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Number of Members 1st May, 1897

**111,722**

Surplus Fund 1st July, 1897

**\$2,233,326.89**

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Limit of Age for Admission is from 17 to 65 Years.

Rates of Monthly assessments.

To secure (1) the Mortuary Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the members of the I.O.F. are required to pay the small monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
17	50	60	70	80	90	100
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62	50	60	70	80	90	100
63	50	60	70	80	90	100
64	50	60	70	80	90	100
65	50	60	70	80	90	100

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Registration Fee of \$1.00.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment
17	50	27	100	37	150	47	200
18	50	28	100	38	150	48	200
19	50	29	100	39	150	49	200
20	50	30	100	40	150	50	200
21	50	31	100	41	150	51	200
22	50	32	100	42	150	52	200
23	50	33	100	43	150	53	200
24	50	34	100	44	150	54	200
25	50	35	100	45	150	55	200
26	50	36	100	46	150	56	200
27	50	37	100	47	150	57	200
28	50	38	100	48	150	58	200
29	50	39	100	49	150	59	200
30	50	40	100	50	150	60	200
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36	50	46	100	56	150	66	200
37	50	47	100	57	150	67	200
38	50	48	100	58	150	68	200
39	50	49	100	59	150	69	200
40	50	50	100	60	150	70	200
41	50	51	100	61	150	71	200
42	50	52	100	62	150	72	200
43	50	53	100	63	150	73	200
44	50	54	100	64	150	74	200
45	50	55	100	65	150	75	200
46	50	56	100	66	150	76	200
47	50	57	100	67	150	77	200
48	50	58	100	68	150	78	200
49	50	59	100	69	150	79	200
50	50	60	100	70	150	80	200
51	50	61	100	71	150	81	200
52	50	62	100	72	150	82	200
53	50	63	100	73	150	83	200
54	50	64	100	74	150	84	200
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57	50	67	100	77	150	87	200
58	50	68	100	78	150	88	200
59	50	69	100	79	150	89	200
60	50	70	100	80	150	90	200
61	50	71	100	81	150	91	200
62	50	72	100	82	150	92	200
63	50	73	100	83	150	93	200
64	50	74	100	84	150	94	200
65	50	75	100	85	150	95	200

The surplus funds of the Order are always invested with the greatest safety. A large portion of the funds is deposited with assessments and with sound monetary institutions, the balance being invested in first class U.S. Government bonds and in municipal bonds, as shown below:

Invested Funds.

Investment	Amount
Deposits in U.S. Dept. of Treasury	\$100,000.00
U.S. Govt. Bonds	50,000.00
New Brunswick Government	20,000.00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on Real Estate	100,000.00
Deposits in U.S. Banks	50,000.00
Deposits in U.S. Savings Banks	100,000.00
From the above it will be seen that we have already an invested Surplus Fund of	\$1,000,000.00

No portion of the funds thus invested can be withdrawn except by the joint check of the untermenored officers who comprise the Executive Council:

- S.C.R. County Clerk, N.D. Editor I.L.T.
- National Grand Master, N.D.
- P.S.R. E. Bohrer, Assoc. of Government
- R.V.C.E. Hon. D. D. Atken, M.D. Phil.
- Secretary John A. McMillan, C.E.
- Treasurer H. A. Collins, Secular
- Phy. T. Gillman, M.D. Secular
- Chm. Hon. Judge W. Woodcock
- C.O. Hampton, M.R.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional. The benefits are as follows:—(1) During each separate month, you sickness payment of \$1.00 a week for the first two weeks, \$2.00 a week for the next ten weeks; and at the discretion of the Executive Council a further sum of \$1.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) A payment of \$50 towards funeral expenses on the member's death, to his beneficiary.

With what we have in the end of our account, our total surplus on hand at last we have the magnificent sum of

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TORONTO, CANADA, JULY, 1897.

1. Send all matters relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestric law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.

2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, 59 Yonge St., Toronto, Can.

3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.

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

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

6. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," 25 Wellington St. West, Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.

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

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

## Editorial.

### Notes.

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For seventeen years of life and usefulness, we give thanks.

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You cannot dream yourself into success. You must work towards it.

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Another Forestric year is done. What have you done to make it a prosperous one?

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Pressure upon our columns obliges us to hold over a large amount of interesting matter.

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On May 1st the membership totalled **111,722**. The average age of that great army is but a fraction over 35 years.

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Only recently have men begun to ask for membership in the I.O.F. And yet 99 out of every 100 are secured by solicitation.

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The surplus June 1st was **\$2,233,326.89**. The increase for the month of May was \$55,545.22, the largest, if we mistake not, in any one month of the Order's history.

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The net increase in the membership of the Order for the twelve months ending April 30th was 19,295; this distances the best figures of any preceding twelve months.

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Thanks a thousandfold to the noble band of workers who have made so phenomenal a record for our beloved Order for the past year, and especially for its closing month.

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The past month has been true to the "June Record" in Forestry. The returns are not complete, but it looks as if the applications were going to top those of any previous month.

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Bro. M. M. Callaghan, H.C.R. of Michigan, is a brother of excellent discernment. He pronounces THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER the best medium for spreading the principles of the Order.

From many sources we hear that Sunday, June 20th, was observed by the courts of the Order as a day of thanksgiving. This is as it should be; members of our noble Order have much to be thankful for.

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The I.O.F. is not only strong in the number of its members, their youth, physical vigor and business enterprise, but it is still stronger in their attachment to its principles and their loyalty in promoting its success.

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The record for June will stand alone. Up to Friday, the 25th, about 4,000 medical examination papers were examined. There will be at least another 1,000 before the end of the month. "To him that hath shall be given."

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Deeds rather than words. THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER will strive month by month in the future, as in the past, to be worthy of the great Order for which it speaks, and of the great and growing constituency to whom it speaks.

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Every Forester who possibly can, will make it a point to attend the opening of the "Temple" building—the permanent home of the Order. The event will be a memorable one.

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The attention of Sculptors is directed to the advertisement in another column inviting competition, and offering prizes for models of a life-size bronze statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha.

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The impetus from June will be felt through July—but then, July should have its own impetus. The work should go right on. Men are exposed to accident, disease and death every month in the year, and every day and hour of the month.

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The members of the Order have much to be thankful for. The twenty-third year of the history of the I.O.F. was the most prosperous. It was becoming that the anniversary services should be characterized by praise and thanksgiving.

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We got more members in June than any other month in the year. We beg to assure the workers that a member secured in July or August is just as welcome. The community need the benefits of the I.O.F. for each of the twelve months in the year.

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The twenty-third anniversary of the Order was observed with more than ordinary enthusiasm by the courts throughout all jurisdictions. Thanksgiving services were very generally held, and the attendance of Foresters and their friends was highly gratifying.

For June the applications will number 5,000. For the Forestry year that closed with June 30th the net gain will be over 20,000, and the increase in the surplus over *half a million*. What say the critics to the vitality of the Order and the sufficiency of the rates?

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About the 1st of July, 1896, several thousands of our members said, "I am going to bring in a member this year; but there is no hurry, the year is long." The year is gone, and the member has not been brought in. When will humanity learn the danger of delay!

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The season of High Court meetings is at hand. North Dakota, New Brunswick and Manitoba meet in July. In August, the three Ontarios, Washington and Prince Edward Island follow. In every instance the officers will be able to submit reports of more than average progress.

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Every village, town and city in Canada had a celebration commemorative of Victoria's long and glorious reign of 60 years. In every place where a court of the I.O.F. exists (and the places where they do not exist are few), the brethren joined heartily in the celebration.

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It looks as if the chronic grumbler was in peril of finding his occupation gone. What with the membership increasing by *thousands* and the surplus by *tens of thousands* monthly, the fault-finder will be reduced to one grievance—the I.O.F. does not afford a chance to grumble.

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And now it appears as if the bright hope of the Chief is to be realized, and that he will meet the next communication of Supreme Court in August, 1898, with a membership of 150,000, and a surplus of \$3,000,000. Let every one work for it, and it will be more than accomplished.

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"I have never been sick a day. I am of a healthy stock. I can do better with my money than paying for insurance or protection." The battle is not always to the strong. We have followed more than one such to the grave. The uncertainty of life is an unanswerable argument in favor of insurance.

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That there will be a falling off in the number of applications during the months of July and August is to be expected. Almost everybody takes a holiday. The Deputies and Organizers who have been pushing the work with such splendid results are entitled to a vacation. The work, however, must not cease. Applications can be had for the asking, and our members must not lose an opportunity to secure additions to our ranks.

## What the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS Will Do For You.

Our members cannot know too well what the Order is doing and will do for them. Some have an idea that while they are only paying assessments and dues and receiving no monetary returns the benefits are one-sided. There is too great a tendency to ignore or belittle the **social, fraternal and educative** advantages of membership.

To our mind it is worth a good deal to be associated with intelligent, enterprising and benevolent men who acknowledge, without your pressing it, your claim upon their friendship.

As often as you choose to meet you have the social benefits of the court room. There you enjoy the interchange of thought and experience with your brother members. There are scores, yes, hundreds, of members who gratefully acknowledge the advantage to them of the experience of the court room. It was there they got their first idea how to conduct the business of a meeting, and there they learned to express their opinions clearly and concisely. It will be your fault if you do not derive some benefit.

In the event of sickness the member is visited by his brethren; not only do they come with words of sympathy, but, if the necessity should call for it, they remain to perform acts of helpfulness. Should the case require it, and the circumstances of the brother preclude it, their liberality provides the services of a trained nurse as long as needed. When sorrow darkens the home, the first to come with words of comfort and deeds of loving-kindness are the brethren of the court. We have scores of letters speaking the thanks of bereaved members for the sympathy shown in the hour of sorrow, for loving attention shown to a loved one that death claimed far from home, and for the discharge of the last sad offices to the dead. Are not these benefits equal in value to monetary ones? Can, indeed, such benefits be represented by a money value? Those who have experienced them will tell us they are beyond a price.

The material benefits are equally numerous, and certainly more tangible.

1. In **sickness** there is the free attendance of the Court Physician, who gives his services as promptly, and exercises his skill as conscientiously, as if he were paid directly for every visit.

2. And for the 26,000 members in the sick department there is, in case of sickness, the weekly benefit of \$3 per week for the first two weeks and \$5 per week for the following 10 weeks of sickness;

and \$3 per week for 12 more weeks under certain conditions. The extent of this benefit can be estimated by consulting the Treasurer's Statement from month to month. **For May \$11,493.74 were paid to brothers who had been ill.**

3. In the same connection there is a funeral benefit of \$50. In May \$400 were paid towards the funeral expenses of eight brothers whose illness terminated fatally.

4. Accident and sickness expose members to the danger of being totally and permanently disabled. The Order provides that in that event the brother shall cease paying assessments and receive one-half his benefit. **For May six brothers were placed in the total and permanent disability class, and \$3,500 were paid to them in benefits.**

5. When a brother reaches his seventieth birthday he is relieved from paying anything more into the Order, and he receives a paid up certificate. **There are now several in this class.**

6. When death ends all, the Order steps in and pays the beneficiaries of a departed brother the full amount of Mortuary Benefit carried by him—this is invariably done with the least possible delay. The amount of benefit varies from \$500 up to \$5,000. The lowest amount to many an industrious, thrifty widow, who otherwise would be penniless, is simply a fortune.

**For the month of May, 46 of our brethren joined the great majority, and \$55,306.67 of the bounty of the Order was distributed among the bereaved and, in many instances, needy loved ones of the departed brothers.**

These facts speak for themselves. They argue most conclusively in favor of the I.O.F. They show beyond controversy that the Order is doing a beneficent work and is meeting one of the needs of humanity. Every member should carefully guard his membership, and under no circumstance allow himself to be suspended. A moment of thoughtlessness may entail on his loved ones years of hardship and suffering. The brother, too, who rightly appreciates the benefits he enjoys will seek to have them extended to others, and in this way will be working for the strengthening of the Order.

Every member of the community who appreciates thrift and forethought among the people, and desires to see some provision made for dependent ones, will cordially commend the I.O.F. to those needing its benefits.

## Formal Dedication of the "Temple" on August 24th.

The members of the Order will learn with interest and satisfaction that the "Temple" building, that has been in course of construction for the past two years, will be formally opened on August 24th, on which date the High Court of Central Ontario will be in session in Toronto and in the Assembly Hall of the "Temple." All the members of the Executive Council will, of course, be present. The High Chief Rangers of the various jurisdictions from the Atlantic seaboard, and as far west at least as Dakota and Manitoba, are to be invited, and will, doubtless, make it a point to be in attendance.

The Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of the Dominion, and Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Opposition, are among some of the notable public men that are expected to grace the occasion with their presence. The event will in many particulars be the most important one in the history of the Order. The "Temple" is not only a credit to the I.O.F., but an ornament to Toronto. Its dedication will mark a new era in the history of the Order. Every Forester will take a lively interest in the event, and those within reach of Toronto are cordially invited to be present. Every brother in Toronto will exert himself to ensure the success of the great gathering on August 24th.

## Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

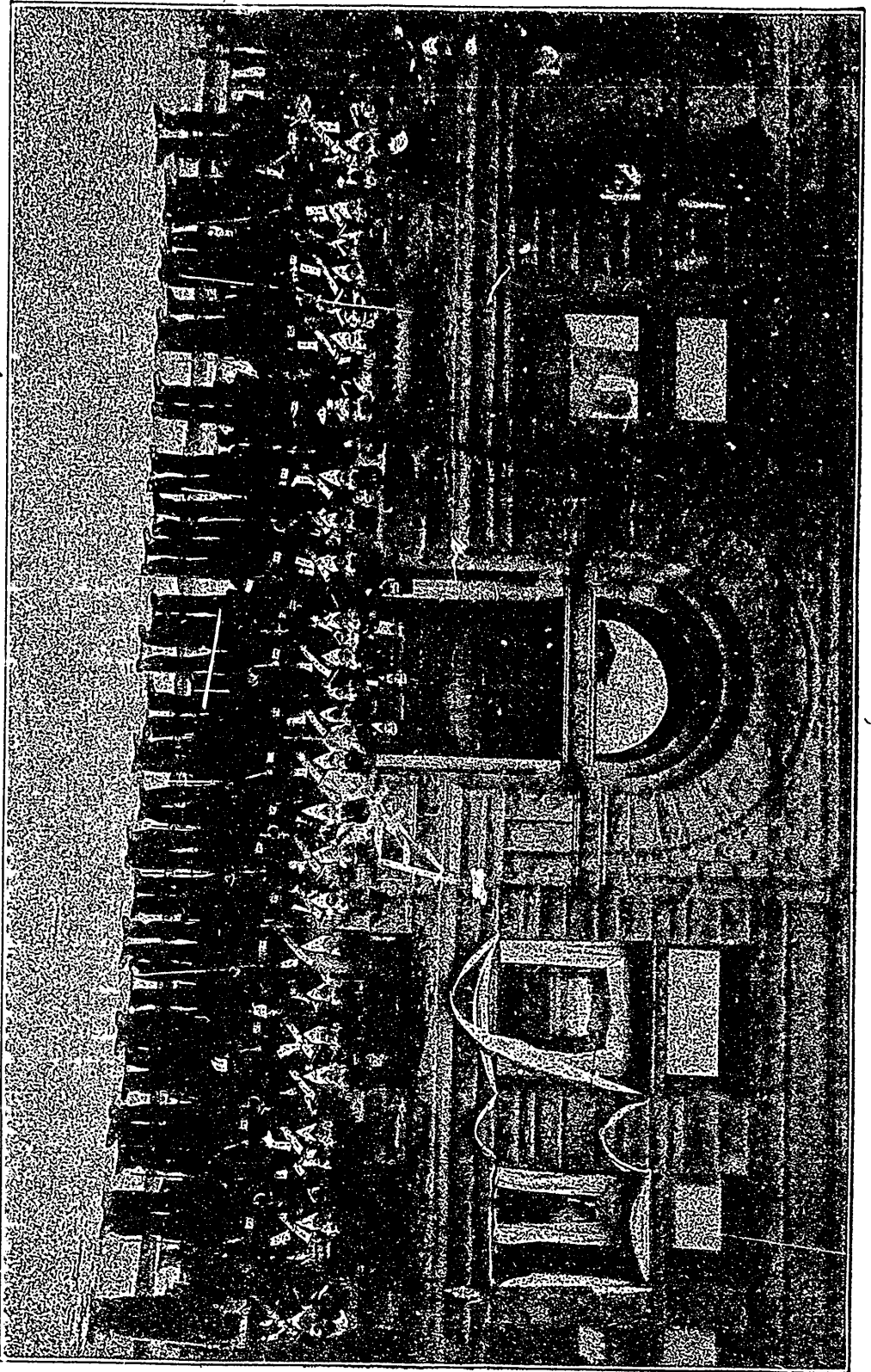
It has come and gone, the greatest outburst of admiration of, and loyalty to a Sovereign that the world has ever witnessed. Throughout the world, not only where Victoria is acknowledged as Queen, but wherever British enterprise has extended British commerce and a knowledge of Britain's glory, the completion of a reign of sixty years, over a loyal and prosperous people, was regarded with interest, and people of every nation joined in the tribute of esteem to the womanly woman that has adorned by her many virtues her exalted station, and that has governed in a wise and constitutional way 400,000,000 of the world's population. In Toronto all ranks and conditions of citizens vied with each other in showing, not only loyalty, but affection towards their Queen, under whose reign the city has grown many fold.

The military, national and fraternal societies joined in a monster procession—the largest and most representative that was ever witnessed in Canada. The members of the I. O. F. entered heartily into the scheme of a joint demonstration. For a month before the 22nd June, a committee representing the various courts of the city and vicinity met weekly to make arrangements. As the date approached the enthusiasm increased. On

the morning of the 22nd, when the brethren met at the Temple preparatory to joining the procession, it was found that, while only 500 were expected at the outside limit, over 600 were present, and many more sent word of their intention to join in by the way. It was estimated that when the procession wended its way out of Queen's Park, 800 Foresters were in line. The splendid appearance made by the men attracted general attention. Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician, might well be excused if he entertained any feelings of pride in the men that he passed into the ranks of the Order. The I.O.F. Band of Stayner, the special delight and care of Bro. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R. of the jurisdiction, led the brethren, and discoursed stirring music by the way. The feature of the Foresters' section of the procession was the magnificent float, gaily decorated, and drawn by four magnificent greys. On the float were young ladies dressed in costumes of different nations and bearing shields indicating the various Provinces, States and countries in which the operations of the Order are carried on. Footmen in attire that recalled the days when George III. was king were in attendance. The float came in for a good deal of applause all along the route of the procession.

Following what a facetious onlooker called the "Foresters' Triumphal Car" came a detachment of 30 Royal Foresters in the picturesque uniform of that degree. The time for drilling had been brief, but they marched with the precision of veterans, and Bro. C. A. Stone, who was in command, will go for many a day in the strength of the distinction won by his "dandies."

