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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

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*To the Chief Ranger of the Court.*

For the information of the Members of the Court, it shall be imperative upon the Chief Ranger to see that all documents issued by the Executive Council be read in open Court the first or second regular meeting night after receiving the same.

CAUTION.—The Chief Ranger is strictly enjoined not to give the Pass-Word to any but Financial Members of the Court, except upon a printed authority from a Member's Court with the seal affixed. In every case the Pass-Word must be given to every Member singly and in private. The Beadles are also cautioned against the Pass-word being overheard at the Portal of the Court, and that the Portal is closed previous to a member addressing the Chief Ranger.

The Pass-Word must not be communicated to any member prior to the time when it comes in force. The proper time for it to be given is on the first meeting nights in February, May, August and November.

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## TWELFTH SESSION.

### Subsidiary High Court of Canada, 1899.

#### FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Subsidiary High Court Meeting opened in the Victoria Hall, Queen Street East, Toronto, Tuesday the 22nd Day of August, 1899.

Present—H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger; W. Baird, High Sub-Chief Ranger; L. Secord, M.D., High Court Medical Examiner; H. E. Griffiths, High Court Treasurer; S. H. Kent, High Court Senior Woodward; George Dulmage, High Court Junior Woodward; H. J. Boyd, High Court Senior Beadle; W. G. Scott, High Court Junior Beadle; W. Williams, Permanent Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., and opened in Ancient Form.

The High Chief Ranger announced that the following Committees had been appointed by the Executive Council:—

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.**—Bros. Jas. Wilkins, 5660, London; W. P. Smith, 5640, Hamilton; S. J. Wedden, 7586, Belleville; J. C. West, 5833, Toronto; T. Orr, 8419, Strathroy.

**DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.**—Bros. W. T. Duff, 5695, London; W. Hatton, 5607, Ottawa; H. McKeown, 8086, St John, N.B.; M. Beattie, 7778, Campbellville; D. A. Bedwell, 5743, Hamilton.

Moved by Bro. J. Young, seconded by Bro. J. Coffey, That the following Special Committee be appointed to strike Standing Committees:—Bros. A. O. Jeffery, 6563, London; R. H. Buck, 6896, Toronto; A. Bilskey, 8404, Ottawa; L. F. Heyd, 7678, Severn Bridge; A. Dynes, 6490, Hamilton. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Bro. C. Chappell, seconded by Bro. E. T. Perry, That Bro. J. Field's name be substituted for Bro. A. Dynes. Lost.

Bro. L. F. Heyd introduced His Worship, Bro. John Shaw, Mayor of Toronto, Bro. Alderman Graham, Chairman of Reception Committee of City Council, and Bro. J. J. Foy, Q.C., Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, to the Executive Officers and assembled delegates, by a few well chosen words.

His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Toronto, welcomed the officers and delegates to the Queen City, and trusted that all would enjoy themselves, and partake of the city's hospitality during the week.

Bro. J. J. Foy, Q.C., on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, extended to all a cordial greeting.

Bro. Major H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger, replied in felicitous terms, depicting the growth of the Order since its inception in Toronto, when in the year 1881 the first meeting for the formation of the Subsidiary High Court was held in the old City Hall, Bro. W. B. McMurrich being Mayor at that time, when 35 delegates was the representation, officers included, now there are about 200 representatives, excluding the officers; and on behalf of the Executive Council and delegates present, he gratefully accepted the kind hospitality tendered by the City.

Bro. E. F. Clarke, M.P., on behalf of the 2,000 Foresters of Toronto, extended a cordial welcome to the City, and hoped the officers and delegates would avail themselves of the entertainment provided for them by the Foresters of Toronto, by taking in the Moonlight excursion on board the Chippewa. In his remarks he said: "The Order appeals to us, because it has lived up to the traditions of the Parent Society, and the Order needs only to be understood to be fully appreciated."

Bro. C. Fitch, Chairman of the Toronto Reception Committee, representing the Foresters, Companions of the Forest and Juveniles of the city of Toronto, in a neat speech, asked all the officers and delegates of this convention to make themselves at home, and trusted all would bear away with them pleasant memories of their visit to the Queen City of the West.

Bro. McKeown, member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, spoke eloquently upon the fruits of the work of the Order down by the sea, and promised all a hearty welcome when they came that way.

Alderman H. J. Wright, of the City of Hamilton, extended a hearty and cordial invitation to hold the next High Court Meeting in that City.

The various representatives left the Hall amidst great applause.

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Moved by Bro. F. H. Pitts, seconded by Bro. W. P. Smith, That the following regulations be adopted for use at this High Court Meeting.

That the Rules of Order governing this High Court Meeting be as follows:

1. That the Sessions of this High Court shall be from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m., unless otherwise ordered by resolution of the High Court.
2. That the Roll be called at the commencement of each Morning Session, and immediately preceding the election of the incoming Executive Council.
3. That no delegate be allowed to absent himself from the High Court Meeting previous to the conclusion of its sittings, without obtaining formal permission of the meeting.
4. That no motion be put from the Chair or debated without being in writing and seconded.
5. That no delegate be allowed to speak on any motion for a longer time than ten minutes, except the mover, who may speak for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes.
6. That no delegate speak twice on the same motion, except the mover and seconder, without permission of the High Chief Ranger.
7. That no speaker be allowed to enter on any question already resolved unless the question is re-considered.
8. That no delegate be allowed to interrupt a speaker, unless to rise to a point of order; President of the High Court for the time being shall decide all points of order without debate.
9. That the Woodward's act as tellers.
10. That the use of any personal abusive or improper language or disorderly behaviour, by any delegate, be punished as High Court Meeting shall direct.
11. That Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure shall decide all questions not provided by these rules.

Moved by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, seconded by H. Sutherland, That the motion be amended to provide for use of Cushing's Manual.

Carried.

The Credential Committee presented their report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, seconded by Bro. H. Sutherland, That the report be adopted and the several delegates mentioned in report be given seats at this High Court.

Carried.

The High Chief Ranger presented and read his report.

Moved by Bro. J. McDowell, seconded by Bro. J. Field, That the report of the High Chief Ranger be referred to the Distribution Committee.

Carried.

Other reports were submitted by—

The Credential Committee, No. 2.

The Permanent Secretary.

The High Court Medical Examiner.



Moved by Bro. H. Chick, seconded by Bro. W. Goddard, That the various reports be taken as read and referred to the Distribution Committee. Carried.

Mt. A. Fraser, Grand Chief of the Sons of Scotland, extended a fraternal greeting to all; in his remarks he said, "We recognize that you have led us in Fraternity work by raising rates and placing the Order upon a sound basis. We recognize you as a leader of Societies, and we thank you for your excellent work."

Rousing cheers were given, and the Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg to report that 116 credentials have been received, two of which have no seal attached, but the seal was on the notices sent the Permanent Secretary. Bro. Chappell has no credential with him, but it will come by Wednesday's mail; Bro. Lemon, of Court Woodford, has no credential, it having been lost or mislaid, and the Court substituted an ordinary certificate, duly signed and sealed.

Your Committee would recommend that Bros. Chappell and Lemon be allowed to take their seats at this meeting.

#### REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee beg to report that 14 other credentials have been duly registered, Bro. R. S. Kelly, of Court Queen, No. 8573, reports his credential had gone astray, but the Court has forwarded one ordinary Certificate duly signed, and seal attached; would recommend that Bro. Kelly take his seat.

One credential, presented by Bro. M. Musk, Algoma District, representing three Courts. The credential from Court York is not signed by either Chief Ranger or Sub-Chief Ranger. A credential is also presented by Bro. Forster, from Alberta District. Bro. R. H. Ward, of Nova Scotia, has handed a report of the District Meeting held at Dartmouth, June 3rd, 1899, when Bro. Ward was duly elected to represent the District.

Bro. Ward also presented an ordinary certificate from Court Bedford, 8836, in lieu of the credential, for the reason that the credential had never been received by the Court from the Permanent Secretary.

NOTE—The Permanent Secretary stated that Court Bedford, 8836, had only been recently organized and instituted.

Bro. M. Musk represented Courts 8094, 8096, 8401, 8759 (Algoma District), four votes.

Bro. M. McInnes represented Courts 6898, 7818, 7864, and 7869, (Selkirk District), four votes.

Bro. F. G. Forster represented Courts 7783, 7825, 7866, 7875, 8082, 8084, 8095 (Alberta District), seven votes.

Bro. F. Boyd represented Courts 7870, 7871, 8583, 8586 (Brandon and Marquette District), four votes.

Bro. R. H. Ward represented Courts 8087, 8574, 8575, 8582, 8585, 8758, 8760, 8767, 8768, 8769, 8771, 8772, 8774, 8775, 8833, 8835, 8836 (Nova Scotia District), 17 votes.

Bro. M. McKeown represented Courts 8085, 8086, 8577, 8578, 8580, 8584, 8588, 8761, 8770 (New Brunswick District), nine votes.

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# LIST OF DELEGATES.

