everything ending appropriately with the "Star Spangled Banner."

High Court of New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 24, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts in the State of New York,
Greeting:

BRETHREN:—Pursuant to By-Laws of the High Court, Article IV., you are required to comply with its provisions as follows:—"Section 1. The High Court dues, payable by each Subordinate Court, shall be at the rate of fifty cents per year for each beneficiary member in good standing upon its roll, which shall be payable in advance; one-half on the first day of January and one-half on the first day of July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secretary to the High Court with the semi-annual return to the High Court."

Section 146, Article 2, of the Constitution, also requires to be forwarded to the High Secretary of the High Court, immediately after the first of January and July of each year, "the semi-annual returns, Form No. 25, together with the High Court dues."

Chief Rangers and Court Deputies should personally superintend making these reports that no error or omission may occur.

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High Court, through its High Secretary, as provided in Supreme Court Rules. No Subordinate Court shall order supplies from the High Secretary in any amount less than the sum of one dollar, and in each case, the cash must invariably accompany the order for supplies.

Your special attention is directed to the foregoing provisions of law, that you may give these matters your immediate attention and avoid the necessity of executing Section 106 relating to suspension of Courts.

The Supreme Court clearly desire its intentions regarding these matters, and in any case where Courts fail to comply, on or before the 20th day of July, 1893, the said failure will work their immediate suspension.

While the High Court is endeavoring to spread the Order in this State, we hope that each Court and each individual member thereof will use his best efforts toward increasing the membership of his own Court, for, with your cordial support, we shall make this one of our best years. We are confident that our Order is second to none, and it bids fair to become the greatest institution of its kind in the world.

We, therefore, urge upon the members to use all diligence possible toward the further advancement of the Order, both as to increase of membership and quality of the risks selected.

The Secretary of any Court whose members do not receive the FORESTER, will please send the names and addresses of such brethren to the High Secretary. They will also report without delay, the name of a newly recommended Overt Deputy, together with his street and number to the High Secretary and not to the Subordinate Secretary.

In consequence of the election of officers and representatives having been changed from semi-annual to annual, and that said annual elections occur in December of each year, the following ruling has become necessary in so far as relates to representatives to High Court. Where the annual session of a High Court takes place after the first of July, the basis of representation of Subordinate Courts therein will be determined by the number of members in good standing on the 30th day of June, and if that number should entitle the Court to more representatives than were elected at the regular election in the preceding December, the Court may elect the additional representatives or representatives at the first regular meeting held after the 30th of June, or at any subsequent regular meeting before the meeting of the High Court.

Extending to the members of your Court every good wish, we have the pleasure of remaining,

Yours in L. R. & C.

W. F. MATHIAS,

High Chief Ranger.

CHARLES R. FINEGHERALD,

High Secretary.

Next Session of High Court will be at Albany, on Tuesday, September 13th, of which you will receive notice later on.

Our ST. CATHARINES now has a full-fledged brass band, which discourses music in front of the hall on each meeting night. They are pushing a boom with their eyes on the 200 mark.

Now the race with Quebec grows exciting; the Eastern Sister still leads, but the lead is being lessened, and unless there is a quickening of the gait, Michigan will soon be ahead.

Reports received from D. S. C. R. Donovan, show that he has instituted one court of 42 members this month, and has three more lists nearly completed, comprising 125 members, which he hopes to institute by the 30th.

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