The brethren, as a rule, did not march by courts. The sixty courts represented were there as Foresters. Every court in Toronto and vicinity was represented. The delegation from some courts was as high as fifty. Bro. Major McGillivray, S.S., was Chief Marshal, and he was ably assisted by Capt. Wallace and Bro. Ebbs. The three were splendidly mounted, and they kept their division well in line. The true democratic spirit of the Order was manifest in the absence of carriages. It was to be a walk, and walk it was. Supreme and High Court officers walked with the rank and file. Bros. Dr. Millman, S.P., H. A. Collins, S.T., Rev. A. McGillivray, P.H.C.R., and Atwell Fleming H.T., brought up the rear, and the humorist dubbed them "the big four." The procession took an hour and twenty minutes to pass a given point. The van left Queen's Park at 10 a.m. sharp; it was 12.30 when the rear entered Exhibition Park. The miles marched must have been five good Irish miles. The feeling in our limbs for a day or two after gave us an impression that twenty miles must have been paced. At the flower building in Exhibition Park the brethren met and enjoyed re-



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freshments. They were briefly addressed by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, who congratulated them on the large turnout and their fine appearance, and thanked them on behalf of the committee in charge, and in the name of the Order, for the finest and most representative gathering ever seen of the members of the I.O.F. It was worthy of Independent Forestry, and of the Royal lady they all delighted to honor. Three rousing cheers were given for the Queen, and for Dr. Oronhyatekha, and the big parade was over.

## NOTES.

When will its glory fade?

The Decoration Committee did the "Temple" gay with banners and bunting.

Secretary Johns, of the Committee, worked hard and earned the good opinion that he enjoys.

When the day was done there was no complaint. Everybody was satisfied. Everybody did his duty.

"I.O.F." in mighty letters of green showed the headquarters of the "Independents" at Exhibition Park.

Some boys marched alongside of their "dads" in the procession from start to finish. They are the stuff to make Foresters.

What if one's feet were sore. Think of the exercise, to say nothing of the glory! Time enough to rest before the jubilee of the Order.

"The Old Man" would have liked to see this," said one of the veterans, who knows how dearly "the Chief" loves to see a thing well done.

"Who are these princes and officers in plumed hats, and bearing swords?" a lady was heard asking as the "Illustrious Sir Knights" filed past.

"This is walking through an avenue of living beauty," said a brother on Jarvis street, as he gazed on the admiring crowds that lined the street.

One good mother in Israel witnessed the mustering of the host at the "Temple," wore a souvenir badge, and walked with us up the avenue—bless her heart!

Bro. Daniel Rose was "the proud man you day." Two sons were with the Illustrious Sir Knights, and he was Deputy Marshal, and good work he did keeping "the boys" straight.

"If you will have 300 you will do better than I expect," said one who knew, or thought he did. Well, 600 badges were given out at the "Temple." The papers said 800 were in line.

The souvenir badge of light blue looked very pretty. The pictures of the Queen and "the Chief" showed very distinctly. Every Forester, no matter what his country, honors them both.

The appearance of the lady members of the "office staff" among the spectators cheered the

weary footsteps of the brethren at more than one stage of the journey. "You look fine!" from the lips of the ladies, would quicken anybody's step.

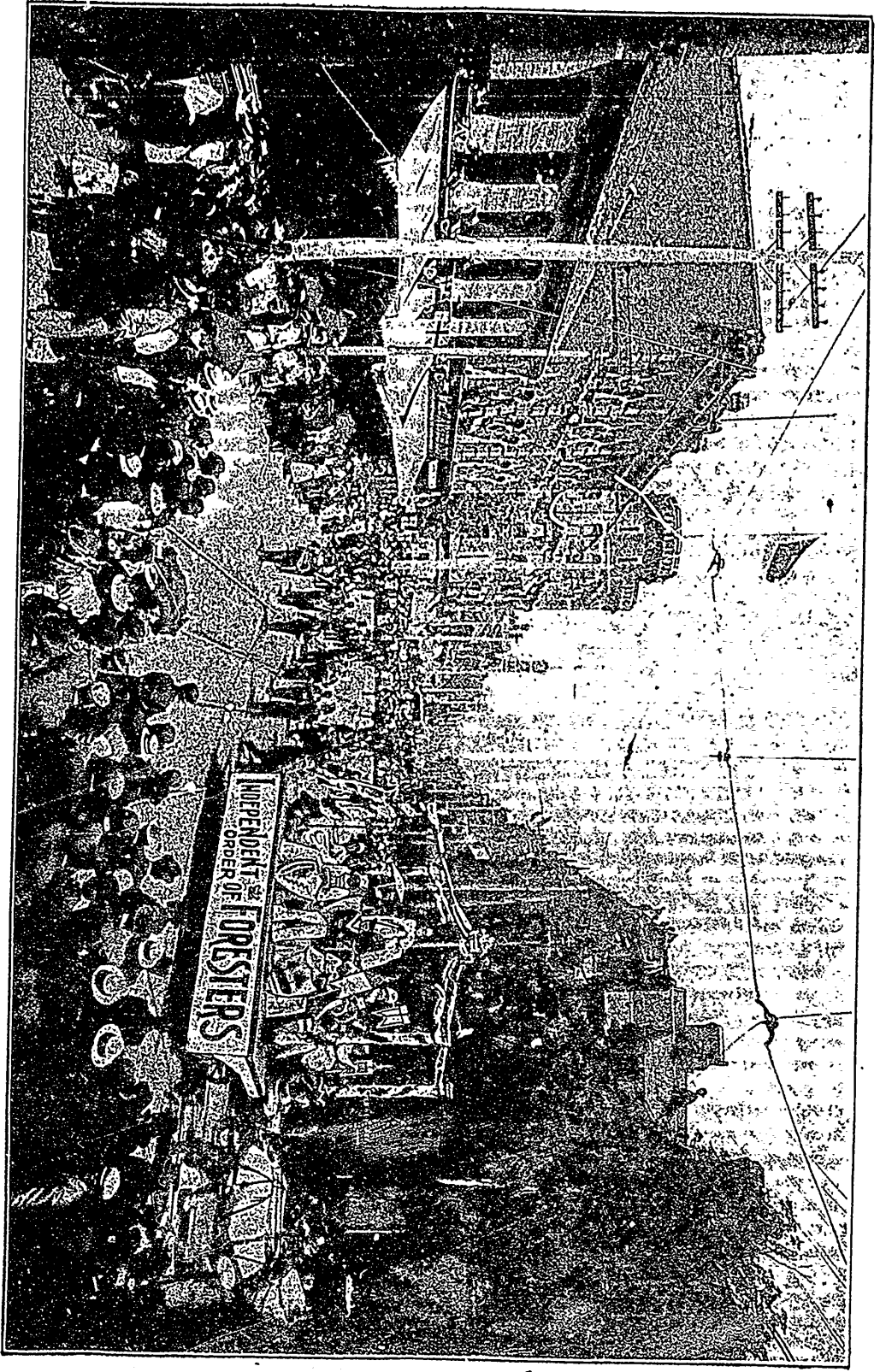
### The Independent Forester.

Time, that is ever on the wing, has brought us to the beginning of our eighteenth year. We look back with lively satisfaction to the year that has just closed. Accepting the testimony of our readers THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER is fulfilling its mission better than ever, and is proving to be a most effective agent in upholding and disseminating the principles of the great Order of which it is the official organ. The limitations to our space prevent our continuing even a limited amount of general literary matter. This we regret, knowing, as we do, that it was appreciated by our members, and especially by their families. Our readers will, however, recognize that our special function is to give Forestry news; and the rapid growth of the Order, especially in the last few years, leaves us little room for anything else than what immediately concerns the I.O.F.

We wish to acknowledge gratefully the assistance given us by many brethren in making THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER interesting to our readers by sending, from time to time, news concerning the growth and operations of the Order. We aim to have each jurisdiction represented in our news columns. Sometimes an issue appears without any mention of some High Court jurisdiction. The explanation is that no one forwarded anything to us. We can only give such news as we receive. Further, with over 2,800 courts in the Order, it will be evident to any one that we cannot publish all that we receive, and that a good deal of what is published is given in condensed form. Our friends will understand that in this matter we have but little choice. The relative importance of communications and the space at our disposal are to be considered.

It is scarcely necessary to say again that we seek conscientiously and impartially to do our duty by the Order, promoting to the limit of our ability and opportunity its principles, aims and interests. Years of advocacy only tend to confirm our faith in the soundness of its methods, and years of observation have shown how far-reaching and helpful are its benefits. If at any time we have, by any word we have written, given offence to any brother we regret it; such was not our intention. To be helpful is our hope. We begin Volume XVIII, encouraged by the kindness of the past. Our efforts will be directed to bringing THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER to a still higher degree of excellence. To this end we bespeak the cordial co-operation of our brethren. The Order in which we have our membership, and that it is our privilege to serve, is worthy of our best efforts on its behalf.





QUEEN'S JUBILEE PROCESSION, TORONTO—CROSSING YONGE ST.

### Thanksgiving.

To a greater extent than ever before was Sunday, June 20th, observed by the Order as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to our members. The capacity for gratitude is one of our most precious endowments. The thankful, no less than the contented mind affords its possessor a continual feast. The life into which the element of appreciation does not enter is void of a very sweet experience.

The unprecedented growth of the Order, the rapid increase in the Surplus, the harmony among Courts, the confidence reposed in those who administer the affairs of the I.O.F., the freedom from the adverse criticism to which the Order has been subjected for years, are among the things that evoke the hearty thanks of over 115,000 Independent Foresters.

### The Toronto Lithographing Co.'s Good Example.

Too often the relations between employer and employed are not cordial. Interests that ought always to be mutual are regarded at times as antagonistic. The result is disadvantageous to all concerned.

The Toronto Lithographing Co. is one of the many prosperous concerns of Toronto. If we remember rightly it was the first establishment to have a Court of Foresters organized among the employees. The manager of the Company, Bro. Wm. Stone, has been C.D.H.C. of the court since its inception and has always taken a lively and practical interest in its success. Recently a spacious room has been tastefully fitted up as a court room in the fine new building of the Company, at the corner of King and Bathurst streets, Toronto. A few weeks ago the court room was formally dedicated to Forestric purposes, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. Among those present were Bros. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R., J. C. Morgan, M.A., H.V.C.R., Atwell Fleming, H.T., T. Lawless, A.S.C.R., Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., C. C. Whale, S.I., and many others.

Court Senefelder now numbers over 50 members, all of whom are connected with the Company. The partners in the Company are active members of the court, all meeting on terms of equality and promoting one another's interests. Mr. Stone spoke of the pleasure it gave him to advance the interests of the men in every way possible, and of seeing them making a reasonable provision for the future. Every establishment should follow the example of the Toronto Lithographing Co. in encouraging their men to insure.

### The New Headquarters.

The finishing touches are being put on the eighth flat, and by the time this issue reaches our readers we will be in the "Temple" permanently housed, "no more to roam." That everything in the way of equipment and convenience will be up to date goes without saying.

That we will be glad to see our friends is so well known that it need not be repeated. It will be well on to the end of August before the whole building will be finished. Good work cannot be hurried. The formal opening will be on August 24th.

### The Chief's Return.

The question most frequently asked at headquarters is, "When will the Chief be home?"

It seems a long while since he faced eastward, and every one will be glad to join in welcoming him home. He is expected to sail by the 15th July, and allowing for a brief stay at a point or two on this side of the Atlantic, he may be expected in Toronto about the end of the month.

His time abroad has been fully occupied. The Order is coming more and more into prominence in the British Isles, and with the present strong staff in the field, we may ere long look for the same rapid growth there that we have witnessed here.

While in Europe the Chief attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the world, I.O.G.T., at Zurich. We have no doubt we owe it to his influence that the next meeting will be in Toronto.

We wish Dr. Oronhyatekha, his wife and daughter, and Miss Bayly a safe and pleasant voyage home. We assure them of a hearty Forestric welcome.

### "Swift Kindnesses Are Best."

It is not too much to say that every day letters are received at Head Office acknowledging in grateful terms the prompt payment to the beneficiaries of the amount of Mortuary Benefit carried by some departed brother Forester.

The invariable rule of the Order has been to issue the cheque or draft for the amount of benefit carried as soon as the proof of claim had been received and passed upon.

There is enough of sorrow and anxiety incident to death without adding to the cares of the bereaved by delaying the payment of the benefit that in many cases is the only support, and part of which may be needed to defray funeral expenses. The local court will be carrying out the policy of the Order in expediting matters as much as possible when a brother has been called to his eternal home. The following from the *Daily Leader*, Eau

Claire, Wis., shows how the press of the country regard this feature of our management :

"PROMPT PAYMENT BY THE I.O.F.

"Yesterday C. H. Knight, Court Deputy of Court Eau Claire, No. 907, Independent Order Foresters, received a draft for \$2,000 payable to Mrs. Celia T. Thayer, widow of the late Frank B. Thayer, one of the victims of the recent accident on the Omaha Railway. Mr. Knight, accompanied by W. H. Tyler, of the *Leader* staff, who is Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and Geo. M. Burke, Chief Ranger of the local court, drove to Altoona yesterday afternoon to deliver to Mrs. Thayer the amount above mentioned.

"Mr. Thayer was buried on June 10th, and proof of death had to be sent to the Supreme Court Offices at Toronto, Canada, and the payment of the claim on yesterday shows unusually prompt action on the part of the Forester management."

### Toronto's Great Exhibition.

The great Industrial Exhibition, which is held annually in Toronto the closing week in August and the first week in September, is looked forward to not only by the people of Toronto, but by the people of the whole Province of Ontario. In the spacious buildings in Exhibition Park are to be seen the products of the field and factory, the studio and home. It is a time of reunion, when city and country fraternize.

The Foresters, as usual, will keep open house in "Society Row." The I.O.F. tent will be in its place, and the brethren will be welcome. Manager Hill says the Exhibition will be bigger, better, and consequently more attractive than ever. If any of our readers can only visit Toronto once a year, it should be during the weeks of the Exhibition. The "Temple" will be finished by that time; it will be the sight down city.

### Montreal Foresters Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Montreal, the Metropolis of the Dominion, jubilated on the 21st by a Grand Civic Parade; and prominent among the Fraternal Societies was the Independent Order of Foresters.

The I.O.F. division was headed by an allegorical car representing a sylvan scene, crowned by a life-sized moose (the emblem of the Order), which was greatly admired all along the route of the procession.

Following the car, engaged also by the I.O.F., came the splendid brass band of the Sixty-fifth Battalion, of which regiment our worthy High Chief is Major; then came the Royal Foresters under the leadership of Brigadier-General Kelly, in full uniform, soldierly-looking in every particular. Following came the different subordinate courts all in regalia, a united body; Court Mount Royal, No. 7, the mother court, being in the centre, carrying

what all acknowledged to be the banner of the procession. In our travels we have seen many banners, but I think Court Mount Royal can be justly proud of the one it displayed. Bringing up the rear came the Executive of the High Court of Quebec in full regalia, in a carriage drawn by a fine span of horses. Our High Counsellor, Bro. Roy, M. P., from his fir appearance and striking resemblance to the S. Chief, was repeatedly saluted along the route of the procession. He was supported on the left by Bro. Gosselin, opposite whom sat Major Mackay, H.C.R., feeling somewhat tired after the previous day's exertions, though any one could see that he was well satisfied at the reward his labors had brought forth. He had succeeded and was content. He was well supported by Bros. J. W. Stocks, H. Sec., and P. Strathearn, V.H.C.R., who, as Foresters, we all know. Bros. P. Patenaude and D. J. McArthur, mounted on fiery steeds, acted as Marshals.

As to distinction in our ranks, we had none: there we were a truly cosmopolitan body representing one of the largest Fraternal Insurance Organizations on the continent, and without fear of contradiction we might say at the same time that the I.O.F. division of the procession was the finest body of men in line. One visiting brother from the Queen City was greatly surprised at the large number of Foresters in Montreal. "Why," he said, "Toronto isn't in it."

The brother found out before his departure that to really appreciate true Foresters was, first, to thoroughly know us habitants, and he also learned that, with a fair field and no favors, no more loyal brethren could be found.

We extend our congratulations to our H.C.R. upon his success.

We are sure it must be very gratifying to our Supreme Chief to have such a progressive and go-ahead High Court jurisdiction, which has outstripped any other organization in our province, and this result has been attained through pluck and energy, and still there's more to follow.—*Con.*

### A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed.

Bro. Amos P. Schneek, a member of Court Almonte, No. 781, Michigan, was taken ill last January. His illness was of so serious a nature that he went to Pueblo, Colorado, in the hope that the dry, bracing climate of that State would be conducive to his recovery. His hopes were not realized, but he gradually grew worse, and on June 4th he passed into the better country, the inhabitants of which will never say, "I am sick." During his illness Bros. C. G. C. Wells, H.C.R. of Colorado, and J. H. H. Low, H.S., tenderly cared for him, and did all that friendship could suggest to alleviate his sufferings and cheer his loneliness. The remains of the brother were tenderly cared for and sent home to his widow for interment.

The day following the funeral the cheque for the Mortuary Benefit of \$2,000 was handed the widow. Little wonder that every one in the locality where the brother was known and esteemed commends the Order for its fraternal conduct to the living, and its promptness in paying the benefit to the bereaved. And this is only one case in hundreds.

## I.O.F. ANNUAL PICNIC.

### The Yearly Excursion to Foresters' Island Park.

Anniversary Service Yesterday—Large and Representative Congregation—Eloquent and Appropriate Sermon.

*Daily Globe, Toronto, June 21st.*

DESERONTO, June 20—(Special).—The anniversary of the founding of the I.O.F. twenty-three years ago is regarded by all Foresters with special interest. In recent years, Foresters' Island Park, in the Bay of Quinte, opposite Deseronto, has been the Mecca to which Foresters turned their faces on the 17th of June, the date of the founding of the Order. On the Sunday nearest this interesting date a special religious service is held, at which Supreme and High Court officers, and as many of the members as can avail themselves of the privilege, attend. On Saturday a large excursion party left Toronto by G.T.R. to participate in the anniversary service. Among those who left Toronto were John A. Macgillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary; H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician; T. Lawless, A.S.C.R.; G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R.; Atwell Fleming, H.T.; C. C. Whale, Supreme Inspector; Alex. Henry, Valuator, and others.

The party reached the park about 6 p.m. The day was an ideal one, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The park, which is the property of Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., and which he uses as a summer residence, was looking its best. It has been greatly improved in the last few years. The trees that were planted when the island came into the possession of the Supreme Chief have made excellent growth, and no finer place could be secured to enjoy a quiet day, and to contemplate the beauties of nature. To-day was spent quietly by the visitors at the hotel and the cottages. The service was arranged for 7 p.m. Court Deseronto, accompanied by the various fraternal and benevolent societies of Deseronto and a large number of friends, attended, and the spacious pavilion was filled to overflowing. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Courtney, High Chaplain of Ontario. The sermon, of which a synopsis is given, was an eloquent and appropriate one.