5604 F. W. Lillie, Toronto  
5604 H. C. Wilson, Toronto  
5607 W. Hatton, Ottawa  
5640 W. P. Smith, Hamilton  
5640 W. Ashby, Hamilton  
5660 J. Wilkins, London  
5687 W. Goddard, Toronto  
5687 H. Chick, Toronto  
5690 Jno. Young, Hamilton  
5693 J. S. Williams, Toronto  
5694 E. Ramsay, Montreal  
5743 D. A. Bedwell, Hamilton  
5744 W. Richards, London  
5744 T. Bartlett, London  
5772 W. Coburn, M.D., Oshawa  
5774 S. Gray, Montreal  
5775 Jno. Bushell, Toronto  
5833 J. C. West, Toronto  
5835 S. J. Mallion, Stratford  
5863 J. Brown, St. Thomas  
5863 T. Stone, St. Thomas  
5866 H. Thatcher, Guelph  
5889 J. Field, Montreal  
5895 W. T. Duff, London  
5962 A. Ferguson, Galt  
5963 A. W. Skellington, Windsor  
5987 H. Phillpot, Brantford  
5988 A. Bushfield, Stratford  
6000 J. Saunders, Bowmanville  
6065 W. T. Smith, Seaforth  
6157 G. Roberts, Ingersoll  
6191 G. Mutton, Mitchell  
6243 J. F. Hardy, Dundas  
6244 B. Longley, Chatham  
6421 W. Burns, Meaford  
6483 W. Gibb, St. Marys  
6490 A. Dynes, Hamilton  
6507 H. Sutherland, London  
6563 A. O. Jeffery, London  
6570 H. A. Biggins, Woodstock  
6586 J. W. Taylor, Kincardine  
6821 J. Garroch, Sarnia  
6826 R. Bedwell, Barrie  
6827 A. Pinkham, Brantford  
6895 H. Catley, Mount Forest  
6896 R. A. Buck, M. D. Toronto  
6897 D. Sinclair, Paris  
6898 M. McInnes, Winnipeg  
6900 C. R. Cape, Chatham  
7042 J. McDowell, Montreal  
7043 E. F. Bowie, M.D., Toronto  
7045 E. F. Clarke, M.P., Toronto  
7046 W. E. Wiley, Richmond Hill  
7047 R. Moule, London  
7134 W. Hayden, London  
7135 H. Tew, Toronto  
7136 R. J. Minty, Toronto

7137 J. Hollingshead, Newmarket  
7144 W. Hoover, Whitevale  
7327 J. Thompson, Brantford  
7328 G. Millard, Sweaborg  
7329 T. Lewis, Hyde Park  
7331 F. Dearing, Orton  
7334 A. Mitchell, Tiverton  
7335 H. Warrington, Toronto  
7336 A. McMillan, Toronto  
7581 C. Carter, Toronto  
7582 C. Luebke, Hamilton  
7583 A. Baldwin, St. Thomas  
7586 S. J. Wedden, Belleville  
7587 E. T. Perry, Montreal  
7588 J. McClement, King  
7589 J. G. Osterhout, Northwood  
7673 C. Chappell, Montreal  
7674 R. Heppenstall, Warton  
7675 W. Walton, Woodstock  
7676 S. H. Bradford, Toronto  
7677 W. Douglass, Owen Sound  
7678 L. F. Heyd, Severn Bridge  
7679 P. Campbell, Toronto  
7682 S. Yeo, Port Hope  
7768 J. L. Bowers, Ripley  
7769 A. L. Jex, Cobourg  
7770 E. A. Baker, Trenton  
7771 R. Sager, St. George  
7772 J. Pearson, Thornhill  
7774 H. M. McBrine, Berlin  
7777 T. Wheeler, Merriton  
7778 M. Beattie, Campbellville  
7779 T. A. Dunlop, Kingston  
7781 D. J. Williams, Walkerville  
7782 T. J. Hubble, Campbellford  
7783 F. G. Forster, Calgary  
7817 J. Coffey, Hamilton  
7818 M. McInnes, Winnipeg  
7819 Jos. H. Purchase, Doncaster  
7820 J. L. Hillary, Tilsonburg  
7821 C. Mason, Simcoe  
7823 F. H. Pitts, Port Colborne  
7825 F. G. Forster, Medicine Hat  
7858 J. E. Ramshaw, Bridgeburg  
7859 W. Dickinson, Rockwood  
7860 W. H. Edwards, Brockville  
7861 G. S. Armstrong, Lion's Head  
7862 G. McKellar, Lobo  
7863 F. W. Watts, Clinton  
7864 M. McInnes, Winnipeg  
7866 F. G. Forster, Edmonton  
7869 M. McInnes, Stonewall  
7870 F. Boyd, Portage la Prairie  
7871 F. Boyd, Brandon  
7872 J. Moulton, Collingwood  
7873 P. McIntyre, Komoka  
7875 F. G. Forster, Gleichen

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8078 J. B. Reany, Port Elgin	8583 F. Boyd, Souris, Man.
8082 F. G. Forster, S. Edmonton	8584 H. A. McKeown, St. Marys, N.B.
8084 F. G. Forster, Canmore	8585 R. H. Ward, Musquodoboit, N.S.
8085 H. A. McKeown, McAdam, N.B.	8586 F. Boyd, Rapid City, Man.
8086 H. A. McKeown, St. John, N.B.	8588 H. A. McKeown, Keswick, N.B.
8087 R. H. Ward, Halifax, N.S.	8757 C. W. Schultz, Gobels' Corner
8088 J. B. Lemire, Tilbury Centre	8758 R. H. Ward, Bass River
8089 S. T. Gale, London	8759 M. Musk, Rat Portage
8092 J. Pollard, Petrolia	8760 R. H. Ward, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
8093 G. Lemon, Woodford	8761 H. A. McKeown, St. John, N.B.
8094 M. Musk, Fort William	8764 C. J. Humble, Oil Springs
8095 F. G. Forster, Lethbridge	8765 C. W. Wright, Bear Line
8096 M. Musk, Port Arthur	8767 R. H. Ward, Windsor, N.S.
8097 E. Campaigne, Goderich	8768 R. H. Ward, Lunenburg, N.S.
8401 M. Musk, Sault Ste. Marie	8769 R. H. Ward, Rose Bay, N.S.
8404 A. W. Bilskey, Ottawa	8770 H. A. McKeown, St. John, N.B.
8407 A. G. Bridge, Hespeler	8771 R. H. Ward, Getson Cove, N.S.
8408 E. Moore, Wingham	8772 R. H. Ward, Park's Creek, N.S.
8412 G. Morrish, Aylmer	8774 R. H. Ward, Day Spring, N.S.
8413 A. Adams, Pine Tree Harbour	8775 R. H. Ward, Conquerall Bank, N.S.
8419 F. W. Orr, Strathroy	8776 W. A. Fry, Dunnville
8570 A. Carr, Glen Orchard	8833 R. H. Ward, Dufferin Mines, N.S.
8571 R. H. Ward, Halifax, N.S.	8834 E. Kyte, Pike Bay
8573 R. Kelly, Galt	8835 R. H. Ward, St. Croix, N.S.
8574 R. H. Ward, Dartmouth, N.S.	8836 R. H. Ward, Bedford, N.S.
8575 R. H. Ward, Truro, N.S.	
8577 H. A. McKeown, St. John, N.B.	
8578 H. A. McKeown, Woodstock, N.B.	
8580 H. A. McKeown, Clarendon, N.B.	
8582 R. H. Ward, Waverley, N.S.	

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. WILKINS, *Chairman*.  
 W. P. SMITH.  
 S. J. WRIDEN.  
 J. C. WEST.  
 F. ORR.

## REPORT OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

*To the Officers and Delegates of the Ancient Order of Foresters in High Court Meeting Assembled.*

## RESPECTED BRETHREN—

In accordance with the usages of our Ancient Order and the requirements of our General Laws, it gives me exceptional pleasure to submit to you at the opening of this Twelfth Biennial Meeting of the High Court of Canada, a report of my official acts during the two years that I have had the honour of being the Executive head of the Order, together with several suggestions for your careful consideration at this important epoch in the history of Ancient Forestry in this Canada of ours—

"A goodly land and free,  
 Where Celt and Saxon hand in hand  
 Hold sway from sea to sea."

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## 2.—A REMINISCENCE.

The swift flight of time has brought us to another High Court Meeting. From far and near we are convened in this regal city of Toronto to take part in the proceedings and deliberations of our Forestric Legislature, and to determine wisely, I feign would hope, the vital questions which shall come before us, so as to promote the future welfare of our beloved Order and to insure its stability and prosperity.

In extending fraternal greetings to the High Court representatives here assembled from all sections of the Dominion, I do so with profound emotions of gratification arising from the interesting fact that it was in this fair city twenty-eight years ago the first Court of Ancient Forestry in Canada was instituted, and that exactly seventeen years ago this 22nd day of August, the first meeting of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, under the sovereign sanction of the High Court of England, was held in Foresters' Hall, corner of Yonge and Alice Streets. Those were days of small beginnings for Ancient Forestry in this country, yet as we contemplate the stately structure whose foundations, broad and firm and true, were laid amidst many perplexities and prophecies of disaster, we are inspired to exclaim:—

"'Tis but by patient, sturdy brave endeavour,  
The greatest, best and grandest things are wrought."

Brethren, I invite you on this occasion to entwine a floral chaplet around the sacred memory of that little group of English Foresters, who—deeply imbued with sincere affection for the noble Order whose moral, social and fraternal benefits they had personally experienced and enjoyed in the land of their fathers, and, actuated by a strong faith that this new land of promise in which they had cast their lot would not fail to recognize the fundamental principles and appreciate the practical philanthropy of an institution which had already stood the test of time for over half a century, and had long since won the confidence of the industrial classes in Great Britain—those zealous disciples of Robin Hood, for whom the Royal mail was too slow, with electric enterprise cabled across the wide Atlantic, to the Executive seat of the Order at Nottingham, applying for a dispensation; and this charter, being granted, conveyed to them supreme authority to open a Court of Ancient Forestry in this city, which, with prophetic prescience, they named, Court "Hope of Canada," No. 5,604. Behold how this little acorn, planted at the Gloucester Arms Inn, corner of King and Berkeley streets, on that mid-summer evening, 1871, has grown to be a mighty oak, emblem of Ancient Forestry, whose deep roots are now firmly fixed in Canadian soil, and whose wide-spreading branches afford grateful protection to thousands of individuals, knit together by ties of brotherly love for purposes of kindly sympathy and mutual aid!

## 3.—OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Since last High Court meeting, I have sent the following "Messages" to all Courts throughout the jurisdiction:—

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S MESSAGE, NO. I.

(To be read in open Court).

Office of the High Chief Ranger,  
Cobourg, November 1st, 1897.

*To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Courts of Ancient Forestry in the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, and to all whom it may concern:*  
Greeting.

BROTHERS:

I deem it my duty to call your attention especially to a number of important alterations and amendments in our General Laws, which were enacted at

the late meeting of the High Court held in Owen Sound, and will come into force and effect from this date, namely:

(1) No Court over six months in arrears of dues to the Subsidiary High Court shall be entitled to representation at the High Court or at any meeting of any Provincial District, or any District within the meaning of Rule 6, Sub-section 5.

(2) A uniform initiation fee of not less than \$2 (instead of \$3), may be charged for two months from the date of a new Court's institution.

(3) All Courts in the Province of Ontario shall become incorporated on or before January 1st, 1898, under the Ontario Insurance Act of 1897. The Permanent Secretary will furnish forms for this purpose on receipt of the registration fee, \$1.00.

(4) The Guarantee Fund shall be sustained by premiums paid by the Courts for the security bonds of their Secretaries and Treasurers, to the amount of \$2 per member, the amount of Premium to be fixed by the Executive Council.

(5) Hereafter all fees payable to the various High Court Funds will be based upon *quarterly* returns from the Subordinate Courts.

(6) Any member married after October 1st, 1889, shall promptly file the authorized medical examination and certificate of good health of his wife, and the same must be filed with the Permanent Secretary in her life-time and during her good health.

(7) All Courts over twelve months in arrears to the High Court, are liable to be suspended by the Executive Council or by the High Court Meeting; and all Courts which have or may become disbanded or defunct, shall be suspended by the Executive Council or by the High Court Meeting; and the assets of all Courts which disband, and of all suspended and defunct Courts shall be delivered over to the High Court, and no Court about to disband shall apportion their assets among the members thereof.

(8) If a regular Court Meeting falls upon a Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, or on a bank, civic or other general holiday, the Court may, by a resolution passed at a previous Court meeting, determine when the meeting shall be held.

(9) The officers of Subordinate Courts shall be nominated and elected on the first meeting night in December of each year, which shall be a summoned meeting, and installed on the first meeting night in January following. They will hold office for twelve month instead of six, as formerly.

(10) Court Secretaries are required to notify the Woodwards within twelve hours after receiving notice of a member's illness. In addition to their other duties, the Woodwards must report to the Court all violations of the Sick Benefit Rules and shall withhold all benefits until such report is disposed of by the Court. Unless a member is sick more than one week, he shall not be entitled to the first week's sick pay.

(11) The Medical Officer shall not place any brother upon the Court Funds nor allow him to remain upon the same unless he is unable to follow any occupation or employment through sickness or disability. The Medical Officer's compensation may be paid out of the Sick and Funeral Fund.

(12) Beneficiary certificates will be issued to Honorary Members by complying with the rules of the Beneficiary Fund, and paying \$2 per annum to the management account of said Fund.

(13) A Financial member is interpreted to mean a member contributing to the Sick and Funeral Fund of a Court, and who is not four months in arrears for contributions.

(14) The scale of contributions to the Sick and Funeral Fund of every Court shall in no case be less than that contained in Rule 117 of the Old General Laws. This provision is retroactive in its effect, requiring any contribution

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fates which hitherto may have been levied according to a lower scale to be levelled up to the minimum scale of Rule 117, which may be increased, however, when a Court deems it necessary.

(15) All medical examinations of applicants for membership, Clearance members from Foreign Courts, members' wives and all suspended members for reinstatement, must be sent direct to the High Court Medical Examiner, at Brantford, by the Medical Officer of the Court. The High Court Medical Examiner will promptly notify the Court of the acceptance or rejection of the applicant (as the case may be), before further action can be taken, as defined in Rule 114.

(16) No special Organizer will be commissioned without the recommendation of a Court or District Chief Ranger, that he is thoroughly qualified to perform the work required to be done in some particular locality or district.

I need not urge our loyal Brethren throughout this jurisdiction to take notice of the foregoing amendments to our General Laws, and govern themselves accordingly.

Brothers, the sultry summer is gone, the mellow autumn days are here, and we stand at the portals of the salubrious season which crowns the labors of the year—ready, I trust, to renew our work for Ancient Forestry with courage and confidence, enthusiasm and energy. The success and progress of our noble Order in its great work of fraternity and humanity can be measured only by the cordial co-operation and zealous support of every one of its members. The business depression which has paralyzed the industries in our country during the past four or five years is now happily being succeeded by improving conditions, and a gradual increasing commercial confidence and prosperity is manifest in all departments of trade. Earnest effort on the part of our membership will bring the Ancient Order of Foresters that same degree of success which has marked its glorious history during the past century and make its record of manifold blessings more marvellous than ever. Its annals of good deeds in the past and the assurance of perpetuity and stability in the future, in its beneficent work of cultivating manly virtues, and at the same time affording ample protection in an hour of adversity, should inspire the zeal of all who enjoy its fraternal and financial privileges.

Brothers, let our motto be, "Excelsior—Onward!" I ask each one of you to take a personal interest in the proceedings of your own Court. Attend your Court meetings. Talk about the A.O.F. everywhere. Study our system. The world has never seen its equal in the broad realm of practical philanthropy.

Finally, my brothers, I beg of you, one and all, to bestir yourselves personally and individually in procuring new members. Thousands of eligible men have never been asked to join our Order. Bring them in for their sakes and ours. You will be glad that through your instrumentality they became Ancient Foresters, and they will be happy in having done so.

In conclusion, permit me to take this opportunity of expressing to you generally my great appreciation of the distinguished honor which your representatives at the High Court meeting conferred upon me at Owen Sound. New duties bring increased responsibilities, and it will be impossible for me to discharge the important duties and functions of my high office to the entire satisfaction of myself and this Order, unless I receive the loyal support and fraternal sympathy of my colleagues and brethren throughout the jurisdiction. For this I plead, promising in return, that so far as my humble ability will allow, in all the multiplicity of affairs that are sure to come before me for adjudication, during the ensuing biennial term, my constant endeavour shall be to exercise the authority with which you have invested me in a becoming spirit of dignity and urbanity, courtesy and charity.

And now, let us all address ourselves to the work that is before us. Every motive and impulse of the Forestric mind demand that we exert ourselves to the utmost during the coming months to promote the progress and prosperity, growth and influence of the beloved Order of our Hearts and Homes.

I wish I could grasp the hand of every Ancient Forester in this dear "Maple Leaf" land, and personally bid him God-speed, as I do now in the dumb words of pen and ink.

I have the honor to be,

In Unity, Benevolence and Concord,

Fraternally and Faithfully yours,

Attest:

W. WILLIAMS,

Permanent Secretary.

H. J. SNELGROVE,

High Chief Ranger.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S MESSAGE, NO. 2.

(To be read in Open Court).

Office of the High Chief Ranger,

Cobourg, April 12th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Courts of Ancient Forestry, in the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, and to all whom it may concern:  
Greeting.

BROTHERS:

In my former message, I earnestly besought a substantial increase in the membership of our noble Fraternity in this jurisdiction. Sincerely relying upon your zeal and devotion I confidently expected a substantial increase; and am glad to inform you that no similar period in Canadian A.O.F. history has been marked by so large an addition of worthy members as we have received during the past six months.

Now that the bleak winter is past, and nature is budding into the fresh life and balmy beauty of spring time, let us not relax our energetic efforts to extend and build up our beneficent brotherhood. Do not forget that apathy and inactivity are ever fatal to progress and prosperity, and that to rest in slothfulness, is to rust in uselessness.

In this connection, I would remind you of the special inducement now being offered by your Executive Council, namely:—One dollar to the proposer of every new applicant for membership, who is proposed and initiated into the Order between the 15th day of February and June 30th, 1898. In the race for the prize of work and duty well done, do not lag behind, but press forward toward the grand goal of achievement and accomplishment, which every faithful Forester can reach if he will.

"Keep striving. 'Tis better than sitting aside,  
And weeping and wailing and waiting the tide."

To our Subordinate Court officers, of whom there are many competent to fill any office in the entire Order, I particularly desire to point out that the welfare of the Order at home and at large, demands assiduous attention to the duties of their respective offices. Let business be fired with enthusiasm, so that both officers and members may obtain from the Order all which it has to give them.

Brethren, permit me to plead that, setting all excuses aside, you specially seek and strive to increase our membership at least 10 per cent. before Dominion Day. Surely it will be a simple and easy task for, say, each batch of ten members in your Court to bring in one new member before quarter night in June. Just consider that that small gain would represent a total increase of 1500 in our membership throughout Canada. Surely this can be accomplished if the officers and members of our Subordinate Courts will go to work with a

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will. Our success depends upon your individual efforts and personal application. Brethren, by the bonds of sympathy which unite us, I beg you to do this. You can do much more if you try.

In conclusion, I desire to call your earnest attention to the important fact that, by the request and at the instance of your Executive Council, the Honorable Member for North Oxford in the House of Commons (Mr. Sutherland) has introduced a bill providing for the incorporation of the Ancient Order of Foresters in Canada. It is extremely essential to the future safety, stability, success, and standing of our Order, that this Bill shall be passed and made law; and I therefore urge and entreat one and all of you to exert your personal and political influence to the utmost extent to secure the boon of Dominion incorporation while we have the opportunity presented to us just now during the present session of the Ottawa Parliament. I need scarcely say that such an Act of incorporation will secure and insure for our Order, the same status of extended powers, protection and prestige throughout all the Provinces of Canada alike, and as the Dominion Parliament has heretofore granted special privileges to other Societies and corporations having virtues and objects, designs and methods infinitely inferior to those of this grand old British Order, I depend on you, without hesitation or equivocation, to show your loyalty and fidelity to the best interests of the A.O.F., by leaving no stone unturned by personal appeal or petition to convince your representatives in Parliament without delay that we are entitled to consideration and recognition at the hands of the body politic in this respect. I am sure that the petition of 15,000 loyal Foresters will not be preferred in vain at the bar of the House.