"The flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze" floats to-day, declared the preacher—emblem of liberty—over a quarter of all the earth's inhabitants. Compared with the Victorian, the Caesar's empire was a pigmy. God girded her with strength, even as He girded Cyrus of old, and grateful hearts on continents and islands of the sea girdle the globe to-day with praise and thanksgiving to the King of Kings for her beneficent rule during a period of sixty years. May our Father in Heaven be graciously pleased to make it threescore years and ten.

Pleasant, perhaps profitable, it would be to note, did time permit, the world's marvellous progress during the dates of 1837 and 1897—progress in which Britons and British subjects have ever taken a foremost place; progress which we of Canada, at least, will be pardoned for believing was made the more readily possible because of our Celtic and our Saxon sires.

But not for this do we meet to-day.

Midway between these years stands '67, dear to every true Canadian heart. Our natal year.

(Glorious Canada, dowered with untold wealth in land and sea, fair be thy daughters, brave and true thy sons! But not for this do we meet to-day.

Pleasant, also, to note another date, almost midway between '67 and '97, viz., '81. On the 1st of July of that year occurred the reorganization of our Order, with a membership on that date of 367. Perfecting the organization founded June 17, 1874. December, 1881, our membership was 1,019, carrying about \$1,140,000 of insurance. May 1st, 1897, 111,722 members, carrying about \$135,000,000 insurance, while to May 31st, 1897, our benefits paid amount to \$4,503,743. Where there was a deficit in 1881 of \$4,000 there is to-day a surplus of \$2,233,326.89. The membership for the twelve months ending May 1st increased 19,325, and up to the present for the month of June applications are over 200 daily. In the face of these facts, does any man venture to ask whether we are able to give an excuse for our existence? May we not rejoice together this Sabbath evening in the thought that because of our existence the burden of sorrow has been partially lifted from the hearts of thousands of care encumbered men?

And, surely, if our success has been phenomenal, and it has, we ought to, in simple justice to ourselves, recognize the fact that to the splendid executive ability of one man, Dr. Oronhyatekha, whose absence we regret, more than to any other, we are indebted for the proud pre-eminence to which we have attained. God sees the Bezaleels, the Aholiab, and in His own time sets heart and hand and hand to plan and execute.

Pleasant, indeed, to dwell on these things, but higher, greater than this, than these, is the reason of our coming together on the evening of this Sabbath day. Let us rather consider for a little while the possibility of being more than conquerors in life's great battle. In order to do this let us consider briefly, first, the wise man's injunction, Prov. iv. 23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence." and then the reason for it, "For out of it are the issues of life."

(1) Keep thy heart with all diligence. (a) What is the heart? That that lies back of action; the eager wish, the secret thought, the plan, the purpose that makes you you and nobody else—that that forms judgment and settles character. What an ass the man is who thinks "the grey matter" will enable him to plan and execute his life's work without reference to the heart. Man's value is incalculable, the most splendid of all God's work; only man was made in God's image; hence it is that the Bible asks what shall a man give for his life? Our standards of value are not a bit like the Bible's. We would say, keep the head with all diligence, lest the heart run away with it. (b) The heart has most to do with the world's business, albeit we do not think so. John Stuart Mill's father looked upon it as a questionable asset—rather as a bad debt. "Power, intellect, strength of will, these were the elements to make a man, and the less heart he has the less danger of running on the shoals and quicksands of the ocean of life." Do we hesitate as to which side we are of? Does not all that is best within us respond with a great amen when the Bible says, when God says, from the peasant vendor to the merchant prince, the heart must be kept above all else or the business will go away?

(2) We are to keep it with all diligence, "for out of it are the issues of life." An oasis, Elim's

springs, in the desert. Marah's waters wither and destroy, but out of the oasis are the issues of life. So is your heart within you. If true, the life is beautiful, refreshing all who come within the circle of its influence; if false, hideous, blasting and blighting wherever its shadow falls. A man's heart, not his head, determines his choices at all the turning points of life between the cradle and the grave. But can man conquer in the battle of life? Yes, more than conquerors, through Him who loved us. Let a man say: "I am but a piece of flotsam," he will soon sink to the level of the world in which he lives, and presently find even a deeper depth.

Let a man remember that God's way of lifting the world to a higher level is by men, and through men; by the might of inspired personalities, and he will conquer, because God's strength will be perfected in his weakness.

How shall a man keep his heart pure in the world? How lift it above the grime and dust and smoke? How make it grand and noble after God's own plans and specifications? By opening the heart's door and letting in the one Man who lived that loving, that pure life on earth. By looking at Jesus and seeing His beauty, you, too, will be transformed by beholding.

The Mohawk Choir led the singing.

A feature of the service was the hearty singing of "God Save the Queen" by the congregation.

The offering was liberal, and will be divided between the Royal Victorian Order of Nurses and the Foresters' cottage in connection with the Consumptive Hospital at Gravenhurst. The majority of the excursionists will return home to-day, but some will remain until to-morrow.

### The Companions of the I.O.F.

Although the machinery of this Society of Ladies is not yet in good working order, the Society is nevertheless booming. At this writing there are seventeen courts of Companions reported; and inquiries as to terms for organizing are pouring in from all parts of the jurisdiction. The Supreme Executive Board will *very soon* have everything in shape so as to furnish all courts with their charter supplies, and to properly equip Deputies for the purpose of organizing.

The pioneers in this movement are the ladies at Akron, Ohio. They organized an Order called the Sisterhood of the I.O.F., mention of which has already been made in these columns. After quite a protracted correspondence with the Supreme Secretary, Mrs. Emma Bender, at Akron, arrangements have been made whereby that Order has come over to this Society, Companions of the I.O.F., the objects and purposes being the same:

To unite in fraternal union acceptable women of every honorable station in life; to maintain a Fraternal Society for beneficial and protective purposes (not for life insurance).

To constrain no one's political or religious convictions; but all who enter the Society must be of good character and possess a goodly degree of physical health.

To cherish and defend each other in every laudable purpose and undertaking; to care for sick and

needy members and to bury deceased members; to assist in securing new members for the Independent Order of Foresters, and to aid in every laudable way in the upbuilding of that grand and noble Order.

It was not very difficult to unite them.

Any member of the I.O.F., or any lady, desiring to organize courts should address Oroniyatekha, M. D., Supreme Chief Companion, Toronto, Canada.

### Personal Mention.

C. H. Knight, D.S.C.R. of the Independent Order of Foresters, instituted a court at Thorp, Wisconsin, last week.

Bro. Spence, H. V. C. R., and Bro. Strachan expect one or two new courts in the western part of the jurisdiction before July 1st.

Bro. J. C. Morgan, M. A., H. V. C. R. of Central Ontario, was the chief speaker at the Jubilee celebration at Arthur on June 22nd. Bro. Morgan's address is highly spoken of.

The genial presence of Bro. Robt. Mathison, P. H. C. R. of Eastern Ontario, and Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Belleville, graced our sanctum the other day.

Bro. J. M. Savage, of Rat Portage, has been elected mayor of the town. This is not the first time the worthy brother has been honored with the confidence of his fellow-electors.

Just as we go to press, a telegram conveys the sad news of the death of Bro. Beil, High Secretary of Nova Scotia. We will have something more to say of our late esteemed brother in our next issue.

Bro. T. G. Davey, P. S. T., has just completed the organization of a fine court in Woodstock. It is composed of leading business men. The C. R. is a bank manager. Woodstock has now two courts.

Bro. John W. Pointon, D. D. H. C. R. for Grey County, has given valuable assistance to High Organizer C. L. Sanders, who is at present working in the county. Bro. Pointon is true to the I.O.F. 365 days in the year.

Bro. C. L. Sanders, High Court Organizer for Centre Ontario, has done splendid work for his jurisdiction. Quite recently he put 30 members in Court Newash, near Owen Sound. He also instituted two courts in June, one at Ikaclava and another at Shoal Lake.

Bro. Jason M. Woodwiss, H. M. of Ontario, is marshalling men into the ranks of the I.O.F. in fine style. Thirty-three members into his own court, and two new courts are to his credit. He is now working in that choice vineyard of Lake Erie, Peele Island. We expect a court there.

H. C. R. Bro. W. A. Hall was honored by being elected President of the Nebraska Victoria Jubilee Association, and the worthy High Chief filled the office to perfection. Several of the local brethren were on the board of directors, and the organization was supported by Foresters generally.

Bro. Dr. Geo. C. Mathison, of Court Quinte, Belleville, and son of Bro. Robert Mathison, P. H. C. R. of Eastern Ontario, has opened an office in Winnipeg, Man., for the practice of dental surgery. We heartily commend our young brother to the brethren of the Prairie Province. For his father's sake, as well as his own, he will be cordially received by the members of the I.O.F.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their May Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Lindsay	181	Towner	3369
Evanston	802	New Denver	3386
Cascade	1011	Kaslo	3387
Wolesley	1419		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Hampton	429	Maitland	699
Grand Forks	493		

Receipts, May, 1897.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
589	British Columbia	\$ 474 60	\$ 92 86	\$ 19 50	9443	New York	\$10211 52	\$ 636 32	\$472 75
6618	California	8577 87	179 02	328 50	1858	North Dakota	2417 66	51 04	114 50
242	Colorado with Utah annexed	369 08	13 88	17 50	613	N. W. Territory	796 83	68 17	26 00
3486	Illinois	3964 90	57 74	235 09	2597	Nova Scotia	3126 63	220 96	217 75
1538	Indiana	1748 47	8 00	91 09	5193	Ohio	5150 79	92 92	300 50
560	Iowa	709 15	1 51	9 75	12215	Ontario	11998 82	2421 52	255 50
2172	Maine	1800 66	518 59	107 00	8906	Central	9461 61	1219 31	291 50
1809	Manitoba	2236 34	216 19	101 00	8803	Eastern	9250 18	854 06	153 50
11217	Michigan	11725 20	1108 16	520 50	948	Pennsylvania	1252 69	28 59	48 00
3911	Minnesota	3363 59	113 56	133 75	952	Pr. Edward Island	1122 65	31 09	34 50
835	Missouri with Kansas annexed	1069 95	11 03	26 00	11466	Quebec	12501 91	3532 66	391 50
5067	New Brunswick	5330 98	913 37	135 50	549	Washington	737 30	12 87	12 00
1284	New England	1964 18	386 46	136 50	1585	Wisconsin	1926 29	16 96	80 00
3186	New Jersey	3556 21	55 83	122 00	762	S. C. Jurisdiction	916 56	20 07	74 50
	Received on account of Fire Insurance				3265	Great Britain and Ireland	4191 50	23 80	173 71
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts						292 47		
	Grand totals		111,722				\$121,768 50	\$12,880 51	\$7,226 08

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA-CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....\$121,768 50	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....\$141,884 12
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....12,889 54	
" General Funds.....7,226 08	
Total.....\$141,884 12	

Supply Account.

Received on account of supplies .....\$ 858 99 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$ 858 99

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$ 3,452 75 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer....\$ 3,452 75

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of May, 1897.

No. 2575. Brother Wm. Henry Cowen, aged 50 years, of Court Regina, No. 652, died of Bright's Disease on the 25th of April, 1897. Initiated 26th Nov., 1891. Beneficiary, Annie Cowen, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 2576. Brother Sumpter Bates, aged 35 years, of Court Anderson, No. 3110, died of Phthisis on the 17th April, 1897. Initiated 23th July, 1892. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$500.  
 No. 2577. Brother Charles Hess, aged 43 years, of Court Semi-Tropic, No. 1442, died of Asphyxiation on the 2nd March, 1897. Initiated 21st Dec., 1896. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$500.  
 No. 2578. Brother James C. Brown, aged 54 years, of Court Asha Harbor, No. 634, died of Bronchial Asthma on the 23rd April, 1897. Initiated 30th April, 1892. Beneficiary, Margaret Brown, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 2579. Brother Walter Dodd, aged 38 years, of Court Sanilac Centre, No. 314, died of Pneumonia on the 20th April, 1897. Initiated 3rd April, 1897. Beneficiary, Mary Dodd, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 2580. Brother W. F. Van Buren, aged 44 years, of Court City Camp, No. 462, died of Fatty Degeneration of the Heart on the 16th April, 1897. Initiated 24th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Louisa Van Buren, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2581. Brother Edward Hogan, aged 69 years, of Court Sissiboo, No. 722, died of Cancer of Liver on the 14th April, 1897. Initiated 29th Nov., 1883. Beneficiary, Mary J. Hogan, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 2582. Brother John T. Sutton, aged 37 years, of Court Columbus, No. 920, died of Concession of the Brain and Injured Spine on the 19th April, 1897. Initiated 21st Nov., 1891. Beneficiary, Julia A. Sutton, wife. \$2,000.  
 No. 2583. Brother Chas. T. Porter, aged 30 years, of Court Duluth, No. 724, died of Hepatitis on the 27th April, 1897. Initiated 24th Nov., 1893. Beneficiary, Jane Porter, mother. \$3,000.  
 No. 2584. Brother Frederick Brown, aged 48 years, of Court Promc, No. 1020, died of Myelitis on the 2nd April, 1897. Initiated 4th June, 1895. Beneficiary, May E. Brown, wife. \$2,000.  
 No. 2585. Brother August Eissner, aged 25 years, of Court Mohawk, No. 3197, died of Typhoid Fever on the 5th May, 1897. Initiated 23rd April, 1896. Beneficiary, Carrie Eissner, wife. \$1,000.  
 No. 2586. Brother Wm. H. Nelson, aged 48 years, of Court Kingsville, No. 9, died from Suicide on the 15th August, 1896. Initiated 15th September, 1885. Beneficiary, Sarah Nelson, wife. \$2,000.  
 No. 2587. Brother Robert Milne, aged 37 years, of Court Wellburn, No. 1363, died of Tuberculosis on the 3rd May, 1897. Initiated 6th October, 1894. Beneficiary, Jennie Milne, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2588. Brother Horatio N. Hubbs, aged 55 years, of Court Millford, No. 460, died of Epilepsy and Diabetes on the 4th May, 1897. Initiated 13th May, 1891. Beneficiaries, G. S. Ackerman, friend, and Annie May Ackerman, friend. \$2,000.

No. 2589. Brother T. J. Heath, aged 44 years, of Court Diana, No. 1133, died of Hemorrhage of the Brain on the 4th May, 1897. Initiated 20th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Jennie Heath, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2590. Brother William Reed, aged 56 years, of Court Ulverton, No. 1169, died of La Grippe and Cardiac Syncope on the 7th May, 1897. Initiated 28th February, 1893. Beneficiary, Webber Arthur Reed, son. \$1,000.

No. 2591. Brother Joseph Pearce, aged 44 years, of Court Tyrconnel, No. 99, died of Typhoid Fever on the 4th April, 1897. Initiated 25th January, 1897. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Pearce, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2592. Brother James Taylor, aged 58 years, of Court Rapid, No. 481, died of Congestion of the Brain on the 4th May, 1897. Initiated 19th February, 1892. Beneficiary, Jane Taylor, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2593. Brother Wm. R. Whitmore, aged 45 years, of Court Dirigo, No. 1875, died of Pneumonia on the 3rd May, 1897. Initiated 11th September, 1895. Beneficiary, Austruess Whitmore, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2594. Brother Wm. J. Cooper, aged 28 years, of Court Loyalist, No. 121, died of Phthisis on the 9th May, 1897. Initiated 27th August, 1895. Beneficiary, Emma Cooper, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2595. Brother Gilbert Duguay, aged 45 years, of Court Goodland, No. 1016, died of Pleuro-Pneumonia on the 25th March, 1897. Initiated 4th February, 1895. Beneficiaries, Legal Heirs. \$1,000.

No. 2596. Brother Joseph Robcehek, aged 51 years, of Court Columbia, No. 104, died of Apoplexy on the 11th May, 1897. Initiated 14th April, 1892. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2597. Brother Frank Rogers, aged 49 years, of Court Reid, No. 1863, was Accidentally Killed by falling from a height on the 11th April, 1897. Initiated 10th June, 1896. Beneficiary, Eliza J. Rogers, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2598. Brother John Reid, aged 55 years, of Court Oswego, No. 519, died of Heart Disease on the 13th May, 1897. Initiated 11th April, 1889. Beneficiary, Ellen Reid, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2599. Brother C. P. Worsley, aged 40 years, of Court Williams, No. 1700, died from Suicide on the 12th February, 1897. Initiated 6th December, 1891. Beneficiary, Sarah Worsley, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2600. Brother Emily Grant, aged 35 years, of Court Fargo, No. 885, died of Typhoid Fever on the 2nd May, 1897. Initiated 1st September, 1891. Beneficiary, Bertha Y. Grant, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2601. Brother William S. Ridout, aged 21 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 41, died of Phthisis on the 5th May, 1897. Initiated 22nd February, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary Campbell Ridout, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2602. Brother George A. Wagner, aged 32 years, of Court Walkill, No. 372, died from Injuries from extensive Burns on the 5th March, 1897. Initiated 8th February, 1897. Beneficiary, Henrietta E. Wagner, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2603. Brother Nels P. Larson, aged 40 years, of Court New Brighton, No. 3058, was Accidentally Killed by falling from a height on the 2nd May, 1897. Initiated 23rd December, 1895. Beneficiary, Johanna Larson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2604. Brother Percy W. Livermore, aged 18 years, of Court Oriental, No. 1362, died of Typhoid Fever on the 20th May, 1897. Initiated 29th December, 1896. Beneficiary, Alice S. Livermore, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2605. Brother H. C. Simpson, aged 52 years, of Court Waldone, No. 529, died of Heart Disease on the 11th March, 1897. Initiated 2nd April, 1899. Beneficiary, Jessie E. Simpson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2606. Brother Melchior Duerst, aged 38 years, of Court Diana, No. 1133, was Accidentally Drowned on the 11th April, 1897. Initiated 20th April, 1893. Beneficiaries, Frederica Duerst, wife, and Annie Duerst, daughter. \$1,000.

No. 2607. Brother D. C. Lohead, aged 61 years, of Court Capital, No. 1115, died of Cerebral Thrombosis on the 15th May, 1897. Initiated 18th April, 1889. Beneficiary, Mary Ann Lohead, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2608. Brother A. Z. Ochsner, aged 34 years, of Court Harman, No. 1311, was Accidentally Killed by motor car on the 11th May, 1897. Initiated 30th September, 1891. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2609. Brother Hugh McWhirter, aged 42 years, of Court Mewasin, No. 1941, died of Diabetes on the 15th May, 1897. Initiated 13th August, 1895. Beneficiary, Jane McWhirter, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2610. Brother Emerson Wood, aged 50 years, of Court Almo, No. 1256, died of Paralysis on the 14th May, 1897. Initiated 11th February, 1893. Beneficiary, Martha Wood, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2611. Brother George Bolton Thornton, aged 51 years, of Court Nebo, No. 1316, died of Pneumonia on the 12th May, 1897. Initiated 6th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Margaret Thornton, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2612. Brother John G. Davis, aged 49 years, of Court Harvard, No. 281, died of Cerebral Meningitis on the 20th May, 1897. Initiated 21th August, 1895. Beneficiary, Jane G. Davis, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2613. Brother Gustavo H. Fricke, aged 41 years, of Court South Milwaukee, No. 3038, died of Heart Disease on the 21st May, 1897. Initiated 4th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Minnie Fricke, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2614. Brother J. M. Cole, aged 33 years, of Court Milford, No. 460, died of Phthisis on the 18th May, 1897. Initiated 9th February, 1891. Beneficiaries, Minnie A. Cole, sister, and Lottie M. Cole, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2615. Brother Christopher Harper, aged 33 years, of Court Green Bay, No. 786, died of Abscess of Spleen on the 15th May, 1897. Initiated 17th April, 1891. Beneficiary, Alice H. Harper, wife. \$1,900.