I have the honor to be in U. B. & C.

Faithfully and Fraternally yours,

Attest:

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary,*

H. J. SNELGROVE,

*High Chief Ranger.*

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S MESSAGE, NO. 3.

(To be read in Open Court).

Office of the High Chief Ranger,

Cobourg, December 1st, 1898.

*To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Courts in Ancient Forestry in the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, and to all whom it may concern: Greeting.*

BROTHERS:

Again I venture to address you directly in the hope of promoting the welfare of our beloved Ancient Order by evoking your cordial concerted co-operation in its great work of fraternal protection.

In the first place, I desire especially to thank those dutiful brethren who, by petition and other form of appeal, used their personal and political influence so effectively as to enlist the active support of their representatives at Ottawa in favour of the charter of incorporation for which your Executive Council made application under extraordinary exigencies at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, and which, after a strenuous struggle with opposing interests, became incorporated in the Statutes of Canada as 61 Vic., Chap. 91. Probably no progressive action of your Executive Council has ever been fraught with greater benefits or more important consequences to the future well-being of the Ancient Order of Foresters throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion, in proof of which I cannot do better than to quote the editorial opinion of an independent critic of high standing in monetary circles:—

"We do not hesitate to say that the incorporation of the Ancient Order of Foresters marks a mile post in the history of Fraternal and Assessment Societies in this country, and the Ancient Order of Foresters has the honor of being the first Society that has established its business on a sound basis. \* \* \* \* \*

"The position of the Ancient Order of Foresters to-day is unique. While retaining in every respect its character as a Friendly and Benevolent Society, it has boldly declared for adequate rates and a Reserve Fund scientifically computed to meet its liabilities each year, and has further bound itself under Government pains and penalties to the maintenance of this Reserve."

The foregoing compliment contains an allusion to salient features of the Incorporation Act which, in brief, provides that the Society must in respect of all policies or beneficiary certificates issued after the passing of the Act, accumulate and maintain a fund which shall never be less than the reserve or re-insurance value of such policies or certificates, computed according to the standard fixed by the general Insurance Act. This Reserve Fund can be used only for the purpose of re-insuring the life for which it is credited each year; hence, it is also necessary to set aside from each premium a sum sufficient to meet the estimated mortality. In addition to these two definite elements, there remains a small per centage of the premium to be applied to management expenses.

For the sake of maintaining a perfectly solvent system it will, unquestionably, be a prudent policy to provide for yearly valuations of our beneficiary policies, and to court strict governmental supervision—a guarantee that our financial status is impregnable and unimpeachable.

Should our experience at the end of every five years be so fortunate as to leave a cash increment after meeting the current mortality claims and providing the necessary Government reserve, it is intended that the accrued profits shall be returned to our members by reducing the premiums for the current five year period.

The Ancient Order of Foresters under Dominion license is the first Fraternal Society in Canada to issue paid-up policies to members preferring protection under such a plan and with the advice and consent of the High Court Meeting, we purpose adopting other popular plans which will be calculated to enhance and expand the purely mutual features of our new Beneficiary Department.

Life insurance is now recognized as a natural science governed by universal first principles which are as absolutely infallible and undeviating as the law of gravity or the definitions of geometry.

Hitherto, many Assessment Societies and Insurance Companies have appealed for public support really upon the sinking quick-sands of low rates rather than upon the eternal adamant of security and stability guaranteed by adequate premiums; but the dismal collapse of several of these paste-board institutions during the past few years has taught their unfortunate dupes a bitter lesson, which has impressed upon the public mind the utter incompetency of cheap-rate Societies to withstand the ravages of time, carry out their contracts and meet their liabilities. At last, people everywhere are awake to the fact that life insurance has a permanent cost value, and woe betide those Societies who undertake to shield their beneficiaries from the dread devastations of the Grim Reaper in absolute disregard of established principles and sound methods. To the Ancient Order of Foresters, however, we can proudly append the lines of Longfellow in the "Building of the Ship,"—

"Staunch and strong, a goodly vessel,  
That shall laugh at all disaster,  
And with wave and whirlwind wrestle."

Therefore, in view of these facts incontrovertible, we boldly rely for support and success, not merely on the fidelity and loyalty of our devoted brethren, but

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also on our ability to command public confidence in the integrity and stability of our noble Forestric Order.

Hence, I earnestly invite you,—

(1) In order to demonstrate the immutable laws of the science of insurance, that you systematically study this practical subject by means of debates and discussions between members upon the comparative cost and relative merits of various schemes of mutual and old-line insurance now in operation.

(2) In order to insure the certain success of our pioneer departure, that you make extra efforts to secure as many members as possible for the Beneficiary Fund during the ensuing six months.

In the latter connection, permit me to suggest that in the case of a person who may desire to secure the advantages of insurance without sick benefits which he does not want, a motion be passed by your Court in terms somewhat as follows—

"Resolved that any applicant for Honorary Membership in this Court, who is also an applicant for a certificate in the Beneficiary Fund of the Order, shall be allowed a rebate of the amount of the entrance fee (\$3) to the Beneficiary Fund from the amount of \$5 payable by such applicant for Honorary Membership; and that no further contributions be required to be paid into the Court by Honorary Members of this class."

By this means, before High Court Meeting you may be able to obtain a large list of persons who would be likely to take an interest in the work of the Order, and aid in extending its influence and importance in your community.

I beg to call your special attention to the liberal prizes which the Executive Council are offering with the object of increasing, materially, the membership of the Order throughout the jurisdiction before March 1st, 1899. A complete list of these substantial rewards, available to every willing worker will be found in the columns of our official organ, *THE ANCIENT FORESTER*. These may be supplemented by Subordinate Courts according to local conditions and circumstances, so that at least one good organizer may be induced to work actively in behalf of every Court.

I need scarcely urge that in your appointment of Officers for 1899, you do not fail to elect good men and true, who will carefully guard and conscientiously fulfil the important interests and fraternal functions with which they will be entrusted and invested during the coming year.

It might not be amiss to point with approval to the example of those Courts who under the head of "Good and Welfare" are accustomed to arrange capital programmes of a literary, musical and social character, which are not only entertaining and edifying, but have the effect of bringing out a large attendance of members, and keeping up an unflagging interest in the meetings of the Court, particularly during the winter evenings.

I would also intimate to you the propriety of missing no occasion or losing no opportunity whereby the beneficent work of your Court and Order might be brought prominently before the public through the medium of news paragraphs appearing in your local papers. As a fraternal institution we can no more afford to ignore the utility of the press than a business enterprise can expect to succeed without the use of printer's ink. Let your Secretary, or some other competent brother, be requested to furnish the local papers, regularly, with acceptable reports of your Court proceedings, and reliable information concerning the extent and status of the Order generally.

The Ancient Order of Foresters now, more than ever in its wonderful history, merits the earnest support and vigorous action of its members, and it should be our pride and pleasure to give of our time and talents in promoting its success and welfare. The continued prosperity of the Order can only be assured by the confidence, enthusiasm and zeal of our brethren. If we but persevere in our work of love, there is no question—we shall succeed, we shall prosper, not



only as Ancient Foresters, but as individuals. A little effort on the part of each Brother, co-operating with his fellow members, will insure large additions to our roll of members, and accomplish results most desirable and commendable.

Brothers, let us make a grand combined effort to initiate a sufficient number of members to equal ten per cent. of our present membership.

Trusting that this glorious goal will be reached, in conclusion, I sincerely wish that the joy-bells of the New Year will ring in for you and yours, the happiest, brightest and best era in your experience.

In U. B. and C., I am, as ever,

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,

Attest:

W. WILLIAMS,  
Permanent Secretary.

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
High Chief Ranger.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S MESSAGE, NO. 4.

(To be read in Open Court at Summoned Meeting).

Office of the High Chief Ranger,  
Cobourg, June 3rd, 1899.

*To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Courts of Ancient Forestry in the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, and to all whom it may concern:*  
Greeting.

BROTHERS:

As a sequel to the Message which I had the honor of transmitting to you in December last, I again take the liberty—probably my final opportunity—of addressing you respecting one or two matters of vital importance to the welfare of our beloved Order.

In the first place, I am glad to be able to assure you that our new Beneficiary Fund, established by virtue of our Dominion Incorporation Act, is now a permanent success beyond peradventure of doubt, being scientifically calculated adequately to provide for the inexorable demands of future mortality. Wherever our new system is thoroughly discussed and understood, it is triumphantly pronounced in the language of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, speaking in the House of Commons, on April 26th, "as a proper standard of safety," for Benevolent Societies, desiring to make their fraternal protection and financial integrity absolutely secure.

I may add that the other branches and departments of our Order are in a satisfactory condition.

In reminding you of the approaching Biennial Meeting of the High Court of Canada, which will assemble in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, August 22nd, 1899, permit me to press upon you the urgent desirability of selecting as your delegates and deputies, the ablest and the best of your Courts' membership, who, with credit to themselves and benefit to the Order, will capably discharge the representative responsibility of enacting wise laws and making prudent provision for the safe and successful steering of our good Forestry ship on another biennial cruise across the fraternal sea. Unquestionably, this Twelfth Session of the Canadian High Court will mark the inauguration of a new era in the history of the A.O.F. in this Dominion, and the importance of making a sagacious selection of your delegates cannot be over estimated, bearing in mind, as I think we should, that the future progress and prosperity of the Order are in no small degree dependent upon the character, calibre and capability—the sense, standing and worth—of those deputies whom you invest with your free franchise as being best qualified to represent you in a legislative

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assembly, possessing sovereign power and jurisdiction over the Ancient Order of Foresters in this Dominion, subject only to the laws of our country and the High Court of the old mother land. Our constitution requires that the delegates from each subordinate Court shall be elected at a summoned meeting of the Court to be held some time this month. I trust that every member, new or old, will be particular to attend this summoned meeting of his subordinate Court and conscientiously assist in the election of a High Court representative, with mind unprejudiced by the bias of faction or the intrigue of clique. Let an impartial judgment as to what is best for the weal of the Order alone influence you in the free choice of your delegate.

In this connection I dare venture to adjure all subordinate Courts to take every precaution that none be debarred and disqualified from representation at High Court Meeting through persistent neglect to comply with General Law No. 6, sub-section 8. It should be clearly understood that this Law is imperative, not permissive in terms; but arrears of dues from any subordinate Court may be paid to the Permanent Secretary up to the opening of the High Court Meeting, thereby entitling the Court to regular representation therein.

Our faithful Toronto Courts, anticipating the pleasure of meeting their brethren from all parts of the Dominion have already placed the reception and entertainment of the High Court delegates in the experienced hands of an energetic Union Committee, a pledge and guarantee that the reception to be accorded to the High Court will be splendid beyond compare. The City Council have graciously made a liberal grant to assist the Union Committee in carrying out the pleasant programme which they are arranging.

As true Ancient Foresters, however, whether we be engaged in the beneficial business of the Order, or on social pleasure bent, I charge you, let this be our motto for High Court Meeting:

"Without halting, without rest,  
Lifting better into best."  
In U.B. and C., I am, as ever,

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,

Attest:  
W. WILLIAMS,  
Permanent Secretary.

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
High Chief Ranger.

#### 4.—APPEALS AND DECISIONS.

During my term of office, only three cases of appeals have been submitted to me, I append a record of the facts and decisions in each case. My adjudication having been accepted as final by the several complainants and defendants, there are consequently no appeals to be preferred at this High Court Meeting—a gratifying indication that the work of the Order in the Subordinate Courts has been performed with scarcely any friction, and that those who have been selected as officers have, in the main, discharged their duties with equity and in conformity with the Laws of the Order. I also received a number of questions upon moot points of law, order and ritual, which I cheerfully answered to the best of my judgment, and, as I intended, for the information of my interrogators.

#### CONTEMPT.

In the matter of the appeal of Hugh F. W. Goslin, from the action of Court Clyde, No. 8082, in South Edmonton and Territory of Alberta, whereby he was expelled from said Court for contempt in having failed or neglected to appear before an Arbitration Committee of said Court to answer a charge of unbecoming conduct.

#### FACTS.

Hugh T. W. Goslin was a member of Court Clyde, No. 8082, on May 28th, 1897, when at a regular meeting of said Court, his brother-in-law, John

H. Tranter, also a member of said Court, preferred charges of unbecoming conduct against the said Goslin, specifying in writing: (1) That the said Goslin had maliciously slandered and defamed the complainant's character; (2) That the said Goslin had disclosed the secret transactions of Court Clyde, contrary to General Law, 135 (Guelph Code, 1895).

The foregoing charges were formally read to the meeting *in the absence of the defendant Goslin*, whereupon the following members of Court Clyde were forthwith elected an Arbitration Committee, namely, Bros. Davies, Bisset, Cowles, Richards, McCartney, Heatley and Turnbull.

The regular business of the Court having been concluded, the Arbitration Committee was immediately organized on the same evening, Bro. Davis being elected chairman, and Bro. Bisset (sub or acting secretary of the Court), being appointed Secretary of the Committee, and it was decided to generally investigate the aforesaid charges on June 8th, following, or four days before the next ensuing regular meeting of the Court.

On May 31st, the Secretary (Bro. Bisset) sent by mail to the defendant a copy of the charges that had been made against him, and notified him of the time and place fixed by the Arbitration Committee when the aforesaid charges would be investigated.

On June 5th, two days before the date fixed for the investigation, the defendant sent a communication to the Secretary of the Court, tendering his resignation as a member of Court Clyde, and enclosing a cheque for the amount of his dues to date. In his letter of resignation, the defendant wrote:—"I take this action, not because I consider I am guilty or justified in doing so, but on my own behalf, and on behalf of the Order, as a whole, I think it best that I should resign, and thereby screen the Order from the publicity to which it would be exposed \* \* \* by the combination of two or three parties in the Court against me."

Notwithstanding the fact that the defendant's resignation had been duly received, the Arbitration Committee met on the evening of June 8th, and opened a judicial investigation into the charges preferred by Bro. Tranter. The defendant was not present, and no one appeared or acted in his behalf. Nevertheless the Arbitration Committee proceeded to receive as evidence against the defendant two statements which were submitted in writing. The one signed by "H. Wilson," a non-member of the Order, and the other by "John H. Tranter," and prepared beforehand by the complainant himself in substantiation of his charges against the defendant, which were shown to have originated in a nasty family feud and bitter domestic relations between two brothers-in-law of a most uncharitable and unsavory character. These written statements were read to the Committee, but no affirmation or declaration was administered to the witness in accordance with Forms 7 and 11 of General Laws (Guelph Code, 1895), in such case made and provided; nor did Wilson appear before the Committee *in propria persona*, or present himself for *viva voce* examination respecting any allegations he may have made concerning the case.

No other evidence being offered, the Committee decided on the motion of the Secretary that the defendant was guilty of contempt in failing to appear before them—without, however, passing any opinion or formulating any decision as to the defendant's guilt or innocence of the charges which they had investigated, and they notified him to attend a Court meeting to hear the Committee's report.

Accordingly, the Committee presented their report, Bro. Tranter, S.C.R., presiding in the C.R.'s absence from the meeting, whereupon it was moved by Bro. McIntyre (Court Secretary), and seconded by Bro. Heatley: That Bro. Goslin's resignation be accepted. It was then moved in amendment by Bro. Davies, and seconded by Bro. McCartney: That Bro. Goslin be expelled. The amendment was declared carried by the S.C.R., Bro. Tranter, the defendant's accuser.

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Considering the proceedings of the Arbitration Committee, and the majority of the members of Court Clyde in this matter to have been unjust, illegal and tyrannical, and alleging that they were instigated against him by unworthy and unf fraternal motives of spite, malice and hatred, the defendant Goslin appealed to the High Chief Ranger from the action of said Court in expelling him from the Ancient Order of Foresters.

## DECISION.

In imposing upon any brother the severest penalty which the fraternal law can inflict, viz., expulsion from the Brotherhood and Society to which he belongs, involving as it does, not only an absolute forfeiture of all beneficiary privileges to which he was entitled, but also branding him with the stigma and reproach of ostracism and exclusion from the fraternal circle, we should take great care to see that the person accused of having violated some law of the Order shall have the benefit of a fair and impartial trial, and be deprived of none of the safeguards with which our excellent Constitution protects every member in his inalienable rights. That every man is held to be innocent, until proven guilty, beyond reasonable doubt, is a rule of old English law, which is quite applicable to our Forestric law to-day. The Magna Charta forbade that a freeman should suffer loss of liberty or property, "except by the lawful judgment of his peers, or the law of the land." How much more essential, therefore, that in dealing with an accused or erring member of our Forestric Brotherhood, we should be not only "charitable in judgment, forbearing in temper, and lenient in condemnation," but should show strict and scrupulous regard and respect for all those forms of law which are specially framed and designated to guarantee British "fair play" and justice for all who may be arraigned before a tribunal of their brethren to answer for any offence against the Constitution of the Order, to which they have sworn fealty, especially when it is considered that most men count the loss of their good name and reputation among their fellows, and the dishonor and disgrace of expulsion from their Society, as secondary only to the loss of liberty itself.

Now the procedure in this case of Tranter v. Goslin, according to our General Laws, and the principles above enunciated, appears to me to abound in irregularities, improprieties, and illegalities, which I deem quite unnecessary to enumerate and elaborate in order to reach a decision in the case.

Rule 137 of the General Laws (Guelph Code, 1895), clearly defines the procedure that should be followed in a trial of this kind. Sub-sections 1 and 2 enact that when a charge has been made, the Court shall elect seven members by ballot, who shall constitute an Arbitration Committee to investigate the charge. Sub-section 3 reads as follows: "The defendant and complainant shall have the right to challenge four members of the Committee, and if the accused is not present at the meeting when the charges are presented, he shall be notified of the same, and the right to the challenge shall hold good until the next regular meeting of the Court. Members challenged shall be immediately replaced by other members of the Court, elected by ballot."

It need scarcely be pointed out that the just design of this provision, conferring the right of challenge, is to prevent the jury (Arbitration Committee) from being packed by either prejudiced partisans of the complainant or of the defendant—a right which is freely exercised in criminal and civil trials.

What are the disputed facts in this case respecting the observance of this particular requirement of the law?

That at the regular meeting of Court Clyde, held on May 28, 1897, when the Tranter charges were read and presented, the accused (appellant) Goslin was absent from the Court.

That the Arbitration Committee was elected and constituted in his absence on the same date.



That although he was properly notified of the charges, nevertheless his right to challenge four members of the Committee, if he desired to exercise the right, was not allowed to hold good until the next regular meeting of the Court (June 11th), the Arbitration Committee having in the meantime met and investigated the charges on June 8th, contrary to Rule 137, sub-section 3, above cited.

That the defendant (appellant) was not bound to appear before the Arbitration Committee as constituted on June 8th, when the investigation took place, and hence was not guilty of contempt in ignoring the summons of the Committee.