No. 2616. Brother W. B. Phelan, aged 27 years, of Court Dalmore, No. 269, died of Phthisis on the 12th May, 1897. Initiated 4th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Clara Phelan, wife. \$1,000.

### Report of the Medical Board for the Month of May, 1897.

During the month of May the Medical Board reviewed 2,111 medical examination papers, of which 2,161 were accepted and 250 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated: -

Jurisdiction.	Accepted.		Jurisdiction.	Rejected.	
	Accept'd.	Reject'd.		Accept'd.	Reject'd.
British Columbia.	36	10	Nova Scotia .....	95	6
California .....	129	20	Ohio .....	99	11
Connecticut .....	6	1	Ontario (Centre) .....	131	12
Illinois .....	152	10	Ontario (East) .....	121	13
Indiana .....	55	3	Ontario (West) .....	101	13
Iowa .....	17	1	Oregon .....	4	1
Kansas .....	1	1	Pennsylvania .....	53	9
Kentucky .....	2	1	P. E. Island .....	12	2
Maine .....	8	7	Quebec .....	127	16
Manitoba .....	22	4	Rhode Island .....	23	2
Michigan .....	201	26	Texas .....	10	2
Minnesota .....	79	9	Utah .....	1	1
Missouri .....	23	1	Vermont .....	6	1
Montana .....	15	1	Washington .....	16	3
Nebraska .....	32	2	Wisconsin .....	87	6
New Brunswick .....	53	11	England .....	34	2
New Hampshire .....	23	6	Ireland .....	10	1
New Jersey .....	89	12	Scotland .....	6	1
New York .....	281	27	Wales .....	1	1
North Dakota .....	19	4			
N. W. Territory .....	3	1	Total .....	2161	250

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

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

#### Mortuary Benefit Fund.

#### RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Statement .....	\$2,079,177 47
" Supreme Secretary .....	121,476 03
" Fire Insurance .....	292 47
	<u>\$2,200,945 97</u>

#### CONTRA-CR.

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers	
Wm. Henry Cowan, Court Regina, 652 .....	\$1,000 00
James C. Brown .....	Ashtabula T. Br. 634 1,000 00
Wm. F. Van Buren .....	City Camp, 462 1,000 00
Walter Dodds .....	Sanilac Centre, 414 1,000 00
Edward Hogan .....	Sissiboo, 122 1,000 00



Charles K. Porter.....	Court Duluth, 721.....	\$3,000 00
John T. Sutton.....	" Columbus, 920.....	2,000 00
L. Nelson Dionne.....	" Feniscumata, 1170.....	1,000 00
Frederick Brown.....	" France, 1020.....	2,000 00
David Deau.....	" Benzonia, 1361.....	1,000 00
L. Edgar Croly.....	" Dunnville, 231.....	333 31
August Essner.....	" Mohawk, 3197.....	1,000 00
Robert Milne.....	" Wellburn, 1363.....	1,000 00
Alex. McClelland.....	" Deauchine, 1312.....	1,000 00
Edward L. Stevens.....	" Tantramur, 803.....	500 00
William Reed.....	" Cliverton, 1169.....	1,000 00
Horri... N. Ho...s.....	" Melford, 460.....	2,000 00
Thomas J. Heath.....	" Diana, 1133.....	1,000 00
Wm. H. Nelson.....	" Kingsville, 9.....	2,000 00
Joseph Pearce.....	" Tyreonnell, 99.....	1,000 00
James Taylor.....	" Rapid, 381.....	1,000 00
Wm. R. Whitmore.....	" Derigo, 1875.....	1,000 00
Wm. J. Cooper.....	" Loyalist, 121.....	1,000 00
Gilbert Dugway.....	" Goodland, 1015.....	1,000 00
Frank Rogers.....	" Reid, 1863.....	1,000 00
Joseph Robchek.....	" Columbia, 101.....	1,000 00
C. P. Wosley.....	" Williams, 1700.....	1,000 00
John Reid.....	" Oswego, 519.....	1,000 00
Finlay Grant.....	" Farro, 896.....	2,000 00
Wm. S. Ridout.....	" Ottawa, 41.....	1,000 00
George A. Wagner.....	" Waukliff, 3372.....	1,000 00
Harry C. Simpson.....	" Waldone, 529.....	1,000 00
D. C. Lochant.....	" Capital, 1115.....	2,000 00
Melelor Dierst.....	" Diana, 1133.....	500 00
Percy W. Livermore.....	" Oriental, 1362.....	1,000 00
M. P. Larson.....	" New Brighton, 3058.....	1,000 00
A. J. Ochsmier.....	" Harman, 1311.....	1,000 00
Hugh McWhirter.....	" Mewasin, 1911.....	2,000 00
Emerson Wood.....	" Almo, 1256.....	2,000 00
Augustus H. Fricke.....	" S. Milwaukee, 3038.....	1,000 00
John G. Davis.....	" Harvard, 281.....	2,000 00
George H. Thornton.....	" Nova, 1316.....	1,000 00
J. M. Cole.....	" Milford, 460.....	1,000 00
Christopher Harper.....	" Green Bay, 736.....	1,000 00
W. B. Phelan.....	" Balmoral, 299.....	1,000 00
Jos. T. Ingoldby, M.D.....	" Chauncery, 2002.....	973 33

\$55,306 67

Total and Permanent Disability Claims—	
Ricard L. Williams, Au Sable, 289.....	\$ 500 00
James E. Jones, Caribou, 1165.....	1,000 00
Albert C. Dennis, Dufferin, 4.....	500 00
George T. Small, Sherwood, 868.....	500 00
John H. Williamson, Chester, 402.....	500 00
N. J. Johnson, Wisconsin, 928.....	500 00
Doctor's Fees.....	15 00
Expense Re Claims.....	48 93
Legal Expenses.....	167 40

\$3,731 33

Commissions on Loans.....	85 00
Taxes on Temple Building.....	214 99
Duty on Hardware Building.....	121 80
Fire Insurance.....	537 82

\$ 4,730 94

Five per cent. to General Fund.....	\$ 60,037 61
Balance.....	6,073 80
	2,134,834 56

\$2,200,945 97

**Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.**

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last Report.....	\$ 98,604 20
" Supreme Secretary.....	12,889 54

\$ 111,493 74

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Benefits.....	\$11,956 93
" Funeral Benefits.....	400 00
" 5 per cent. to General Fund.....	644 48
" Balance.....	98,492 33

\$111,493 74

**General Account for May, 1897.**

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 7,226 08
" on account of supplies.....	858 90
To 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Receipts.....	\$ 6,073 80
" Sick and Fun'l Benefit Receipts.....	644 48
" Balance.....	6,109 16

\$ 20,912 51

CONTRA—CR.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 1,166 66
Organizing, Salaries and Expenses.....	6,082 20
Wages of Employees.....	3,788 13
Furniture Account.....	68 00
Fees refunded.....	3 50
General Management Expenses.....	4,905 42
" Forester" and Supplies.....	4,898 60
	\$ 20,912 51

Surplus.

Deposited with Dominion Insurance Department of Canada.....	\$ 100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland.....	97,333 33
United States.....	50,000 00
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Estate.....	1,611,107 43
Debentures.....	91,080 20
Deposit Receipts.....	617 54
Total Invested Surplus.....	\$1,970,138 50
Current Surplus.....	164,685 97

\$2,134,834 56

Sick and Funeral Surplus..... 48,492 33

Grand Total Surplus..... \$2,233,326 89

Yours in L., B. and C.,

H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

**New Courts.**

Court Dallas, No. 3512, Dallas, Texas.

Instituted on the 16th April, 1897, by J. T. Jenkins. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., S. Y. Trice; Chaplain, W. M. Hinckley; Physician, J. H. Smart, M.D. 21 members.

Court Elkharion, No. 3513, Johnsonburg, Pa.

Instituted on the 1st May, 1897, by Robt. Kidney. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., E. E. Livingston; Chaplain, W. H. Daughn; Physician, Dr. Livingston. 23 members.

Court Abercorn, No. 3514, Abercorn, Que.

Instituted on the 1st May, 1897, by S. H. Rankin. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., F. F. Fyles; Chaplain, R. Emmet Fay; Physician, C. N. Suttner, M.D. 24 members.

Court Alcyone, No. 3515, San Francisco, Cal.

Instituted on the 23rd April, 1897, by E. A. Mack. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., H. S. Barbieri; Chaplain, Arthur E. Graves; Physicians, Woodson Allen and G. E. F. Anderson. 14 members.

Court Homer, No. 3517, Homer, Nebraska.

Instituted on the 3rd May, 1897, by A. M. Saunders. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. L. Nixon; Chaplain, Oliver Smith; Physician, D. B. Stidworthy, M.D. 20 members.

Court Domino, No. 3518, Union, British Columbia.

Instituted on the 18th April, 1897, by J. H. Falconer. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Chas. Parks Low; Chaplain, Rev. John A. Logan; Physician, John Westwood, M.D. 23 members.

Court L.B.C., No. 3519, Waverley, Ontario.

Instituted on the 3rd May, 1897, by C. L. Sanders. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. H. Parker; Chaplain, James Gregg; Physician, Dr. Heaslip. 13 members.

Court Midhurst, No. 3520, Midhurst, Ontario.

Instituted on the 6th May, 1897, by Robt. Tink. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Patrick Barrett; Chaplain, F. Sneath; Physician, ———. 27 members.

Court Strum, No. 3521, Strum, Wisconsin.

Instituted on the 7th May, 1897, by C. L. Grund. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John A. Call; Chaplain, Hans Williamson; Physician, Dr. Th. Thorkeelson. 12 members.

Court Bagaduce, No. 3522, Penobscot, Maine.

Instituted on the 8th May, 1897, by Fred A. Perkins. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., G. E. Parsons, M.D.; Chaplain, Herbert L. Bowden; Physician, G. E. Parsons, M.D. 22 members.

Court Wa ka-ru sa, No. 3523, Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

Instituted on the 1st May, 1897, by C. H. Buell. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., A. B. Adams; Chap

lain, Joseph R. Ross; Physician, H. J. Hughes, M.D. 15 members.

**Court Van**, No. 3524, Jackson, Mich.

Instituted on the 21th May, 1897, by J. Y. VanSickle. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., G. W. Cruson; Chaplain, J. Kennedy; Physician, W. H. Chivers, M.D. 22 members.

**Court Eiche**, No. 1378, Hoboken, New Jersey.

Instituted on the 10th May, 1897, by C. H. Coulter, M.D.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. Schwager; Chaplain, B. M. Tate; Physician, Geo. Schwager, M.D. 20 members.

**Court Victory**, No. 1733, South Woodlee, Ont.

Instituted on the 11th May, 1897, by Jason M. Woodiwiss.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., P. B. Tester; Chaplain, M. L. Young; Physician, Robt. F. Rorke, M.D. 21 members.

**Court Afton**, No. 775, New Germany, Nova Scotia.

Instituted on the 6th May, 1897, by James Glendinning.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., James H. McClellan; Chaplain, Samuel Nixon; Physician, N. P. Freeman, M.D. 17 members.

**Court Piercefield**, No. 110, Piercefield, New York.

Instituted on the 6th May, 1897, by F. L. Blair.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., M. J. Foley; Chaplain, James Waters; Physician, E. M. Austin, M.D. 36 members.

**Court Wanda**, No. 3516, Oxford, Ohio.

Instituted on the 4th May, 1897, by W. K. Smith.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., P. J. Faber; Chaplain, Rev. J. M. Denning; Physician, C. O. Munns, M.D. 51 members.

**Court Montreal West**, No. 1815, Montreal West, Que.

Instituted on the 13th May, 1897, by Victor Morin.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. C. Fyfe; Chaplain, —; Physician, R. A. Westley, M.D. 13 members.

**Court Willing Workers**, No. 1880, Unionville, Ont.

Instituted on the 17th May, 1897, by A. T. Simons.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Thos. Flavelle; Chaplain, J. Watson; Physician, J. Watson, M.D. 15 members.

**Court Arcadia**, No. 1917, Arcadia, W. S.

Instituted on the 18th May, 1897, by D. Jay Adams.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Allan Cowie; Chaplain, R. J. Gasal; Physician, J. A. Palmer, M.D. 27 members.

**Court Marietta**, No. 917, Marietta, Mi m.

Instituted on the 21st May, 1897, by J. C. O'Keiffe.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., H. M. Griffin; Chaplain, J. L. Brown; Physician, H. W. Gambold, M.D. 19 members.

**Court St. Francis**, No. 1009, Montreal, Que.

Instituted on the 2nd May, 1897, by F. S. McKay.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., L. D. E. Marer; Chaplain, A. Beaudoin; Physician, F. X. Plouffe. 12 members.

**Court Gould**, No. 1955, Gould, Que.

Instituted on the 20th May, 1897, by S. H. Rankin.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., E. C. McKa; Chaplain, —; Physician, Leon O. Noel, M.D. 20 members.

**Court Perth Amboy**, No. 3013, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Instituted on the 21st May, 1897, by W. T. Bingham.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. Larue; Chaplain, E. A. Farrell; Physician, H. Martyn Brace, M.D. 18 members.

**Court Santanoni**, No. 3142, Newcomb, N.Y.

Instituted on the 15th May, 1897, by O. Stanton.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., T. Lahey; Chaplain, W. Bales; Physician, —. 31 members.

**Court North Milwaukee**, No. 1913, N. Milwaukee Wis.

Instituted on the 18th May, 1897, by C. A. Van Ness.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., T. Woodard; Chaplain, J. H. Sairs; Physician, J. H. Rohr, M.D. 18 members.

**Court Mensecommock**, No. 1110, Upper Gagetown, N.B.

Instituted on the 13th May, 1897, by J. W. Emmerson.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., G. E. Babbitt; Chaplain, Rev. Chas. Henderson; Physician, J. A. C. Swell. 12 members.

**Court Archimedes**, No. 1668, New Glasgow, N. S.

Instituted on the 11th May, 1897, by E. J. Hisear.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., H. B. Redpath; Chaplain, J. Stewart; Physician, S. Keith, M.D. 55 members.

**Court Tyandinaga**, No. 3525, Washington Pa.

Instituted on the 21th May, 1897, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Rody McCutcheon; Chaplain, R. Myers; Physician, Geo. D. McIlwaine, M.D. 22 members.

**Court Glendive**, No. 3526, Glendive, Mont.

Instituted on the 21th May, 1897, by C. F. Clark.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., J. H. Voorhies; Chaplain, E. W. Himes; Physicians, J. H. Hunt and A. R. Duncan. 25 members.

**Court Rawdon**, No. 3528, Wellman's Corners, Ont.

Instituted on the 28th May, 1897, by C. Day Clark, M.D.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. J. Whitton; Chaplain, E. Maybee; Physician, Dr. Meiklejohn. 27 members.

**Court Adams Centre**, No. 3530, Adams Centre, N.Y.

Instituted on the 13th May, 1897, by H. W. Edgett.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., B. M. Green; Chaplain, E. Dillin; Physician, F. C. Bailey. 17 members.

## ENGLISH.

**Court Camberwell**, No. 2017, Camberwell, Eng.

Instituted on the 15th Feb., 1897, by Ed. Tattersall.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., G. C. Nicol; Chaplain, —; Physician, E. H. Tipper. 9 members.

**Court Queen of the South**, No. 2191, Southsea, Eng.

Instituted on the 8th Oct., 1896, by —.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., L. Ramell; Chaplain, —; Physician, H. Fox. 11 members.

## Among the Courts.

### High Court of Ontario.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 2.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,

HAMILTON, ONT., June 10th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

Brethren,—The 20th annual session of the High Court of Ontario, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held (D.V.) in the City of Brantford on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, 1897, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

The representation from Subordinate Courts to High Court is: Each Subordinate Court having fifty members or less is entitled to one representative, and one additional representative for each additional fifty members or major fraction of fifty.

Subordinate Courts will please notice that the representative to the High Court must be a member in good standing of the Subordinate Court which he represents.

Credentials of representatives, according to accompanying forms, must be forwarded to Frank E. McCormick, High Secretary, St. Thomas, Ontario, not later than the 10th day of July, 1897, duly certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of each Court and have the seal of the court attached. The semi-annual password is enclosed herewith.

The High Standing Committee would impress upon the officers of courts the necessity of at once balancing their accounts with the High Court, so that the franchise of their representative may not be impaired.

Courts in arrears are not entitled to representation. Court Deputies will please see that the amount required for High Court dues for the term commencing July 1st, 1897, namely, 25 cents per member, is remitted to Brother Frank E. McCormick, High Secretary, St. Thomas, Ontario, together with a full re-

port on Form No. 25, not later than the 10th of July, 1897. This is particularly requested, to enable High Court officers to prepare and print their reports soon after the close of the Forestry year. Representatives will please sign the register as soon as convenient after their arrival, which register will be found at the Kerby House, Brantford, the headquarters of the High Standing Committee, from Monday afternoon until the opening of the session on Tuesday morning.

For the convenience of delegates the following list of hotels is given: Kerby House, Colborne Street, \$2.00 per day; Hotel Belmont, Colborne Street, American Hotel, Dalhousie Street, Butler House, Dalhousie Street, Commercial Hotel, Dalhousie Street, City Hotel, Market Street, Park Hotel, Market Street, Henwell House, Market Street, King's Hotel, Market Street, G.T.R. Station, all \$1.00 per day.

Should more credential forms be required apply at once to the High Secretary, Frank E. McCormick, St. Thomas, Ontario.

Railroads will give the usual reductions in passenger rates to members of the High Court and their wives, namely, for fifty and under three hundred, one and a third fare; over three hundred, single fare. In order to secure the reduction, members on starting *must inform the ticket agent* that they are travelling to the *High Court*, and pay full fare to Brantford, and get a receipt for the payment of the same. This is called a *standard certificate*, and permits the brother to return to the starting point at reduced rate. If the delegate travels over *two lines* of railroad he will require to secure a standard certificate from *each*. No reduction in fare for the return trip can be secured for any one who fails to obtain the standard certificate, and it is particularly requested that members living near Brantford, instead of buying ordinary return tickets, will be careful to obtain these certificates, in order to make up the required number.