In view of this simple fact, therefore, it is necessary to follow the case in its tortuous windings farther. Sub-section 3 was clearly contravened and the defendant (appellant) was thereby deprived of his right to challenge the personal of the Arbitration Committee who were to try him on the charges. At the outset this flaw renders null and void and of none effect all the proceedings of the said Committee against the defendant (appellant), whose appeal is accordingly allowed.

In legal support of this decision, I refer to the case in point of Gordon v. I.O.F., which was recently tried before Chancellor Boyd in the High Court of Justice for Ontario, and reported in "The Ancient Forester" for January.

And by virtue of the authority invested in me as High Chief Ranger of the Subsidiary High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters in the Dominion of Canada, I hereby declare as illegal, ultra vires and out of order, the certain resolution, motion or amendment, submitted to or passed by Court Clyde, No. 8082, whereby Bro. George T. W. Goslin was declared to be expelled from membership in the Court and the Order; but whereas the said Bro. George T. W. Goslin tendered to the said Court his resignation as a member of said Court, I hereby declare said resignation to be in order for the consideration of said Court, to accept the same if they see fit.

The papers and documents pertaining to this appeal, which accompany this decision, are hereby ordered to be filed in the office of the Permanent Secretary, who will promulgate the same and at once send copies to the parties thereto.

Given under my hand at the office of the High Chief Ranger.

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
High Chief Ranger.

#### HIGH COURT MEDICAL EXAMINER'S POWER TO REJECT AN APPLICANT FOR TRANSFER FROM JUVENILE BRANCH.

In the matter of the appeal of Court Stella, No. 7047, against the rejection of Mr. Frederick Hogg, by the High Court Medical Examiner, upon an application for a transfer from Juvenile Branch Jeffery, No. 50, to Court Stella, No. 7047.

#### FACTS.

At a regular meeting of Court Stella, No. 7047, held in the City of London (East) on January 27th, 1898, it was

"Resolved on the motion of Bro. John Nutkins, seconded by Bro. Walters:—

"That this Court after consideration of the case of Mr. Frederick Hogg, whose application for transfer from Juvenile Court Jeffery, No. 50, to Court Stella, No. 7047, A.O.F., has been vetoed by the High Court Medical Examiner,

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hereby appeal to the High Chief Ranger, to set aside said veto, and permit this Court to receive the transfer of the said Frederick Hogg, on the following grounds, amongst others:—

- " 1st. That the review, by the High Medical Examiner, of the report of our own Medical Examiner, in the case of such a transfer, is not called for by the General Laws of the Order, dated 1897.
- " 2nd. That while such review is not provided for, the General Laws distinctly state that the Court itself is the judge, as to whom of these Juvenile transfers it will accept or reject, in seemingly similar manner to that of a transfer from one adult Court to another.
- " 3rd. That the General Laws distinctly state that each and every member of a Juvenile Court upon attaining the age of 18 or 19 is eligible—*i.e.*, legally qualified to become a member of any adult Court which may accept him, and even goes further than this by asserting that he must join some adult Court, or *cease to belong* to the Order.
- " 4th. That this Court is fully satisfied, on the report of its own Medical Examiner, substantiated by the personal knowledge of many of its members, to accept the said Frederick Hogg in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws.

"On these grounds, this Court would respectfully ask that the veto of the High Medical Examiner be set aside, and that this Court be instructed to exercise its undoubted rights, and proceed to initiation."

#### DECISION.

A correct and careful medical examination of all applicants for membership into any subordinate Court is a *sine qua non* demanded by the laws and practice of the Ancient Order of Foresters as a wise safeguard against the admission of unhealthy persons, who although worthy in all other respects would soon become charges upon the benevolent funds of the Court and the Order. Physical soundness is the sheet anchor of financial soundness in such an Order as ours.

Let us examine the four objections submitted by the appellants as grounds for their appeal. They say—

1st. That the High Court Medical Examiner is not called upon to review the medical examination in the case of a transfer from a Juvenile Branch.

But General Law 19, sub-section 2, declares that "The High Court Medical Examiner shall review all examination papers, and accept or reject each applicant as may from the evidence adduced be deemed to be in the interest of the Order. \* \* \* His decision upon all questions regarding the physical condition of each applicant shall be final." No language could define more explicitly the duties and powers devolving upon the High Court Medical Examiner. He shall review all examination papers. There is no single exception to this rule. The appellants also say:—

2nd. That the Court itself is the judge whether or not these Juvenile transfers shall be accepted or rejected, the practice in such a case being similar to the transfer or clearance from one adult Court to another.

If this proposition were admitted, we might as well abolish medical examination in cases of transfer or clearance altogether. But it is fallacious in view of General Law 112: "No person shall be initiated into any Court \* \* \* unless he be sound in health and free from disease," etc. As to the analogy existing between the person joining a Court by a transfer from a Juvenile Branch or by a clearance from an adult Court, the Law shows how untenable is the position of the appellants, the Clearance Law (No. 131), declaring that every

member joining a Court with a clearance shall produce a medical certificate that he is then in good health, etc. This completely refutes with their own weapon the contention that the Court is the *judge*, irrespective of the Medical Examiner. The appellants further allege:—

3rd. That every member of a Juvenile Branch on attaining the age of 18 or 19 is qualified to become a member of an adult Court. In fact, after that age he must join some Court or cease to be a member of the Order.

This Rule governing Juvenile Branches pre-supposes (1) That the Juvenile who has attained his majority in the Branch, and desires to join an adult Court, is able and competent to comply with all the rules and requirements laid down for admission to the Order. The form authorized pursuant to General Laws for a Juvenile member's transfer, represents the said brother as a transfer member, subject to the conditions expressed in the General Laws of the Subsidiary High Court. (2) That if he is not competent and non-efficient physically, he cannot advance farther in the Order, and must cease to be a member. Surely it cannot be seriously argued that a law of the Juvenile Federation practically annuls and sets aside General Laws regulating the Parent Society, and leaves a side-door wide open for the admission of unhealthy persons into the Order. In Rule 15 of The Juvenile Federation Laws, the word "eligible," upon which the appellants lay so much emphasis, simply means, "may be selected," that is all other requirements having been complied with, such a person is suitable for admission to an adult Court.

4th. The appellants declare that upon the report of their own Medical Officer, they are satisfied to accept the said Frederick Hogg into membership.

General Law III, which defines the duties of the High Court Medical Officer, requires him to examine all candidates for admission into the Court, and fill up the medical examination form in accordance with the prescribed laws and shall immediately forward the same to the High Court Medical Examiner, whose decision shall be final. In fact, the medical examination so far as the Court physician is concerned is of a confidential character, and is known in detail only by the High Court Medical Examiner, who after a careful professional scrutiny either approves or disapproves according to the evidence before him. The effect and the practice of our Law therefore is that the Court cannot legally ballot upon an application for membership until and unless the High Court Medical Examiner has passed favorably upon the applicant's physical condition, notwithstanding the Court's personal knowledge of the applicant or the high estimation in which he may be held.

On fraternal and sympathetic grounds, I sincerely regret that I am unable to interfere with the action of the High Court Medical Examiner in this case, because I feel sure that the applicant would make an excellent member of the Order, so far as his social and moral qualities are concerned; but unfortunately his physical disability, according to the H.C.M.E.'s finding is a barrier to his admission, which neither sympathy nor sentiment can remove, I can conceive nothing more detrimental or fatal to the stability and perpetuity of the Order than to throw down the safeguards which our lawmakers have wisely set up against the introduction of unhealthy or physically unsound persons.

The appeal is therefore dismissed.

The Permanent Secretary is directed to promulgate this decision to the Order throughout this jurisdiction, and to send a copy thereof to all parties immediately concerned therein.

Given under my hand at the office of the High Chief Ranger, Cobourg, this 31st day of March, 1898.

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## RESPECTING GENERAL LAW, NO. 118.

In the matter of the appeal of Court "Pride of Ontario," No. 5640, of Hamilton, Ont., from the ruling of Bro. E. A. Isard, District Chief Ranger for the Wentworth District, in which he held that a member who was sick from the 7th to the 14th of March is entitled to one week's sick benefits according to General Law 118, sub-section 8 (Owen Sound Code, 1897).

## FACTS.

Bro. Arthur S. Smith, a member of Court Pride of Ontario, No. 5640, sent to said Court a medical officer's certificate, dated March 7th, 1898, which stated in proper form that he (Bro. Smith) was incapacitated from work by reason of sickness, etc. On the 14th of the same month, he sent to the Court a certificate of convalescence and went to work again as usual. On his claim for one week's sick pay being presented, as the case was the first which had arisen in the Court under amended Law 118, the Chief Ranger ruled that Bro. Smith was not entitled to any benefit from the Sick Fund. Against the Chief Ranger's ruling Bro. Smith appealed to the District Chief Ranger, and claimed that he was legally entitled to one week's sick pay. The decision of the D.C.R. was as follows:—

"Respecting General Law, 118, sub-section 8, I maintain that the Brother is entitled to \$4.00, one week's sick benefit. Sub-section 8 defines a week under our law to consist of six working days. From the 7th to the 14th March inclusive would be eight days.

Yours in U. B. & C.

(Signed)

E. A. ISARD, D.C.R.

Under the foregoing facts the said Court appeals to the High Chief Ranger against the decision or ruling of the District Chief Ranger, and claims that the said member is not entitled to sick pay according to law.

## DECISION.

The decision in this case must depend upon the interpretation of sub-section 8, General Law 118. Reference to page 88 of the Report of Proceedings of the 11th Biennial Meeting of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada (Owen Sound, 1897), will show that this particular law as it now stands is the embodiment of a number of amendments which were incorporated in the rules governing the payments of sick benefits in subordinate Courts, and by comparison with the old law, sub-section 8 will appear specially designed for the protection of the Sick Fund from paltry claims of a few days' sickness. This new law was evolved from the report of the Special Committee on Contributions and Benefits (see page 60, H.C.M., '97), which was so amended by the High Court, on a vote of 90 to 49 (see page 57, H.C.M., '97), as to declare unless a member is sick more than one week, he shall not be entitled to the first week's pay. Now, section 8 not only legalizes this proposition, but it explicitly defines a week "for the purpose of this Rule, to consist of six working days." The last paragraph of this section, expressly permits Courts in their by-laws to "make a provision that no payment shall be made for the first week's sickness"; but it is not pretended by the appellants that the By-laws of Court Pride of Ontario contain such a provision. Therefore the simple question to be determined in this appeal is what was the duration of Bro. Smith's illness. It is admitted upon the evidence of the Medical Officer's certificate, that in consequence of illness, he was incapacitated for work from March 7th to March 14th, or seven whole days—six being working days. Now section 8 not only requires that a member shall have been sick for more than a week before being entitled to sick benefits, but for the purpose of this Rule declares that week to consist of six working days. In the case under consideration, the duration of the member's illness was six working days and one Sunday. But sickness and disease do not cease their baneful ravages on the holy Sabbath day, and I cannot see any justification, in the absence of a by-law providing that no payment shall be made for the first week's

sickness, for giving effect to a quibble which, in my opinion, is at variance with the plain terms of the law, and the practice of the Order, as the narrow contention that Sunday should not be counted, and that a member must be sick seven working days, or eight days in all (inclusive of Sunday), before he can legally claim a week's sick pay. In any event, I prefer to take a more liberal view.

In my judgment, therefore, sub-section 8, of General Law 118, was designed to be interpretative and mandatory in the manner I have indicated, and in my opinion Bro. Smith might legally have claimed a sick benefit of \$4.66, but he is certainly within his rights in claiming \$4.00.

The appeal is therefore dismissed, and the decision of the District Chief Ranger of Wentworth District is hereby affirmed.

Given under my hand at the office of the High Chief Ranger, at Cobourg, this 22nd day of April, 1898.

H. J. SNELGROVE.  
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#### 5.—CERRI CASE.

Doubtless, you were glad to learn that Cerri vs. A.O.F.,—an action which ran the gamut of the Ontario Law courts for more than five years, has been decided finally in favour of our Order. A brief report of this *cause celebre* will now be in place.

On January 4th, 1894, the plaintiff issued a writ against the A.O.F., claiming the sum of \$1,000, under Beneficiary certificate No. 875, and also a funeral benefit of \$100. Wm. Cerri was a French Canadian fur dresser, residing in Toronto, on November 9th, 1891, when he joined Court Harmony, No. 7045. On February 2nd, 1892, he was admitted to the Beneficiary Fund. Sometime after his admission it was rumored that he should not have been admitted to the Society, as he had a severe illness in 1890, and was actually suffering from dropsy and heart disease. These became so prevalent that Court Harmony refused to pay him sick benefits. After his death, on August 22nd, 1893, it became known through the vigilance of the High Court Medical Examiner, that at the date of his initiation he had passed our age limit (45), and had fraudulently misrepresented the state of his health in the application form on which his Beneficiary certificate was issued. These facts were communicated to the High Chief Ranger (Bro. E. T. Perry) who gave instructions for a thorough investigation of the matter, in consequence of which it was determined to defend the action on the ground that the deceased had made false statements when applying for admission to the Society with intent to deceive and defraud the Society.

The first trial took place before Mr. Justice Ferguson and a jury, at Toronto on February 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1895. The late D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., and Mr. G. G. Mills appeared for the plaintiff, and Bros. D. F. Macwatt and L. F. Heyd for the defendants. The evidence on both sides made up 295 pages of type-written matter. On the testimony of a number of persons, including Cerri's wife and son, it was shown that a year before he joined the Order, he had suffered terribly from dropsy; had been "tapped" for that disease, and was unable to follow his business for months. But in answer to questions which the Judge put in writing, the Jury rendered a verdict to the effect that although Cerri's statements respecting date of birth and state of health in his application to the Order were false and untrue, yet they were not material to the contract—and upon this ridiculous verdict, declaring the most palpable misrepresentations to be immaterial—judgment was entered for the plaintiff for \$1,065.

On February 28th and March 1st, 1895, argument for a new trial on behalf of the defendants was heard by the Chancellor, Sir John Boyd, and Mr. Justice Robertson, who gave judgment on May 27th, 1895, setting aside the verdict of the jury on the question of age, and ordering a new trial to be had between the

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parties. Accordingly, a new trial took place before Mr. Justice Street on September 25th, 1895, when it was proven conclusively that Cerri had obtained admission to the Order by the untrue statement that he was born in 1847, and was therefore under 45 years of age,—the truth being that he was born in 1845, and was over 45 years of age. Upon the faith of this instrument he was admitted into the Order. Had his age been truly stated, he could not have joined the Order, and the Beneficiary certificate would not have been issued to him. Yet, in the face of this self-evident reason, the jury again found that the deceased had acted in good faith; the Court over-ruled the contentions of our counsel, and gave judgment for plaintiff with full costs of suit.

Declining to submit tamely to this apparent injustice, the Executive Council on behalf of the Order carried the case to the Court of Appeal, where it was argued before Chief Justice Sir George Burton, and Justices Osler and MacLennan, on September 24th, 1897. On January 11th, 1898, judgment was given in our favour, allowing the appeal and dismissing the action,—the Court declaring that it was a case in which, had the truth been told, the laws of the Society would have precluded them from entering into any contract with Cerri at all.

Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the plaintiff was duly served on the High Court Solicitor, but as the necessary security was not put up, the time expired on September 10th, 1898, and the long fought Cerri case was at an end.

To the lay mind it would seem only fair and right that the costs of such expensive litigation should go to the winning party, but in this case the question of costs is still a bone of contention,—no set-off order as to the costs having been made by the Court up to this date.

The issue which was determined in the Cerri case is of tremendous consequence to all Friendly Societies, in rendering null and void misrepresentations by applicants for benefits, and requiring in the interests of such societies that truthful answers shall be given by candidates for membership—or the results will be disastrous.

In victoriously contesting this claim, the A. O. F. fought a great battle against the introduction of unhealthy and unworthy persons into the Order, and successfully established a legal precedent which will be effective as a safeguard for the future.

Much credit is due to our High Court Solicitor (Bro. Macwatt), for the forensic ability and pertinacity which he showed in the management of this troublesome litigation on behalf of the Order. His thorough knowledge of the law of insurance contracts as applicable to Benevolent Societies served us in good stead. His voluminous report of the case will be laid on the table of this High Court meeting.

### 6.—PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

During the term, nearly three thousand medically approved candidates have been initiated into the Order, the largest number ever added to the membership roll during any similar period.

I regret to find there has been a large number of suspensions for non-payment of contributions, thus reducing the otherwise large increase of members. I have given much anxious thought to the problem, what can be done to retard the defection, the desertion, and the depletion which is constantly taking place in our ranks, as in all other friendly societies? I would ask this High Court to look this question squarely in the face, with a view to ascertaining the cause or causes of these defections, and determining the best remedy for checking and counteracting the baneful influences that are hindering our numerical progress. I think in every Court there may be found some tactical brethren who could be specially deputed personally to visit all brethren who have fallen in arrears and



are liable to be cut off. By suggesting some sort of temporary relief in such cases, they might induce many delinquents to continue their membership in the Court, and thereby protect the Order from humiliating losses through suspensions.

Numerical and financial progress should be co-existent and co-eval in a mutual fraternity such as the A.O.F.

Do not forget that, in nearly every instance, those who drop their membership by non-payment of dues are men of sound health and good character.

If members are to be encouraged to secure candidates for initiation, something should be done to prevent them from leaving after they have taken the solemn obligation of the Order.

According to the returns received at the Permanent Secretary's office, the numerical state of the Order in this jurisdiction is as follows, viz.:

Members of Subordinate Courts.....	12,680
Honorary Members.....	190
Members of Juvenile Branches.....	2,041
Members of Circles, C.O.F.....	1,551
Total.....	16,462

#### 7.—ORGANIZATION.

The work of organization has been prosecuted mainly in accordance with the lines laid down by the Owen Sound High Court (See Report of Committee on State of the Order, No. 2, pp. 48, 49, Proceedings H.C.M., Owen Sound). A laudable attempt was made by the Executive Council so to modify this scheme as to reduce the expense of organization, and render this department more self-sustaining; but it proved abortive, and the High Court plan was adhered to. A special committee of the E.C., consisting of the H.C.R., H.C.S.W. (Bro. Kent), and H.C.S.B. (Bro. Boyd), were appointed to look after matters of organization.

Recognizing the absolute necessity of continuing every effort to increase the membership of the Order throughout the jurisdiction, I would respectfully urge this High Court Meeting to provide sufficient funds, whereby the E.C. may be enabled to retain the services of first-class organizers and inspectors, to be assigned to such territorial districts or groups of counties as may be defined by the E.C.,—their duties being, not only to open new Courts and assist old Courts to bring in new members; but inspect the Court books, review the Court work and instruct the officers generally in their various duties wherever necessary.

Take the case of the Secretary of a newly organized Court. He may soon learn to do his duty in an efficient manner, or he may turn out a wretched failure, and in a few months members will grow disgusted and discouraged and the Court be practically dead beyond hope of resurrection,—if some good evangel be not sent to save it.