W. H. WARDROPE,  
*High Chief Ranger.*

Attest,

FRANK E. McCORMICK,  
*High Secretary.*

For the first of July the members of Court Cathcart are arranging for a great gathering.

Bro. Backus, High Vice-Chief Ranger, is billed for Woodslee, where he will give an address.

For May accepted applications numbered 101; the west has done better than this, and will do so again.

The High Court officers have been busy of late, addressing meetings and promoting the interests of the Order generally.

A large number of the courts have held their annual thanksgiving service and the attendance has been exceptionally good.

The mother High Court has been active for June, and we expect that the applications will be in advance of any former month of the year.

The Foresters throughout the west are beginning to get in some summer work. The members of Court Ivy of Thorndale are to have a large picnic on the 15th of June.

At Attwood on the 22nd of June, Bro. Merryfield assisted by the members of Courts Attwood and Rosewood is going to show just what kind of an

entertainment the Foresters can give when they make up their minds to make a success of a thing.

Court Harwich, No. 98, is one of the most progressive courts in the West. On Sabbath, June 20th, they met at their hall, and marched to the Presbyterian church, headed by the I.O.F. band. Everything went off pleasantly, and the service was deeply impressive. The court holds the anniversary annually, and always has a fine turnout.

The picnic held at Attwood on the 22nd June was most successful and interesting. The courts represented were: Atwood, 782; Rosewood, 72; Maitland, 699; Listowel, 5.9. Abundance of music, and good speaking by Bro. Thos. Magwood, Esq., M.P.P., North Perth; Bro. Dr. Kidd, of Attwood; and Bro. C. H. Merryfield, High Auditor of Monkton. There were fully three thousand present, and the meeting will certainly bring good results. Bro. F. McCormack, H. Secy., gave an address.

Court Brigden, No. 581, held their anniversary service on June 13th. The brethren assembled at the court rooms and marched to the Presbyterian Church, where an excellent sermon was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Jno. Young, of Hamilton. The large church was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to get within hearing, and went away in consequence. The brethren were so delighted with the service that they prevailed upon Mr. Young to preach in the Methodist Church in the evening, and again an immense congregation greeted him. The court desire to tender thanks to the Rev. A. Macgillivray, who secured them so able a minister.

Court Tyrone, No. 99, held a successful picnic on what is known as Whiteside's Picnic Grounds, on the shoal of Lake Erie, on June 17th. The clouds threatened all day to drop their fatness, which, no doubt, affected the attendance from a distance. Brethren were present from Court Forest City, No. 8, and Court Nelson, No. 174, in considerable numbers. The I.O.F. band from Dutton furnished excellent music, and lots of it. Bro. A. H. Backus, of Alymer, H.V.C.R., occupied the chair, and succeeded in keeping the gathering in excellent spirits. Addresses were delivered by Bros. H. Garbutt, C. St. Clair Leitch, Dr. Ling, Rev. Archdeacon Davis, P.H.C.R., and Frank E. McCormick, H.S., which were listened to with marked attention. A most interesting part of the programme was the Story of the Early Pioneer Life in Dunwich, by Mr. A. Crane. The old gentleman was celebrating his 85th birthday, and held the audience spell-bound as he climbed the platform and told the history of past years. He was born on the lake shore on the adjoining farm, and the brethren wish for him many more years of citizenship.

On the 9th day of June, the Foresters of Carlingford and their friends filled the Temperance Hall of that village. Brother Hamilton, principal of the public school at Sebringville, was in the chair. Messrs. Neil, Cole and Davis added much to the enjoyment of the evening by the rendition of a number of songs, both pathetic and humorous. W. H. Wardrope, High Chief Ranger, then gave an address on the merits of Forestry. After the programme had been completed, the ladies who had provided themselves with refreshments kindly invited every one present to partake of them. The gathering was a great success, and the brethren of Carlingford hope that it will be the means of

cementing the members of their court more closely together and adding to their numbers.

The members of Court Wabun held a grand picnic at Cromarty on the 10th of June. The programme began about 11 o'clock and it was anticipated that it was going to last till about 4 o'clock the next morning, but the writer had left the scene of action long before that hour. One of the principal features of the programme during the day was a football match between Staffa and Kirkton. After a very severe struggle the Staffa men were pronounced the victors. In the afternoon Bro. Charles Merryfield took the chair and in a few pleasant remarks introduced W. H. Wardrope, High Chief Ranger of Ontario, who spoke to the large crowd present for about half an hour. Brother Wardrope was followed by Bro. A. F. Campbell, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, and ex-M.P.P. for east Algoma. Both addresses were apparently very much enjoyed by those present, judging from the deep attention paid and the frequent expressions of approval while they were being delivered. The brass band of Kirkton added greatly to the enjoyment of the picnickers. In the afternoon a baseball match took place, and the whole proceedings were crowned by a grand ball. The brethren of Staffa and Cromarty may well be pleased with the result of their efforts.

## High Court of Central Ontario.

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 2.

STAYNER, June 1st, 1897.

To Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

I wish to thank you for the generous response you have made to my recent appeal for support and assistance on my assuming the duties of your High Chief Ranger, showing already such splendid results.

Permit me to remind you that the First Session of the High Court of Central Ontario will be held (D. V.) in the new Temple Building, Corner of Bay and Richmond Streets, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the 24th day of August, 1897, commencing promptly at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

You are also reminded that the representation from Subordinate Courts to High Courts is: Each Subordinate Court having 50 members or less is entitled to one representative and one additional representative for each additional 50 members or major fraction of 50; the representative in every case must be a member in good standing of the Subordinate Court he represents.

It is respectfully requested that, in the absence of any By-law providing for the payment of mileage and per diem to the delegates, the courts make provision for such delegate's expenses.

Herewith you will find Forms of Credentials of Representatives, which must be duly certified by C.R. and Rec. Sec. of each court, having the seal of the court attached thereto, and forwarded to Bro. R. J. Niddrie, M.D., H.S., Creemore P.O., not later than 15th July, 1897.

It is also urgently requested that the officers of each court will see that all accounts with the High Court are satisfactorily arranged without delay, so that the franchise of their representative may not be questioned.

Court Deputies are kindly desired to have the Half-Yearly Return Form, No. 25, herewith enclosed, filled in and the amount required for High

Court dues for the term commencing July 1st, 1897. This is most important, as in the absence of it the High Court Officers will be unable to make a timely preparation of their report for the Forestric year.

Representatives will please sign the register as soon as convenient after their arrival at the headquarters of the committee in the Rossin House.

Should more Credential Forms be required apply at once to the High Secretary, R. J. Niddrie, Esq., M.D., Creemore.

The hotel accommodation of the city is ample, and rates can be secured at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per day.

The C.P.R. and G.T.R., including their branches, will give the following passenger rates to members of the High Court and their ladies, viz.:—For 50 and under 300, one and one-third fare; over 300, single fare. Members on purchasing their tickets at starting point will procure an ordinary *Single Fare Ticket*, getting also a *Standard Certificate*, and informing the ticket agent that they are travelling to High Court. That Standard Certificate will be franked by High Secretary, and will enable the member to return at the reduced fare. If the delegate travels over two lines of railroad he will require to procure a Standard Certificate from each. No reduction in fare for return trip can be secured for any one who fails to obtain a Standard Certificate.

R. J. NIDDRIE, M.D., High Secretary. W. B. SANDERS, H.C.R.

The "Centre" is again to the front.

There is still lots of A 1 material in old Ontario from which to secure Foresters.

Will the June record of the three Ontarios come up to the best record of the old High Court for the same month?

Bro. Sanders' campaign for May and June, if short, has been energetic, decisive and eminently satisfactory.

The High Chief is looking forward to the time when there will not be a single court in his jurisdiction that will not be meeting regularly.

The High Chief, Bro. Sanders, accompanied by Bros. Atwell Fleming, H.T., and others, attended a good meeting of Court Davenport recently.

The Foresters of Toronto and vicinity did credit to themselves and honor to the Order by the way they turned out for the parade on Jubilee day.

The High Court meeting in Toronto on the 24th Aug. will be the first public Forestric function in the "Temple" building. Every representative will make it a point to be present.

The court at Weston had an open meeting recently. We have not received particulars. We have heard of a good attendance and stirring speeches by Bros. Sanders, Morgan, Fleming and Whale.

Orangeville was stormed on the evening of June 14th by the combined eloquence of Bros. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R., H. A. Collins, S.T., and H. F. Campbell, ex-M.P. The Mayor presided, and Dufferin's county town heard as it never did before of the many solid benefits of the I.O.F. Bro. Tink remained behind to gather in the fruit.

Lindsay is one of the best towns in Ontario. Our court there is not one of the strongest, but it will be. On the 15th June the many merits of the

I.O.F. were unfolded by the eloquence of Messrs. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R., Ald. Preston, H.A., and A. F. Campbell, D.S.C.R. Miss Beattie, elocutionist, of Toronto, delighted the large audience with her splendid reciting. Bro. Campbell has been busy securing new members ever since.

Court Union, Brampton, has taken a fresh start. On Thursday, June 17th, a splendid meeting was held in the Town Hall. Bro. Mayor Crandell presided. The orchestra of the town rendered some excellent music. Addresses were given by Bros. Rev. M. Walsh, P.S.C., Rev. A. Macgillivray, Atwell Fleming, and the Chairman. Miss Ramsay, of Toronto, gave a number of recitations that were received with great favor by the large audience present. Dr. Mullin, the esteemed Court Deputy, reports the receipt of several applications.

Bowmanville is a beautiful, restful town in the fine County of Durham. The I.O.F. has not the hold here that it should. On the evening of the 15th June, Bros. Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., and C. C. Whale, Supreme Organizer, visited the town and addressed a meeting in the town hall. Mayor Loscomb presided; Miss Glover and Mr. Knight rendered some charming vocal solos. The Mayor was so well pleased with the principles of the Order that he accepted honorary membership. Bro. Whale in the course of a few days' canvass secured ten additional members. Court Simpson is going ahead.

In spite of the splendid efforts of Bros. Wilson and others, Forestry in Orillia has not boomed of late as much as the energetic brethren would have liked. When, therefore, the H. C. R. arranged that Bro. J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., should pay an official visit to Court Orillia, No. 615, on the evening of Thursday, June 17th, about 40 members turned out to welcome the H.V.C.R. Two candidates were received and initiated in admirable style, which merited the commendation of Bro. Morgan, who also congratulated them on their beautiful room and admirable appointments. At the close of the ceremony, under "good and welfare," a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song, to which the H.V.C.R. and several of the brethren contributed, and at 11 p.m. the court was closed in L., B. and C., after one of the most enjoyable evenings the Orillia brethren have ever spent. A great deal of enthusiasm was aroused, and several applications are confidently expected.

The patriotic brethren of Arthur and the vicinity commemorated the Queen's Jubilee in right royal style on the 22nd. An immense procession was formed about 2 p.m., consisting of about 2,000 school children, fire brigade, members of the I.O.F., A.O.U.W., and other societies, School Boards, Municipal Officers, etc., and accompanied by two bands it proceeded to the new park, which was formally opened. The children were arranged on tiers with a very pretty effect, and sang several patriotic songs with much spirit. By special invitation of the brethren, Bro. J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., was present and delivered a stirring patriotic address on the day and the lessons of the hour. He was followed by Dr. O'Hagan, the well-known poet, who was warmly received; and by the veteran Registrar of the County, Bro. Jno. Anderson, who is a great favorite in Arthur. The rest of the afternoon was spent in games of various sorts.

At 8 p.m. a public entertainment was held in the Town Hall, at which Bro. J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., gave a Forestric address, in which the phenomenal

growth of the Order and its stability were strongly emphasized. An excellent programme was then carried out, at which Miss Wright, Dr. O'Hagan, the H.V.C.R., Bro. Morgan, Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Biggott and others assisted. The audience was most enthusiastic. The brethren of six or eight neighboring courts intend soon to hold a monster picnic and demonstration, which will no doubt be a great success.

Tuesday, June 15th, was a gala day for the Foresters of Cannington. Following a correspondence with the energetic H.C.R., Bro. W. B. Sanders, an open meeting of Court No. 352, at Cannington, had been called at which Bro. J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., was to be present and pay an official visit. The Town Hall was engaged, and at 8 p.m. an audience of about 350 had assembled. Bro. Adam Dobson, H.S.B., made an admirable chairman, and on the platform with him were seated Messrs. Hoyle, Dr. Gillespie, D. Woodward, C.D., and other leading Foresters. After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, Bro. Morgan gave an excellent address of half-an-hour's length on Forestry, after which an admirable musical and literary entertainment was carried out by local musicians and entertainers, assisted by Bro. Morgan, who sang his own patriotic song, "For Queen, Flag and Country," and in response to a warm encore gave, in laughable style, a comic recitation. The brethren are to be congratulated on the splendid success attending their efforts. Much good will result from the meeting.

### Eastern Ontario.

Bro. Ingram and Bro. Hubbell are both making records for the month of June as organizers.

Bro. Jas. Glendenning, D.S.C.R., is doing good work in the western part of the jurisdiction.

Bro. Dickinson, the High Sec'y, and Bro. Fraser, High Counsellor, are visiting the courts in Ottawa district and are doing good work.

The High Court of the East meets at Deseronto, August 24th and 25th. It will be visited on the 25th by the Supreme Executive and the Central High Court.

Court Echo, No. 1047, Caintown, Court Kemptville, No. 214, Kemptville, Court Prescott, No. 871, Prescott, are some of the courts that are deserving of special mention for their work this month.

Two new courts have been worked up by Bro. G. W. Potts in the County of Hastings, and have been instituted by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Dr. Clark, under most favorable auspices. Another court will likely follow before the end of June.

The High Chief Ranger has had very many invitations to attend church with various courts on Jubilee Sunday and wishes to thank all for the kind invitations, but as his own court is making a special feature in the same way with all the other societies in town, he has decided to stay with them. It is a matter of congratulation that the courts of I.O.F. are so unanimously observing this day, for of all societies not one has the same reason to celebrate and offer thanks for blessing and progress as has the Independent Order of Foresters. We wonder what the membership will be when we reach 60 years? We give up thinking on the subject—it is too big for us.

The High Chief Ranger visited Court Glen Nation, at Chrysler, on June 17th, and attended an an-

niversary picnic held by the court there. It is indeed a pleasure to meet Foresters with as much enthusiasm and go as the brethren of Court Glen Nation, and in fact all the courts in the district seemed to be well represented and all wideawake Foresters. Financially the picnic was a huge success and a beautiful new Foresters' Hall will be the result. Bro. H. J. Spence, D.S.C.R., who has been doing good work in Eastern Ontario, was present and shared the public speaking with the High Chief Ranger. Bro. Spence remains to work at this and surrounding courts for a few weeks, and a great increase in membership may be expected. It would be impossible to give the names of all the brethren who worked hard for the success of the undertaking, but the one who had the speakers in charge and seemed to be here, there and everywhere, was Dr. W. E. Crain, Chairman of Committee.

### Quebec.

Major F. S. McKay, High Chief Ranger, is a busy man, and it is hard to find a more obliging officer. His term has been a hard one, but I think we are safe in saying he has proved himself equal to the task before him and success has crowned his efforts, and every brother Forester appreciates the work done and the kindly welcome extended to every brother he comes in contact with. The office of H. C. R. in Quebec now means work, and hard work; the position is not by any means a figure-head, and Bro. McKay knows it.

Court Montcalm, No. 888. Our court was visited by our old friend and Organizer Bro. Strathearn at our last meeting, and we were pleased to listen to his encouraging remarks. He is a worker in the interest of Forestry, and it was encouraging to us to hear him speak of the progress our Order continues to make. The work this year has been hard, but with a good chief who has guarded well the interests of our Order, nineteen new courts have been instituted and there are several on the way. Bro. Strathearn has the good wishes of Court Montcalm. We hope to have him repeat his visit.

Court Balmoral, No. 269. Over thirty officers and members of Court Lachine visited Court Balmoral at its last regular meeting, and after the regular routine of business had been gone through, "good and welfare" came in for a good share. The C. D. having been advised on the quiet a few hours ahead saw that suitable refreshments were on hand, and a most pleasant evening was spent in speech and song. The High Chief was among the visitors and was heartily welcomed. The Lachine boys were quite delighted with their visit and hope to receive a return visit soon.

"Having occasion to visit the Laurentides," writes a brother, "I was surprised to find a court of twenty-two loyal Foresters located there, which had just been lately instituted by Bro. Strathearn, a name familiar to us all in Forestry, I being a Canadian. The brother deserves much credit for this work, which is not by any means his first for the Order. Many attempts were made to establish a court here, but failed, but the determined Scotchman did succeed, even to having a Member of Parliament on the list. Well, I am glad for now more courts will follow in this district. We all know Bro. Strathearn has done much for Forestry in his quiet way. This will be a good court, all good men, and we wish success to the city among the hills."

Court Buckingham, No. 330, held a most interesting meeting Wednesday, 19th May, 1897. Upwards of 60 of the brethren of the court met in their handsome court-room, in Pearson block. The meeting was called to order by the Chief Ranger, Bro. O. L. McLeod, and after routine business Bros. Osborne and Flaherty presented each brother with a handsome silk badge, on which was inscribed "Justice Supper, 1897." About 8.30 p.m. the court was thrown open, and Prof. Cook and the Buckingham Brass Band were received, after which all formed in line, marshalled by Bro. E. Ferris, with the band, and making a short tour of the town returned to the court-room, where a splendid programme was presented; after which all present fell into line again and marched to the club house, where the boys did themselves credit by clearing up as fine a spread as has been seen hereabouts for many a day. After supper toasts were the order of the day, and I am pleased to say that some fifteen toasts were offered, and heartily drunk by all present with cups flowing with sparkling cold water. About midnight, all hands, being dispersed with the benediction, wended their way home, feeling it was well to have met in brotherly union. Since this supper some eight or ten applications have been handed in. All we need now to make Court Buckingham a hummer is the visit of our esteemed Supreme Chief Ranger.

### New Brunswick.

53 applications were accepted in June.

Efforts are being made to establish courts at Pisurineo, St. John Co., and Kingsclear, York Co.

A public meeting was held at Maductic by H. C. R. Kinghorn and H. Counsellor Dr. Mullin on May 18th.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. Kinghorn, reports contributions as coming in freely for the statue of the Supreme Chief.

The outside of the Foresters' hall is being finished, and the Hartland Court can justly be proud of owning such a building.

Court Bellisle and adjacent courts purpose running an excursion to Fredericton on July 1st. Arrangements are being made.

The High Court meets at Campbelltown on July 14th. John A. McGillivray, S.S., Judge Wedderburn, S.C., and Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R., of Ontario, have promised to be present.

Campbelltown is a delightful town, conveniently located. A large representation and an interesting meeting is expected.

High Chief Ranger Kinghorn and Supreme Counsellor Judge Wedderburn addressed a largely attended meeting at Perth on May 21st. Senator Baird presided. An oyster supper followed.

The death rate in New Brunswick still continues low. For years it has been less than the average in the whole Order, low though that has been. New Brunswick is a good place in which to live.

The meeting at Edmundston on the 22nd May completely filled the town hall. The address of Judge Wedderburn was eloquent and inspiring. The brethren here are active in building up the Order.

A meeting at Grand Falls on the 24th May was not very largely attended, owing to a number of other attractions. Judge Wedderburn and Bro.

Kinghorn, H.C.R., gave addresses. The court here needs building up.

New Brunswick and Ohio are pretty evenly matched with 5,067 and 5,493 members respectively. The Buckeye State with wider area and a population several times that of the Canadian Province is sure to retain and increase its lead.

On Sunday, the 20th June, the Foresters of Fredericton, in company with the other fraternal societies of the city, attended divine service at the Cathedral. The different orders numbered over 500, they made a fine appearance, and the rain did not seem in the least to dampen their enthusiasm. Three bands were in the procession. The service was conducted by Rev. Dean Partridge; assisted by Rev. Canon Robertson.

A public meeting was held in the Foresters' new hall, Hartland, in the interests of that Order, on Wednesday evening, May 19th. The meeting was called to order by S. J. Brown, who acted as chairman, and the speakers were then introduced. They were Wm. Kinghorn, High Chief Ranger for New Brunswick, and Hon. Judge Wedderburn, Supreme Counsellor. The first speaker remarked on the growth of the Order in this province. The latter speaker was listened to with marked attention and told of the strides the Order had made since its organization in New Jersey twenty-three years ago. The band furnished music, and they, together with the visiting brethren and the Foresters of the village, partook of an oyster supper at the Riverside Hotel.

Centreville was visited 20th May by H.C.R. Kinghorn, who, accompanied by Judge Wedderburn, Supreme Counsellor of the Independent Order of Foresters for N.B., paid an official visit to Court Carleton. In the evening a public meeting was held in Scholey's Hall and was largely attended. Chief Ranger Cronkrite of Court Carleton occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen words introduced the first speaker, H.C.R. Kinghorn. The High Chief gave a description of the growth of the Order since its first establishment and dwelt upon the safeguards that had been thrown around the Order from time to time. He was followed by Judge Wedderburn, who closed with an earnest appeal to "the uninsured" to make provision for the future welfare of their wives and families at an early date. Rev. Jos. Cahill then pronounced the benediction.

The courts of St. John honored the 23rd anniversary of the Order by attending the North Baptist Church in a body on Sunday, the 20th. The Royal Foresters in their uniforms formed a striking feature of the procession. The Temple of Honor band furnished the music. The Rev. J. A. Gordon, pastor of the church, preached an appropriate sermon from Titus III, 4, in the course of which he commended the benevolent work done by the I.O.F.

After the service the Foresters marched back to the hall on Charlotte street, where High Vice-Chief Ranger Todd called them to order, and on motion of the High Vice-Counsellor, E. R. Chapman, the thanks of the Order were voted to the pastor, choir and trustees of the Main street Baptist Church.

The members of Court Almont, No. 781, express their sympathy with the widow and family of the late esteemed Bro. A. B. Schenck.

## Nova Scotia.

E. J. Hiseler, Esq., Halifax.  
High Chief Ranger of Nova Scotia.

The High Court of Nova Scotia has come very prominently to the front during the past few months. The prominence attained is of the desirable kind that comes through effective work done for the extension of the I.O.F. in the jurisdiction. The rapid growth of the Order in the province by the sea has been one of the features of the year's splendid work. To the excellent work done, Bro. E. J. Hiseler, whose portrait we give in this issue, contributed no insignificant share. Ever since his election to the chair in August last he has been indefatigable in his efforts to build up the Order.



BRO. E. J. HISELER.

Bro. Hiseler is one of the young men of the Order, is a native of the province, having been born in Lunenburg Co., Oct. 4th, 1862. His education was that of the public schools of his native place, which has been supplemented by reading and business experience. He carries on a successful gents' furnishing business in Halifax.

The High Chief of Nova Scotia joined the Order in June, 1888. In 1890 he was chosen a representative to High Court. In 1891 he was elected H.V.C.R., and last August he was chosen by his brethren for the first position in their gift.

Bro. Hiseler expects to meet his High Court in 1898 with the membership double what it was when he took office in 1896.

Nova Scotia affords a splendid field for the spread of Independent Forestry, and, as is evident from the number of applications received monthly, the benefits that the Order offers need only to be known to be appreciated. Bro. Hiseler speaks in terms of high praise of the splendid work done by Deputies Whale, Gilmour and Glendenning during their campaign in Nova Scotia. We bespeak for



our brother a distinguished career in Forestry, and wish him many long years of health, prosperity and usefulness.

Bro. Dr. Andrews, H. Phy., is proud of his court at Aylesford.

Bro. W. L. Bell, Amherst, the indefatigable High Sec'y., still holds to his record that "Every letter is answered by return mail." May N.S. long enjoy his valuable services.

Bro. S. E. Mack, H. Treas., is the most pious member of the N.S. Executive. It may be truly said of Bro. Mack that "there is hardly a hair between him and Heaven."

Court Haliburton, No. 950, Windsor, under the able rule of Bros. W. Ker Dimock, C.R., and W. W. Robson, deputy, is moving on in a steady progress and will rank among the *working* courts.

H.C.R. Hiseler has just returned from New Glasgow, where Court Archimedes, No. 1668, testifies to his work. In every place Bro. Hiseler visits the members say his name is not correctly spelled; it should be "hustler."

Court Habitant, No. 1051, Canning, has also taken a long step forward, its membership of seven having been increased to 40 by H.C.R. Hiseler, and Court Habitant will no longer be counted among the weak courts of our Order.

Court Evangeline, No. 109, Kentville, in the centre of the beautiful Annapolis valley, is one of the foremost courts in the province. They are about to add sashes for officers and members, and some talk has been heard of a Royal Encampment for King's County.

Bro. J. A. Grierson, H.C., Weymouth, and T. M. Seeley, H.V.C.R., Yarmouth, make up an executive of which any province might well be proud, and Forestric affairs in the province "by the sea" are in the hands of some of the best men in our Order there. Long may they reign.

Bro. Dr. Goodwin, P.H. Phy., gave a most enjoyable social evening at his home to the brethren of Court Royal Jubilee, No. 114, the banner court of the province, and of which Bro. Goodwin has been physician for ten consecutive years. The Dr. is a most enthusiastic Forester and deserves well of his brethren.

Death has been busy among the elder brethren in the High Court of N.S. Bro. J. J. McKeil, the first Halifax Charter member, and a member of the High Court in 1889, Bro. Ed. Hogan, Weymouth, an ex-member of the Supreme Court and P.H.A., both being called home in one week, and now Bro. Arthur Davison, Amherst, a former High Sec'y., and one of the "old" Foresters, has gone.

Court Hopewell, No. 56, the oldest court in the province, awakened from its long sleep on receiving a visit from H.C.R. Hiseler, and although there had not been an initiation for ten years, 25 applications were received as a result of that visit. Bro. J. J. MacLean of this court has in all probability held the office of C.R. for a longer period than any other brother, being elected in May, 1836, and serving until April, 1897, or eleven years.

The members of Court Mount McKay, No. 287, Fort William, express their sympathy with Bro. John Morton, C.D.H.C.R., on the death of a beloved child.

## Prince Edward Island.

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER,  
June 15th, 1897.

The Annual Session of the High Court of Prince Edward Island will be held in the Town of Summerside, Prince County, Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th of August next.

The first session will open at 8 p.m.

The usual reduced fares will be secured.

Signed, J. FARRER STEWART,

Attest, H.C.R.

L. U. FOWLER,  
High Sec.

The Island jurisdiction does not boast of the number of applications for May. A larger figure is expected for June.

The visit of Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, is looked forward to with much interest. The brethren understand he enjoys work, and they are arranging the programme accordingly.

On the 20th June, Courts Westmoreland and Petrel united their forces, and listened to a sermon suitable to an anniversary from Rev. Bro. Price, a worthy member of Court Westmoreland.

The Rev. Bro. D. Price, of Court Westmoreland, preached the anniversary sermon of Court Minnewawa, North Bedeque, on the 13th June. The sermon was appropriate and impressive, and the addresses good.

Court Minnewawa has lost by death their first member, although the court is more than ten years old, with a membership of 54. The brethren buried Bro. L. Goodwin, in the Catholic Cemetery, North Carleton, on the 11th June. A large number attended notwithstanding the heavy rain.

Bro. Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, is expected to arrive in the province on Saturday, July 17th. He will occupy the pulpit of Bro. Rev. G. M. Campbell in the Prince Street Methodist Church, Charlottetown, on Sunday morning, 18th. In the afternoon he will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, and in the evening Zion Church, Charlottetown. On Wednesday evening, 21st, he will address a meeting at Brackley Point, under the auspices of Court Lennox. He will then visit Souris and Dundas, where public meetings will be held. On Sunday a.m., 25th, he will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, and Montague, p.m., where a special Forester service is being arranged. During the last week of July he will visit Murray Harbor. Meetings will be advertised in the local papers.

## High Court of Manitoba.

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

WINNIPEG, 1st June, 1897.

To all Members of Subordinate Courts, Greeting.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the High Court of Manitoba, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held in Albert Hall, Winnipeg. Opening Session at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th July, 1897.

Courts will please see that the Credentials of their delegates are made out on the proper form

and duly attested and sealed. They should be sent in to the High Secretary not later than 16th July.

The meeting being held during Exhibition week, special rates will be advertised by the C.P.R. and other railway lines.

Delegates will also make their own arrangements as to accommodation while in the city. The following hotels—Clifton, Manor, Brunswick, Winnipeg and Seymour, give rates at \$1 per day; Leland Hotel, \$2 per day.

It is particularly requested that Form 25, also payment of Capitation Tax and any other payments, be in the hands of the High Secretary (W. D. Pettigrew, Winnipeg) not later than 7th July, so that books can be closed and statements made up ready for meeting.

The High Standing Committee would draw special attention to the Official Circular of Supreme Court re anniversary, and would urge all courts to attend Divine Service on 20th June.

The following resolution was passed at last High Court: "That all courts sending a full delegation to the next High Court meeting be paid the expenses for one delegate, and all courts having a membership of 25 and under be paid for one delegate in any event."

THOS. WADDELL,  
*High Chief Ranger.*  
W. D. PETTIGREW,  
*High Secretary.*

Things are humming in the Prairie Province.

Several applications were received during the visit of the High Chief.

For June work has been prosecuted with vigor, and as a result a large number of applications are expected.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. Waddell, and the High Secretary, Bro. Pettigrew, have attended a large number of public meetings.

There will be a large union picnic of seven courts of the I.O.F. at Lake Clementi on the 6th of July. The eloquent H.C.R. and others will be present.

The forthcoming meeting of High Court, on the 20th of July, will, it is expected, have the largest attendance of any High Court ever held in the jurisdiction.

The High Chief Ranger has again gone on the warpath. He holds meetings this month at Franklin, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Shoal Lake, Birtle, Macdonald. His time will be fully occupied between now and the High Court, which meets on 20th July.

Court Greenridge, No. 1633. It is the intention of this active court to dedicate their hall on Dominion Day. Great preparations are being made, and those who attend will be well treated, as this court never does anything by halves. The H.C.R. is expected to be present and deliver an oration.

The Foresters of Birtle gave a picnic on June 16th that was a pronounced success. Notwithstanding the rain shower, addresses were given by the High Chief of the Province, Bro. Waddell, and Rev. W. Robertson. Games, matches, swings and so on, contributed to the entertainment of those present.

Court Birtle's record for the past five meetings is as follows: 3, 7, 4, 2, 3 initiations, and eight propositions for next meeting. Let us hear from

some other jurisdictions if they can improve on this without help of any organizer or any salaried officer. They laid themselves out to have a big time on 16th June, and church parade on 20th June.

The Foresters of Birtle joined with their brethren of other benevolent and fraternal societies in the Jubilee service, on June 20th. The Mayor, Mr. Crawford, presided. Addresses were given by the Mayor, Principal Jones, Mr. Dickinson, Dr. Hall, Mr. Harris, and Revs. Homes, Winter and Robertson. The meeting was largely attended and highly interesting.

Court Deloraine, No. 3022. This court is in a live condition. Almost every meeting night there has been an initiation. This keeps up the interest and spreads the good influence of the Order. On Sunday, June 20th, the court celebrated the anniversary of the Order and also Queen's Jubilee. They attended in a body divine service. On invitation the court of C.O.F. joined with them. Rev. Bro. W. Bridgeman conducted the service very acceptably.

Court Birtle, No. 129. This one of the oldest in Manitoba has developed a latent energy that was hardly expected and is coming to the front, not in the usual way of Forestry progress, but by leaps and bounds, as if determined to make up for their leisurely gait of the past. They have made up their minds that they are after one of the Supreme Court prizes; so that some of the crack Eastern Courts must look to their laurels or "a rose may fall from their chaplet."

Court Shoal Lake held their annual concert and entertainment in Thompson's hall, the 17th inst. There was a large gathering of Foresters and friends. C.R. Greenshawe took the chair, and called off an excellent programme. The High Chief gave an address, setting before the audience the benefits of the I.O.F., and amused and instructed the audience for a full three-quarters of an hour. The National Anthem closed the meeting. Court Shoal Lake has 30 members, and there are more to come.

Court Neepawa held their annual concert and social in the Oddfellows' Hall, on June 11th. Invitations were sent out to all Foresters and their friends, and at half-past eight the large hall was packed. C.R. Bro. Murdock made an excellent chairman. The programme was of a high-class character. Bro. Col. P.H. Attwood, the oldest Forester present, gave a very interesting address on Forestry, also Bro. W. A. Creelman from Court Plum Creek. The High Chief, Bro. Waddell, gave a most exhaustive and interesting address. Refreshments were served at the close by the young men of the Order, who proved themselves to be royal entertainers. At eleven the audience rose and sang lustily, "God Save the Queen."

Court Macdonald, No. 3059. Friday, the 18th June, was a gala day here. Forestry and Foresters were represented as never before at Macdonald. Invitations had been sent out to over four hundred guests, and by eight o'clock the roads were lined with vehicles loaded with gaily dressed young ladies and gentlemen. The Committee had a busy time fixing up the large granary of Bro. Arbuthnot, and transformed it into a veritable arbor of beauty. F. W. Brown, Chief Ranger, made a model chairman. Song, recitation and music followed in quick succession. The High Chief, Bro. Waddell, gave one of his best talks on Forestry, and introduced the subject of Lady Companions to

Foresters. The ladies seemed to appreciate the idea of such companionship. Refreshments were served in abundance, and the National Anthem was sung. Court Macdonald will have a nice little sum added to their finances to build the new hall now in contemplation.

Court Keewatin, No. 19. On June 1st the High Chief Ranger and High Counsellor paid an official visit to this court. They were very agreeably surprised at such a good showing of members turning out to do them honor, especially as their town was all alive owing to the great mining convention. This court is not only in a gold town in a gold region, but won golden opinions from the officers as to the hearty manner in which they carried on their business, and the interest taken in their affairs, not only by the officers but also by the members, looks well to the future success of this flourishing court. Addresses were delivered by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Waddell, Bro. G. H. West, and several others of the brethren. The High Secretary (who was here on private business) dropped in during the evening and said a few words. After closing, refreshments were served which were much appreciated by all. The meeting is one that will be remembered by the High Officers, and they feel proud that such an energetic and large court has been added to Manitoba, and thus wish great success to Court Keewatin.

Court High Bluff, No. 965, went in for a happy time on Saturday, the 19th of June. The beautiful grove at the home of our worthy C.D., Bro. Greenlay, was the scene of action. The youth and beauty of the district was well represented, and we had a representative gathering; games of all kinds were indulged in. Tea was served about six, when ample justice was done to the good things provided by the ladies. At 7.30 Bro. Dillworth called the gathering together, and introduced the speakers of the day. Bro. Booth gave a very interesting address upon the benefits of the Order. Then a speech by the H.C.R., Bro. Waddell, setting forth all the magnificent achievements of the I.O.F., paying special praise to the S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, for his high executive ability and management. He also introduced the new branch, the Companions of the Foresters; this seemed to take very favorably with the ladies. Bro. Rev. McJordan next gave his experience as a Methodist Forester, giving many striking illustrations of the benefits he had known conferred by the Order. The chairman called for the singing of God Save the Queen, and the large audience wended their way homewards, well pleased with the Foresters' picnic.

Mrs. John Simpson, of Shoal Lake, Man., thanks Court Elora, No. 17, for the respect shown by the members to her late son, Bro. R. Simpson, a member of the court. She also thanks the Executive for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of \$500.

Mrs. Fannie Schenck, of Almont, Mich., writes the Almont *Herald* her thanks to the members of Court Almont for their kind attention to her family and herself in her great bereavement through the death of her husband, H. B. Schenck, a member of Court Almont, No. 781. She also thanks the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of \$2,000, the Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband.

## Iowa.

A. D. Fleu, Esq.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF IOWA.

The first officer of the High Court of Iowa, whose portrait we give below, is like many men we know, a modest man—too modest, we confess, to suit the idea of the biographer, who likes a certain amount of details when giving a sketch of a person's life.

Bro. Fleu, who has been placed in the highest position at the disposal of his brethren of Iowa, at the recent meeting of the High Court of that jurisdiction, saw the light a little over a half century ago. His jubilee was due on the 14th April, 1896. He is a native of Wilmington, Delaware. When he was but three years of age his parents moved to Davenport, Iowa. His early manhood was spent



BRO. A. D. FLEU.

in the West, visiting California, New Mexico, and Utah. From 1869 to 1884 he was engaged in railroad construction in Iowa. Since the latter date he has devoted himself to commercial pursuits.

Bro. Fleu has been prominent in fraternal society and club work since his youth. He became a Mason in 1867; is at present Commander of the local tent of the K.O.T.M.; president of the Republican League of Scott county; member of the Railway Commercial Club, etc.

When Tri City Court of the I.O.F. was organized Bro. Fleu was a charter member, and was chosen first Chief Ranger.

His first appearance at High Court was at the meeting in May last at Cedar Rapids, when he was elected on the first ballot to his present position, an honor that rarely comes at so early a stage in one's career in the High Court.

The knowledge of men and affairs that the High Chief of Iowa brings to his office will doubtless

stand him in good stead. Iowa is practically virgin soil as far as Independent Forestry is concerned. It is confidently believed that Bro. Fleu will do great work in planting the Order in the State, and that results will show that High Court made no mistake in placing him at the head of affairs. We will watch his career with friendly interest. He carries with him to his work the good wishes of the 115,000 brethren for whom THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER speaks.

### Washington.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts of the High Court, Washington:

Brethren,—I have the honor to present to you my second official circular. Some time ago an invitation was received from the Committee, Toronto, Canada, having in charge the bronze statue to our Supreme Chief Ranger, wishing our co-operation and assistance in making it a grand success.

I am sure that each and every member in our jurisdiction will be willing to contribute his share to such a grand movement. The request is for ten cents per member, trusting each court may see their way to comply with this request, so that the jurisdiction of Washington may not appear to a disadvantage when compared with other jurisdictions, nearly all of whom have already forwarded their subscriptions.

I must also beg to remind you that the High Court dues of fifty cents per member fall due on July 1st, and of the necessity of its being promptly forwarded to the High Secretary with the semi-annual High Court Report, Form No. 25, which will be sent you by the High Secretary, so that the High Secretary may be enabled to forward to you the necessary number of credentials for your delegates to the High Court.

I wish to draw your attention to Official Circular No. 5 of the Supreme Chief Ranger, which will be found on page 329 of May FORESTER, with the hope that the courts of Washington will not be behind our sister jurisdictions in increasing its membership. I earnestly ask each member to give the Order his best efforts for the next two months, so that we may be able at our next High Court meeting to report good progress.

High Court will be held at Seattle, August 10 and 11, 1897, commencing at 11 o'clock a.m. For this meeting no provision has been made for delegates' expenses.

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

JOHN A. FORSYTH, *High Chief Ranger.*  
OLIVER CRUSE, *High Secretary.*

The State that bears the name of the "Father of his country" is having a boom.

It is expected that organizing work will be vigorously pushed during the coming months.

All along the Pacific coast, from British Columbia to California, Independent Forestry is making steady headway.

Bro. O. Cruse, H.S., we are sorry to hear, has been quite ill; hope the worthy brother will soon be his former self again.

Bro. Forsyth, H.C.R., has taken hold of the work with a determination to make things go.

He began with his own subordinate court, which had 35 additions for June.

Bro. Jonas Bushell, T.S.C.R., has instituted a court at Leavenworth. More success to you, brother; keep the good work going.

We expect to hear shortly of one being organized at Custer, Whatcom Co., as several names are all ready on the charter list. Forestry seems to be moving all along the line.

Court Destiny, No. 598, Tacoma, had 35 applications for June, and more to follow. Well done, brothers; keep it up, you will get that prize you are after. Make it 35 more for July.

### High Court of New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 12th, 1897.

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

BRETHREN,—We hail with particular gratification the results of your efforts during the past year, and desire to extend to you all the thanks of your High Standing Committee for the attainment of such grand results. We are now the leading High Court, in most fully accepted risks, and we trust you will continue to exercise your very best endeavors to maintain our position attained by so many years of hard labor.

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 II., 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." Section 246, Article III., should also be referred to.

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

Courts not having proper blank forms in stock will make requisition therefor upon receipt of this letter. All supplies used by the Subordinate Courts shall be purchased by the 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 especial 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 169 relating to suspension of courts.

The Supreme Court clearly defines its intentions regarding these matters, and, in any case, where courts fail to comply on or before the 15th day of July, 1897, the said failure will work their immediate suspension.

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 Court Deputy, together with his street and number, to the High Secretary and not to the Supreme Secretary.

Section 139, Article II., provides for the election of delegates to the High Court, and is as follows: "The election of delegates to the High Court shall be held at the last regular meeting of the Subordinate Court, in the semi-annual term, immediately preceding the time of holding the session of the High Court."

As the next session of the High Court will be held September 14th, 1897, the proper time for the election of delegates will be the last meeting of each Subordinate Court in the month of June. The election of delegates at the December election of Subordinate Courts will be considered null and void.

Your attention is called to Article III. of the By-laws, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and relates to representation, travel and *per diem* allowance of delegates. Section 4 of said article refers to the manner of electing such delegates, and to the especial provisions therein provided as relates to the delegate, whose expenses are to be paid by the High Court. Section 5 of the same article makes provision for the possibility of a tie vote.

In calling your attention to said sections of the By-laws, you are informed that, at the last session of High Court, the By-laws were amended, so as to provide for the payment of the expenses of one delegate only, from each Subordinate Court, out of the treasury of the High Court.

In consideration of this action of the High Court, it is now considered unnecessary for any Subordinate Court to go to the expense of sending more than one delegate, as such delegate will be vested with all the rights, privileges, prerogatives and voting powers which belong to his Court, the same as if the Subordinate Court sent its full quota of delegates. Subordinate Courts sending more than one delegate will be required to defray the entire expenses of all such delegates, excepting the one delegate, whose expenses will be defrayed by the High Court as hereinbefore provided.

We 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 organizing work has been given especial attention, and we are now able to report that thirty-five courts have been organized since July 1st last, and that we have 200 courts to our credit, with a total of 9,000 members in the State of New York.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,  
*High Secretary.*  
 CHARLES A. KENDALL,  
*High Chief Ranger.*

NOTICE.—Brethren possessing pluck, grit and energy, who can furnish satisfactory references, or who will devote the whole or even a part of their time, can secure territory and authority to organize courts, by applying to C. R. FitzGerald, High Secretary, 143 Allen Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Courts can now apply to the High Secretary for Form 12 A, as they have just been received from the Supreme Court printer.

It is said that Court Bald Forester will win a set of badges.

A new court is being organized at Utica, to be composed of business men only.

An encampment is about to be instituted at Utica, N. Y. A charter list is being circulated, having at present 25 names to start with.

Bro. Dr. Charles Wiley, one of the court physicians of Courts Dana, United States and Fire Brigade, has been selected as instructor on pathology by the Syracuse College of Medicine.

Court Electric City continues its usual progress, and it is a rare thing to be without a candidate. At their first meeting in June they had the pleasure of initiating two leading citizens, Dr. Staley and Superintendent of the Poor, H. Westover.

Court Fort Schuyler is fast gaining ground, and has now attained the proportions of one of the largest courts in the State, having to its credit 150 members. We are confident that this result is largely due to the efforts of Bros. Baker and Knight, who are known to be hustlers.

C. D. H. C. R. John P. Quigley presented Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, with a life-size photograph of our venerated chiefstain, Dr. Oronhyatekha. The "fire laddies" put it in a nice oak frame, hung it on the opposite side of their court room, where the "founder's" picture is, so the Chief can watch the "old man" and keep him straight.—*Syracuse Times.*

Court Watertown initiated 28 members the first meeting in June, and more promised for next meeting. This court is now the largest in the State, but will have to look well to its laurels, as Courts Lake Erie, Genesee, Rochester and Flower City are close rivals. We still have confidence in the brethren of Court Watertown leading the van should another court attempt to close in on them.

The result of the entertainment held by Court Empire City has been the purchase of a set of officers' badges and the treasury better off by about forty dollars. This court has the well-earned title of the banner court as well as the pioneer court of New York City, and has among its members Bro. Otto Ochs, District Deputy for the Manhattan District.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Louis W. Dinckelspiel, C. D. of Court Mecca, has been elected President of Branch No. 10 of the New York Building-Loan Banking Co., of New York City, which is one of the most successful institutions of its kind in the country, having a subscribed capital of \$15,000,000, with assets of over \$2,000,000 and surplus, January 1st, 1897, of over \$112,000,000.

Court Brooklyn City, the most energetic of the three courts in Brooklyn, will give a "Seaside Festival" on August 5, at Feltman's Pavilion, Coney Island, afternoon and evening. Tickets are being sold at 25 cents each (children under 12 years of age free), and can be had of District Deputy Charles A. Nichols, or of the members. A large number of the New York City brethren contemplate attending, and a good time is anticipated.

Court New York City, No. 1449, has been presented with a handsome "Court Notice," executed by Bro. E. A. Gray, P. C. R., with pen and ink. The word "Forester" in rustic letters, the clasped hands and moose head, could scarcely be improved upon. The members are delighted at having this work of art by one of their own brethren.

ren in their possession. A very neat oak frame was provided by Bro. Leyess, of the same court.

Twenty-four years after Col. A. B. Caldwell founded Independent Forestry at Newark, New Jersey, he is engaged at organizing a subordinate court of the Order at Newark, New York, where he gathered together some of the best citizens of that historic town, and has instituted with 25 accepted risks. A flash-light picture was taken of all at the institution by Prof. A. L. Russell.

Referring to the compliments paid New York in last FORESTER, our old friend Col. A. B. Caldwell has this to say: "We accept the kindly and cheering words of the FORESTER, but our New York 'pushers' are not working to crow over brethren of any High Court jurisdiction. Their pride is our pride and our victory is their equal gain. We are working hard to loom up New York State to 50,000 members, as our venerated chieftain, Dr. Oronhyatekha, has predicted of us in the near future. With 'Excelsior' emblazoned on our Forestry banner, push on the column boys, and with the gallant Kendall and Fitzgerald at our head victory is ours!"

It is the intention of the High Standing Committee to make examples of some of the subordinate courts who purposely or negligently hold back their High Court dues. They contend that the rules and laws governing the High Court must be as strenuously lived up to as those of the Supreme Court, and that courts should be suspended just as promptly as the Supreme Court treats the matter. It is simply business, and courts should not presume to override a written law, nor permit their secretaries to become derelict in their duties. A too free use of the general fund for entertainments when any indebtedness is due should be deprecated.

The "Bronze Statue Fund" keeps increasing by subscriptions received from the various parts of the State, and the pride manifested by each letter accompanying a subscription would make the Supreme Chief Ranger's ears tingle were he to know what earnest and sincerely loyal manifestations of pride and hearty good will the brethren evince in making their contributions. That Oronhyatekha, M.D., holds a warm place in the hearts of this great body of men goes without saying. This is demonstrated the more by the fact that those courts and men who have never seen him, are permeated with the good feeling and loyalty of those who know him best.

Court Glovers City, No. 3496, at Gloversville, N. Y., instituted by Col. A. B. Caldwell, April 16th, has now 41 members. The "old founder" also instituted Court Wayne County, No. 3541, at Newark, N. Y., on June 5th, with 25 members. He is now getting up "Court Temple, 4 courts, No. —," at Syracuse, composed of lawyers and our best business men. In the meantime, he is expected to run down to Hornellsville, Steuben county, and make that burg happy with a new court. As summer approaches the colonel appears as lively as a colt and just as frisky. A new court every once in a while is nothing for him, and tends to make him younger.

Court United States, of Syracuse, boasts not only of having among its members the genial "founder of the Order," Col. A. B. Caldwell, whose indefatigable efforts have brought the Order to its present enviable condition in the City of Salt, but has also a distinguished member in the person of Attorney-General Theodore Hancock,

one of the ablest legal lights in the State of New York. He became a Forester and member of Court United States in 1894, through the influence of his friend, Col. Caldwell. They were both brought up in Oswego county, and enjoyed each other's friendship since early childhood, and are now both residents of Syracuse.

Court Hermon exhibits a condition well worth the while for any court to emulate, and we take pleasure in quoting the words of our esteemed Past High Physician, George H. Rodger, A.M., M.D., who says: "We are enjoying a good degree of prosperity as a court, having candidates for nearly every meeting, so that we find it advisable to hold meetings every week, instead of every two weeks, as formerly. Our new hall, which is the pride and joy of our court, in a manner proves a drawing card, and aids us materially in securing new members. To all who behold it in its beauty it is a visible evidence of prosperity on the part of our court, and has proved a good investment."

A very pretty home wedding occurred in Rochester, June 17, at the home of the bride's parents, when Miss Anna Esther Oberst became the wife of our friend and brother, Frank Curtis Hopkins, member of Court Rochester, of the Independent Order of Foresters. It is said Bro. "Frank" has made an excellent choice for his helpmate, and that he is being congratulated by his many friends. We are quite confident that Mrs. Hopkins has also found a congenial companion, as "Frank" is considered exceedingly popular among his many friends. The home was very neatly and tastily decorated and the bride looked exquisite in her wedding garments. Good luck to the bride and bridegroom.

Court Rochester gave an entertainment and reception on May 27th, with the view of establishing a fund for the purpose of buying paraphernalia to equip this court equal, if not superior, to any court in the State. With such wheel horses as High Auditor Thomas Baker and District Deputy George E. Cripps, we would not be surprised if this court announced that they intended to build a temple of their own. Through their especial influence this court has attained a membership of 205, and is increasing each meeting-night. We are very much gratified to learn that the entertainment was a success, and the committee is to be congratulated that the fund starts off with a good beginning.

Bro. Nicholas Eckel, an honorary member of Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, the noble chief of the Syracuse fire department, has been laid to rest. His funeral cortege was the largest ever held in this city within 20 years past. The procession was headed by the gallant assistant chief, Bro. John P. Quigley, Court D. H. C. R. of No. 1799, and composed of the mayor, aldermen, veteran soldiers, Sons of Veterans, police force, civic societies, Masons, Foresters, members of the Lutheran church, and thousands of personal friends whom the veteran chief made during an active and well-spent life of 54 years, as a brave soldier and an intrepid fireman. His remains lie in Woodlawn cemetery. His memory will live while his native city exists. —Syracuse Times.

Organizer F. J. Spraker, of Ox Bow, recently instituted an encampment of Royal Foresters at Gouverneur, with a charter list of 53. The membership is composed of brethren from courts at Gouverneur, Hermon, Elm Park, Silas Wright, and Maple Valley. The principal officers are

Companions Henry Ellis, Illustrious Commander; Com. George R. Rodger, M.D. (Past High Physician of the High Court of New York), as Illustrious Lieutenant-Commander; and Comrade F. J. Spraker, as Illustrious Past Commander. At the first meeting in June a number of candidates were initiated. This encampment has started right, and will, no doubt, become prosperous at once. We are glad to see Dr. Rodger again interesting himself in matters Forestric, as he is regarded as one of the reliable pioneers in the work in this State. The High Secretary is indebted to the doctor for a flint arrow-head, presented on a beautiful, bright, sunny Sunday morning, at the Giant's Causeway, Ireland, in the month of August, 1895, while travelling in that country as representative to the Supreme Court.

Court Oswego has just had its first loss since its organization in 1890, in the death of Bro. J. Reid. The day was fine, and 135 brethren turned out to do honor to their esteemed brother. District Deputy W. W. Wellington says: "It was the best society funeral held in Oswego for many years. Every Forester was proud to know he belonged to the Order. In point of numbers and appearance Court Oswego made an excellent showing, classing itself among the very best. The burial service at the grave was conducted in a perfect manner and everything 'worked like clock work.'" The widow thus exhibits her appreciation to D. D. Bro. Wellington: "I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of Court Oswego, No. 549, for their many acts of kindness during the illness of my late husband, John Reid, who was a member of your court; and the Executive Council of your great Order are highly commended for the prompt manner in which it paid the claim of \$1,000 Mortuary Benefit. May your noble Order ever prosper in the sincere wish of myself and family. Sincerely yours, Mrs. Ellen Reid."

We must express the appreciation that is within us for the very flattering mention in the last two FORESTERS of the manner in which the State of New York is gradually, but surely, accumulating a large membership, and the fact that we have, with but one exception, led all other High Courts in accepted risks for the past eight months, also that we have attained *fourth* place, in point of membership. The latter is appreciated the most, and those who entered the Order in the pioneer days in this State can best appreciate this information, when it is understood that the High Court was formed in 1890 with only twelve subordinate courts, and a membership of about 200. Now we have 200 courts, and a membership a little over 9,000. The sturdy, willing, true and loyal hearts within the membership have done their share to bring this result to its great proportions, and no one is more familiar with this fact than the popular High Secretary of New York, who, more than any one else, appreciates the general assistance given him in his earnest endeavors to place the State of New York among the leading High Courts of the Order. We would not be surprised to see New York in second place at the next session of the Supreme Court in 1898, if the brethren will keep up the interest manifested from the inception of the High Court. This of all the years since the formation of High Court has experienced the greatest business depression in this State, notwithstanding which the greatest interest and prosperity to our Order have occurred during the past year.

## Ohio.

The Independent Order of Foresters is one of the permanent institutions doing fraternal insurance in Ohio. It has come to stay. Under the guidance of the H.C.R., the army of almost 6,000 strong cannot be resisted. "Victory, victory, long live Forestry" is the battle cry.

Court Butler, No. 1380, and Court Fort Hamilton are two as prosperous courts as can be found in Southern Ohio. They each have over 100 members in good standing, and the meetings are well attended, and hardly a meeting passes without from one to 15 initiations.

Court Shelby, No. 555, sends its contribution to the "Bronze Statue Fund." Thanks, brothers; you were not the last! Bro. J. F. Oman, the efficient Court Deputy, can always be depended on for aid when asked. He writes: "We were *all* glad to contribute our mite. We honor our S.C.R., and we wish the greatest of prosperity to our noble Order."

Court Butler, No. 1380, gave a social dance on the evening of April 29th. As this was the first entertainment of the kind given by the Foresters, they feel justly proud of the results both socially and financially, and the court feels that the success was due to the efficiency of its hustling committee, composed of Bros. W. R. Chester, J. Janser, Jas. Travis, G. Schmidt and F. C. Lambert.

Brother J. D. Clark, our H. C., is doing the year work of his life, it matters not how much good he has done in the past, or the eminence he has attained at the Bar. All this passes into utter insignificance when compared to the amount of happiness, contentment and satisfaction he has given to the many homes, wives, mothers and children, by the spreading of the principles of Forestry throughout this commonwealth, by his directions to his associates and the 103 sub. courts in Ohio. This will remain as a monument to the zeal, care and faithfulness of our standard-bearer of Ohio.

Bro. Prentiss, H. Treas., visited Toledo June 9th, and gave an address to a large number of Foresters and *would-be Foresters* on "The Superiority of Fraternal Insurance," and illustrated it by the example of the I.O.F. Bro. Prentiss was received "with open arms." Bro. A. Cameron, D.D.H.C.R., of Toledo, Ohio, expects to open a new court soon in Toledo, with a large charter list: 37 names now on hand. Bro. Cameron is persevering, faithful, energetic and an enthusiastic Forester. He makes success come out of distrust and doubt by his never-give-up style. Go on, brother!

Court Pride of Akron, No. 356. The pride of the bustling city of Akron, although many other Orders are in the city, and "new timber" is scarce as hen's teeth, they do find good and sound men for membership. Three (3) additions in one night, recently, and applications galore on the table. The team work is fine; most of the team had the entire ritual at their tongue's end, and everything went on as merry as a May day. Especial praise is due the P.C.R., who acted as C.R. for the evening. No one can do better. We had a merry time in their new, commodious and well-lighted hall.

Court Howard, No. 281, Cleveland. Quick time, promptness and despatch characterize all transactions of the I.O.F. Our Bro. J. G. Davis died May



20th. On the 22nd we had our court meeting; 24th paid his widow her \$50 funeral benefit and received policy; 25th sent same to Supreme Court; and on June 1st we presented the widow a N.Y. draft for \$2,000 - eleven days in all. Can any order come up to this? None of the other orders in which the brother was insured have shown up (June 5th), as, Old Fellows, Home Circle and Knights of the Golden Eagle. Another cloud has been made bright by the I.O.F.

Court Providence, No. 1497. This court is still working away, and judging from the increase of membership there are quite a number putting their trust in "Providence," as the membership now is over fifty, with from eight to 10 to initiate at their next meeting-night. The court is progressing in elegant style, with a good membership and a good financial standing. There is no such word as "fail" with them. They expect, after their next meeting-night, to be located in their elegant new lodge-rooms in the "Produce Exchange Bank Building," Broadway, corner Ohio, Cleveland, O., where they will be prepared to entertain all visitors in royal style. Go and see them when in the city.

We look earnestly each month for our FORESTER, to see and learn of the advance in standing, financial as well as in membership, of the greatest Fraternal Benefit Society the sun every shone upon. The thousands in Ohio are striving, each and every one, to increase the number of members, and thereby increase the happiness, and secure many lonely women as well as bright children from need and want, when the grim destroyer calls for the wage-earner of the now bright and happy home. Only those who are in the circle of concord know of the good deeds constantly being done by many, if not all, of the sub. courts, to those who are in need. May God bless this our Foresteric circle, and may its influence become greater and wider as time rolls on.

Bro. Ira N. Porter, of Court Olentangy, No. 1883, Delaware, writes: "We were instituted June 15th, 1895; then left in the dark. Still, there were a few of the ever faithful who believed it a good thing and stayed with it; and now, after two years of hard struggles, by the kindness of the H. S. Committee, Bro. D. Gleason came to us. Through his efforts and his faith in the cause he has not only increased our membership, but renewed the vigor of the court. We are under obligations to Bro. Gleason, who goes to Zanesville to assist the brothers there. Give him your support, and you will not find Gleason wanting in the 'round up.'" "It is better to give than receive." May we all give our mite, and thereby help mankind.

Court Standard, No. 847, June 9th, 1897. Two candidates introduced to the goat, and five applications on the table. Every one of the members seems imbued with the idea, "Nothing succeeds like success," and they are bound to close the 200 mark by July 1st. The court has now several very sick members who are under the care of the very efficient and successful court Physician, Dr. Campbell. He also is an enthusiastic Forester, while Stenler, Smith, Buel, and Snyder lead him a merry race, and a host of brothers who cannot be beaten by more than a neck. Bro. W. G. Phillips, P. H. C. R., is always up and doing something for the good of the I.O.F. He has in charge the courts of Cleveland, and the Royals as well, for church devotion on

June 20th. He is always welcomed at the courts visited by him, because his countenance beams with smiles, and his words of encouragement and good advice are always received with thanks.

Court Portage, No. 1872, bids fair to be the banner court of Northwestern Ohio. With a membership of sixty-one June 1st, we will greet you July 1st with eighty members. *Keep your eye on us!* The wave of prosperity has come to us! Past Chief Ranger Cameron and Financial Secretary Fletcher have their coats off, and the way they expound Forestry would do credit to its progenitors. Agreeable to the suggestion of the Supreme Chief Ranger the court will attend divine service, conducted by the Rev. Bandeen, June 20th, in a body. Rev. Bandeen, of the U. B. Church, is a recent and valuable addition to our court. Chief Ranger Christlieb wants a uniform, and is talking Royal Forestry. Brothers George Nulfer and Gus Turry, who have decided musical talent, will organize a Foresters' band. In September the court will move into new and commodious rooms.

Court Middletown held a social session last night—a delightful occasion. The local lodge I.O.F., No. 1553, better known as the Foresters, met in social session at their headquarters in the Leibee block last night. A general review of the lodge business was had, and it plainly showed the vast amount of benefit which is derived from a membership.

After the business meeting the party, numbering almost a hundred, adjourned to the banquet hall of the Masons, where an elaborate feast had been prepared, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. It was the pleasure of a *Journal* representative to be present, and he can say, without fear of contradiction, that never, in his somewhat checkered career, has he met with a better or jollier crowd of men than were congregated there last night. Their hospitality and things to eat were simply superb.

## Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th.

The news as reported by the various courts throughout the State is uniformly encouraging, in many cases surprisingly so, and unless Court Pennsylvania, of Erie has lately added largely to her membership, she will have lost her position at the head of the list. Courts Mountain City, of Altoona, and French Creek, of Franklin, are both after the honor of being the leading court.

Court Du Bois is on the high road to prosperity, having lately added twenty-five new members in a very short time.

Court Elk, of Ridgeway, reports the addition of seven new members, and claims that they are now going to push right ahead to the front; they formerly held one meeting a month, but intend to have two each month hereafter.

Organizer Robt. Kidney has returned to the work in the State and has been giving special attention to some of the weaker courts.

Court Tyandinaga, No. 3525, was lately instituted by H. C. R. Geo. W. Strickland, assisted by High Secretary Chas. W. Mingle. The court promises to be one of the best that our Chief Ranger has organized. All the inhabitants of the beautiful town of Washington who read the news paper the morning after the institution commented

favorably upon the membership which he had selected.

While the High Standing Committee are much elated with the progress made in the past six months, they are not satisfied that each member has used his best endeavor for the advancement of the cause, and are desirous of encouraging a spirit of court rivalry. To stimulate the brethren to renewed efforts an offer of a set of officers' badges is made to the court initiating the most members before Dec. 31st, 1897. An official notice of this offer has been sent to each of the Court Deputies in the jurisdiction.

It is suggested to the courts that they avail themselves of the privileges granted by the Constitutions and Laws, section 163, sub-section 3, until such time as they have built up a sufficient membership to be self-supporting.

Courts having news of special interest are requested to communicate the same to the High Secretary for publication in these columns. We are all interested in the welfare of the Order and enjoy reading about the progress made by all the other courts.

### Minnesota.

Court Calhoun, No. 1163, Minneapolis.—In January, 1896, we had, writes a brother, twenty-four members; we have increased our membership to sixty, which shows a steady growth and leaves us at the present time in a healthy condition.

We have for some time past been laboring under the difficulty of being unable to secure a suitable hall in our vicinity, which difficulty we have at last overcome, as we have been fortunate enough to secure one of the finest halls in Minneapolis, located at the corner of Nicollet Ave. and Lake St. When it became apparent that we could secure that hall, our Chief Ranger, Bro. F. A. Whittier, generously presented to the court a new goat, at the same time informing the court that it was one of those kind that the more work they gave it the more it would expect. The brethren realizing the truth of this statement have worked accordingly, and as a result we have ten applications for membership at the present time.

At our last meeting we had an opening in our new hall and a very large attendance, there being several visitors present, including some of our High Court Officers, and we initiated a candidate to show the visitors how the new court worked. The visitors felt that candidates going to Court Calhoun got their money's worth. After the initiation our new candidate was introduced and a general handshake followed, during which time the cigars were passed around. Then speech-making was in order. The following toasts were responded to: "The benefits of the Independent Order of Foresters," by our High Chief Ranger, Bro. O'Keeffe; "The Relation of the Supreme Court to the Subordinate Courts," by our High Sec., Bro. O'Neill, of St. Paul; "Subordinate Courts and Their Relation to Each Other," by our High Treasurer, Bro. Young; all of which were very able addresses, being both instructive and interesting. After which our Court Physician, Bro. Mark B. Smith, and others delivered short addresses, which were highly appreciated.

Our visitors declared it was one of the finest meetings they ever attended, and after complimenting Court Calhoun in the highest terms on

its great showing of membership and the efficiency of its officers, avowed their intention of visiting Court Calhoun more frequently. The court is bound to become one of the largest in the State.

### Wisconsin.

Wisconsin will do its share to bring the applications up to 5,000 for June.

Two new courts have been reported so far this month, one at Martell and one at Galesville.

Eighty-six applications for May was good, but June will do better; the number will be up in three figures.

Many of the courts in the State have reported quite an increase in membership since our last High Court meeting.

Court Wisconsin, No. 928, of Madison, celebrated our anniversary on the 17th of June by a very enjoyable sociable in their new hall. This court is growing quite rapidly. Its membership now numbers 71.

Court Eau Claire, No. 907, at a recent meeting initiated four members and received ten applications. The great promptness with which the benefit of the late Bro. F. B. Thayer was paid, has convinced the community that the I.O.F. is a good Order to tie to.

Bro. Col. B. F. Parker, H.C.R., is absent in Europe at the meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World, I.O.G.T., of which he is secretary. The brethren of the jurisdiction are preparing a welcome home for him in the way of large additions to the membership of the I.O.F.

Bro. Knight is working at Thorp, in Clark County, and will have a good court to report very soon. Bro. Adams is working up a court at Augusta. Bro. Van Ness has two good courts under way in Milwaukee. All of these courts will undoubtedly be reported before the close of the month. We expect to have at least seven good courts organized in this State this month.

Court Eau Claire, No. 907, is mourning the loss of a brother Forester in a railroad disaster near Hudson, Wis., last week. The burial services were conducted by the officers and members of the local court, about forty members turning out in very appropriate uniform to assist in these services and following the remains to their last resting-place. Thus does the noble Order of Foresters not only look after the insurance of a brother, but with a fraternal love and tender care assist the bereaved family in carrying out the last sad rites that can be given a brother Forester.

### Indiana.

Court Fountain, of Attica, reports an application pending. If the initiation of the candidate actually takes place we will say "Hats off."

Bro. H. L. Chadwick, D.S.C.R., has been working with Court Gen. Milroy, of Valparaiso, and this court will now doubtless take a new lease on life.

Court Elwood continues to grow and will show a membership of 75 or more on July 1st. The active members say that No. 1097 will pass the 100 mark before the next High Court Session in February.

The Evansville Courts (Manhattan, Lamasco, and Vanderburgh) attended anniversary service on the

20th in a body. They also held a special meeting, at which a beautiful new banner was dedicated and a programme appropriate to the occasion rendered.

Bro. John Hartman, F.S., of Court Manhattan, gives the sign of distress. Cause, loss of membership during May. Since January, 1896, this court has reported additions each month, a record of which it may well be proud. Alas! for May. No wonder that the brother's heart is sad.

Court Rose, of Terre Haute, has become one of the most, if not the *most*, active courts in the State, and reported a membership of 82 on June 1st. At the last meeting of the High Court, Court Rose was given the next session and promised to be the banner court by February, 1898. It now looks as if the promise would be made good.

Court Miami, of Peru, held its first meeting in its new court room on June 3rd. This court now has one of the neatest halls in the city, and hereafter will have weekly meetings. The members presented 12 applications at the last meeting, and promise as many more during the month. This is Miami's annual boom and it expects to distance all other courts in Indiana.

Bro. H. I. Chadwick, D.S.C.R., who has been soliciting members for the Indiana Courts since the first of the year, returned to his home at Minneapolis, Minn., on a short vacation. During his stay in our State he has added to the membership of courts at Michigan City, Lipton, Frankfort, Marion, Alexandria and Valparaiso. We trust he may soon return to "Hoosierdom" and continue the good work.

Courts White River, No. 1094, and Anderson, No. 3110, accepted an invitation from the G.A.R. to participate in the memorial exercises on May 30th. The two courts united and presented a greater number in line, in proportion to their membership, than any other order. Each court decorated the grave of Bro. Dr. Houston with a beautiful floral emblem of the Order. The H. Sec. was present and was pleased to note the good-fellowship existing between these two courts.

Court Alexandria for three years past held its charter with a membership of 5. The Secretary's report shows a membership of 27 on June 1st, and 16 applications pending. Hereafter regular meetings will be held and many new members may be expected. The court observed the anniversary of the Order by attendance at the Congregational Church. Bro. J. Challin Smith delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion. This court is to be congratulated on its improved condition.

Court Noble, of Logansport, attended divine service at the First Presbyterian Church (D. D. Putnam, pastor), on Sunday morning, June 20th. In the afternoon the court united with the K. of P. and I.O.O.F. organizations in decorating with flowers the graves of the beloved dead. For several years past Court Noble has selected the Sunday nearest the 17th of June as "Decoration Day." This year it was recognized as a Fraternal Society by the two great Orders mentioned above, and on invitation united with them in Memorial Day exercises. Nothing succeeds like success, and the I.O.F. is being recognized as a great fraternity.

Bro. Hugh Faloona, Court Mount McKay, No. 287, Fort William, wishes to express thanks for the receipt of \$36, 56 days' sick benefit.

## California.

The Golden State maintains a good average for twelve months in the year.

High Chief Ranger McElfresh has been at Santa Rosa arranging for the forthcoming meeting of the High Court; 300 delegates are expected.

For May the applications were 129. For June, which is both the closing and crowning month of the Forestry year, the number will be doubtless higher.

For the month ending June 10th, Bro. G. A. McElfresh delivered 25 public addresses, and secured 124 applications calling for \$197,000 of protection. We would like to hear of a better record.

Court Sebastopol, No. 1148, I.O.F., entertained High Chief Ranger McElfresh recently. The visitor delivered an address, and 11 new members were initiated. The excellent address of the High Chief Ranger was the means of a number joining the Order. The banquet was enjoyed by 125 Foresters and their friends. Among those present were Past High Court Delegates J. G. Dont and H. R. Ekstrom.

Court Seal Rock, San Francisco, tendered a reception to High Chief Ranger McElfresh in its hall on Devisadero Street, recently. There was a large attendance, and a first-class programme was presented. During the evening the High Chief Ranger delivered an address that was so telling that at its close 29 strangers to the Order made application for membership, and were made "Foresters at sight" and attached to the court. Refreshments were served.

Court Watsonville, No. 3352, of Watsonville, tendered High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh a grand reception on the occasion of his visit to the court on the 26th May. More than 300 specially invited guests were present. A fine musical programme was rendered by local talent. The High Chief's address was so convincing as to the merits of the Independent Order of Foresters that 22 gentlemen came forward and made applications for membership, after which the members and guests repaired to the Hoffman House, where a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed by all.

G. A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of the I.O.F., was tendered a reception by Courts Stanford, Mayfield and Mountain View, at Mayfield, on Monday night, May 24th. The members of the several courts turned out to the number of 150, visited the High Chief Ranger at his hotel, and then formed a procession; and with brass band and fireworks escorted him from the hotel to the hall, where a meeting was held. After an address the High Chief Ranger initiated 10 candidates, and then the Oriental degree was conferred on 10 novitiates and a grand banquet followed. It was stated the affair was the greatest, in a fraternal sense, that was ever seen in Mayfield. It was well planned and well carried out.

The Foresters of San Francisco had a gala day on the 30th May. The games in the afternoon were largely attended, and the different events were keenly contested and watched with great interest. The attendance at night was very large. The Casino, said to have a seating capacity of 10,000, was filled to its utmost limit, being crowded with Independent Foresters and their friends, assembled to witness the entertainment that had

been prepared for them by the committee, composed of Ben S. Solomon (chairman), L. A. Kern, T. P. Jarvis, O. J. Jolly, and W. L. White. G. A. McElfresh, the High Chief Ranger, delivered an address, during which he gave a concise history of the Order, its objects and beneficiary features, and what he said was loudly applauded.

### British Columbia.

Population considered, the I.O.F. has probably as many members in British Columbia as in any province where it is known.

It is expected that the Supreme Chief will early in the autumn institute a High Court in the Golden Province.

The applications have been coming in steadily, and in goodly numbers for months past; for May the number was 36.

The last court organized was at Grand Forks, on June 8th. The I.O.F. is the only secret or fraternal Order represented in the place. Bro. J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., was the instituting officer. So well did he do his work that on the eve of his departure the court, by unanimous resolution, thanked him for his work.

Bossburgh is the next place to have a court of the I.O.F. Bro. Falconer visited the place recently and in a very short time secured nine of the leading citizens on his charter list.

Bro. Falconer writes:

C. S. Boss, who was the founder of this town, is on the list, as also Morris Mc Carty, the agent for the Townsite Company, who is a regular cyclone of a hustler, and is making the town a grand success, also the genial postmaster, Mr. Reynolds, and the two owners of the *Bossburgh Journal*, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hall. Dr. Vesser is another, and Alexander Ross, section foreman on the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company, who is an old Independent Forester, is also ready to affiliate with this new court.

### Great Britain.

Just as we are about ready for the press the mail brings us the British edition of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER. From it we learn that the work of extending the Order in the United Kingdom is being pushed with great vigor.

Court Hammersmith is making steady progress.

Bro. Gilmore, D.S.C.R., is exercising his persuasive eloquence on his countrymen in Dublin.

Court Hanley varied work with refreshments to the enjoyment of all, at a recent meeting.

Court Lewisham, according to the *Kentish Mercury*, held a very enjoyable meeting recently.

Court Risdene held an important meeting recently, when Bro. Gerring, H.C.R., gave an instructive address.

Reading has its first court; it was instituted by Bro. A. T. Blamey. It starts out with a fine staff of officers.

Court Maida Vale, London, had a social evening at which Bros. Marshall, Halford, H.V.C.R., and Emery, H.S., gave addresses.

Bro. Gerring, H.C.R., recently visited Court Hucknall. He was accompanied by the H.V.C.R., and gave an address that was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R., so well and favorably known in Ontario, is working in Scotland. He expects two new courts shortly in Glasgow.

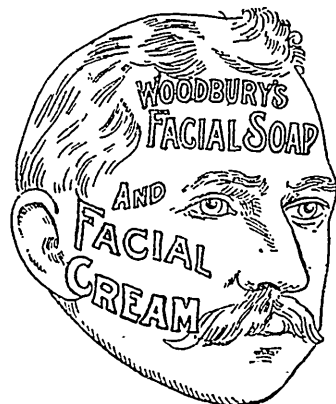
Court Bristol gave a supper that, according to the *Maggie*, was excellent. Bro. C. E. Price, H.V.C.R., told some of the good things that can be said of the Order. Bristol has three courts, and five more are being organized.

In the last few weeks, leading centres of population and influence have been visited and meetings held. At Norwich, Bros. Jas. Marshall, general manager for Great Britain, and Mr. Jas Boddy, D.S.C.R., addressed an attentive audience on the merits of the I.O.F.

The courts in Liverpool are all profiting by the visit of the Supreme Chief. His address to the brethren at the reception to him have stimulated them to active efforts on behalf of the Order. Bro. Chiswell, H.C.R., A.A. Campbell, D.S.C.R. and others have been visiting and addressing.

Liverpool papers give full accounts of the splendid meeting held in that city to welcome Dr. Oronhyatekha and his party to the Old Land. The company of members and friends of the Order was a distinguished one. Mr. S. S. Chiswell, H.C.R. of Central England, presided. The feature of the gathering was the address of the Chief, who went very fully into the principles and operations of the Order, and whose words aroused the enthusiasm of those present. Capital addresses were also given by Bros. Marshall, Dr. Gibson, Belfast, Rev. R. McNair, G. F. Marter, M.P.P., Capt. Allen, H. J. Martin, the chairman and others.

Mrs. Celia T. Thayer, of Eau Claire, Wis., thanks the Executive Council for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband, Frank B. Thayer, of Court Eau Claire, No. 907, who was killed in the accident on the Omaha Railway. She also thanks the members of the court for their sympathy and kindness in her great sorrow.



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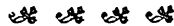
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