Let a special organizer be sent into a certain district where, perchance, he can work up three or four Courts in the same section; hold a meeting in one place and go on to another and do the same there, thus starting the organization in several places about the same time; then going back over the ground and completing his work. After opening a new Court, he should visit it as frequently as possible, and not leave the inexperienced novitiates to their own meagre resources until they are fully grounded in the faith. In order that this work shall be done effectually the organizer should be a capable, dignified gentleman,—above reproach in every respect, fully versed in the aims and object of the Society, and able to explain its operations intelligently before any audience. Whenever an organizer intends to visit a Court for the purpose of stirring up its members, the Chief Ranger, or Secretary should be notified of the time that

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he will visit the place, and requested to get up a list of proper persons who might be canvassed to join the Order, also a list of old members who are on the point of suspension, and furnish such other information as may save the time of the organizer when he arrives.

I think our organizers should be paid a reasonably fair salary as soon as they receive their commission, which should be increased in the ratio of the results.

I would recommend that the High Chief Ranger act as superintendent of the organization bureau,—overseeing and directing in a systematic and economic manner all district and special organizers, with a view to securing, not alone institution of Courts in localities where the material for membership will insure a guarantee of permanence, but assuring the revival or resuscitation of dormant or defunct Courts.

Wherever our organizers go they may expect to meet with the keen competition of sister Societies; and therefore I may be pardoned for strongly urging you to make more liberal provision for the extension of our sphere and scope of action. Let there be no pusillanimous retreat or retrogression. Let our policy be one of unremitting vigilance and vigor, if we are to maintain our position as a leading fraternal Society, in the effulgent aurora of the twentieth century. Our jurisdiction is extensive, and it will cost money and labor to work it properly; but to neglect it, is a suicidal betrayal of our sacred trust.

I wish particularly to emphasize the advisability of giving more attention to mission work,—the up-building of Courts already established. Once our ancient standard has been hoisted in a Canadian town or village, never dare allow it to be ignominiously hauled down, peradventure only two or three faithful brethren be found there, who, by the aid of a helping hand, could rescue the Court, from suspension and place it on a solvent footing. Bro. Huggard, of Petrolia, may be mentioned as an excellent example of the kind of missionary we want in this part of our field. A few weeks ago he visited a weak Court in a western town and, after spending about ten days in that town, he succeeded in adding twenty-six new names to the membership roll of the Court.

In the Maritime Provinces no less than seventeen Courts have been instituted, chiefly owing to the zealous efforts of Bros. R. H. Ward and L. B. Foote, who were employed as special organizers by the E.C. For the first time in the history of the A.O.F., our knightly banner has been unfurled in the tight little seaward Province of Prince Edward Island. Altogether about seven hundred members have been enlisted by these recruiting sergeants, and, as a consequence, the Nova Scotia District is to-day demanding a dispensation for the organization of a Provincial District, with the sanction of this High Court. I trust that the important bearing of this application upon the future well-being of our Order, down by the blue Atlantic, will not be overlooked by this High Court, but, on the contrary, that our brethren beside "the sounding sea" will receive fair treatment at your hands.

I am confident that the western provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the Territories of Assiniboia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan present a golden field for the future development of our Order. Westward the "course of empire" is rapidly making its way across these new Canadian principalities whose rich resources outrival the fabulous wealth of Ormus or of Sheba, and if this High Court has any inclination to go up and share in this godly heritage in our own great West, we must send our representatives to establish outposts which will become centres of Forestry, radiating far and wide as prairie and mountain fill up with an intelligent and industrious population. Although this pioneer work may be somewhat expensive at the outset, I would recommend that it be pushed forward during the next two years, firmly believing that it will pay us a grand dividend in the end.

Do not forget that a spasmodic, drifting, go-as-you-please policy of organization can result in nothing but disappointment and a waste of money.

## 8.—NEW COURTS.

Dispensations have been issued since last H.C. Meeting for the institution of Subordinate Courts and other branches of the Order, designated as follows, viz.:—

Court Golden City, 8759, Rat Portage, Ont.  
 " Mayflower, 8760, Sheet Harbor, N.S.  
 " Lily of the East, 8761, St. John, N.B.  
 " Aqueduct, 8762, Welland, Ont.  
 " Gladstone, 8763, Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
 " Kitchener, 8764, Oil Springs, Ont.  
 " Pride of Dover, 8765, Bear Line, Ont.  
 " Prince Edward, 8766, St. Peter's Bay, P.E.I.  
 " Evangeline, 8767, Windsor, N.S.  
 " Leading Star, 8768, Lunenburg, N.S.  
 " Toilers of the Deep, 8769, Rose Bay, N.S.  
 " Winter's Port, 8770, Carleton, N.B.  
 " La Have Light, 8771, Getson's Cove, N.S.  
 " Good Cheer, 8772, Park's Creek, N.S.  
 " Minto, 8773, Marshville, Ont.  
 " Homeward Bound, 8774, Day Spring, N.S.  
 " Conquerall, 8775, Conquerall Bank, N.S.  
 " Protection, 8776, Dunnville, Ont.  
 " Victor, 8833, Port Dufferin, N.S.  
 " Eastnor, 8834, Pike Bay, Ont.  
 " St. Croix, 8835, St. Croix, N.S.  
 " Bedford, 8836, Bedford, N.S.  
 " Maple Leaf, 8837, Morsher River, N.S.

## NEW CIRCLES OF COMPANIONS.

Evangeline, 153, Truro, N.S.  
 Pansy, 134, St. John, N.B.

## NEW JUVENILE BRANCHES.

Pride of Petrolia, 54, Petrolia, Ont.  
 Snelgrove, 55, Port Hope, Ont.  
 Marquis of Lorne, 56, Hamilton, Ont.

## 9.—MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION.

For the purpose of increasing the membership of the Order, your Executive Council decided to give extra inducements and incentives to encourage individual organizers, by publishing the following offers, viz.:—

- (1) The sum of \$1 for each member proposed and initiated before June 30th, 1898.
- (2) A cash prize of \$25 for the largest number proposed and initiated before March 1st, 1899; a bonus of \$10 for at least 12 new members; a bonus of \$4 for at least 6 new member; a beautiful A.O.F. gold pin for at least 2 new members.
- (3) A repetition of offer No. 2, contest closing on June 30th, 1899.

It is gratifying to note that these competitions gave a decided impetus and stimulus to many old Courts, and fully justified the moderate expenditure for prizes, about 800 having been brought in as the direct result of these competitions,—to say nothing of the new life infused into Courts, not dead, but sleeping, by willing workers whose organizing ability had never been tested before.

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Various schemes for increasing the membership will no doubt be laid before you, and I leave the discussion of them to this High Court, hoping that a liberal policy will be adopted.

#### 10.—FINANCES OF THE ORDER.

I am pleased to be able to report that our various High Court funds are in a satisfactory condition, with the exception of the Management Fund, which has been handicapped by having to provide for the extraordinary expenses created by High Court Meetings, in the payment of the mileage and per diem allowances of the delegates. To my mind it is an absurdity verging on frivolity for High Court delegates to tax the jurisdiction 60 cents per capita to raise a fund for management expenses between biennial sessions, and then before going home appropriate 33 cents of it to pay their own mileage and per diem, leaving the ridiculously small sum of 27 cents for all other expenses.

The heavy drain upon our Funeral Fund (including extended sick pay) has a cash balance to the credit of that fund of \$1,792 less than it was at last High Court Meeting. But the prudent action of the last H.C.M., in levelling up the Sick and Funeral contributions to the minimum scale laid down in the General Law, has resulted as predicted in substantial increases in the S. and F. funds of the Subordinate Courts—enabling them to meet all their obligations without embarrassment. This is certainly encouraging. Still, it should be borne in mind while legislating for the future that our Society has not yet reached the turning point so far as sickness experience is concerned.

During the past term the whole amount we paid for sick benefits was \$85,371.36, a decrease of \$10,000. Of this expenditure, Subordinate Courts and Branches paid \$81,247.30, and the High Court the balance. This is equivalent to 169,000 days sickness—an average of 5½ days sickness per member.

The amount of protection carried in the Beneficiary Fund is \$1,220,500; \$16,500 was chequed out for deaths in this department. \$11,000 have been added to the B.F. reserve, and we still hold the enviable position, in the Government reports, of having assets per \$1,000 of insurance three times greater than those of any other Fraternal Society in Canada. The reserves have been safely invested in first-class securities, yielding an average of 4 per cent. per annum.

The total amount of cash standing to the credit of all Branches of the Order in Canada, is \$193,033. Of this sum the High Court holds \$40,544; Subordinate Courts, \$134,933; Juvenile Branches, \$10,089 and Companions of the Forest, \$8,392. Since the Owen Sound Meeting, the total amount expended throughout the jurisdiction has been \$304,389, of which \$168,050 went solely for beneficent purposes.

Who can begin to compute the number of sad hearts that have been gladdened, of dark homes that have been brightened, and the amount of genuine good that has been done, by the blessed ministrations of this Forensic fraternity?

Death's sable shadow has fallen athwart the local habitations of many members who "at the flaming forge of life wrought out their fortunes," when last we met. Funeral claims for 171 deceased members and 90 member's wives; 15 Beneficiary certificate holders; 7 Juveniles, and 20 Companions, have been approved and paid, aggregating in all the sum of \$22,302. All cheques in settlement of these benefits were issued as soon as proofs of death were complete, and the Permanent Secretary deserves credit for the prompt attention which he gives to this melancholy duty.

Our average death rate was 5.10 per 1,000 of the membership,—the A.O.F. mortality experience being almost identical with the Canada Life's.

## II.—OFFICIAL ORGAN.

Our official journal, "The Ancient Forester," has been published regularly every month, each number being replete with matters of interest to the Order. Since the correction of the mailing list was placed in the Permanent Secretary's hands, there have been fewer complaints concerning the postal delivery than formerly,—but much annoyance has been caused by careless proof reading in the office of publication, so that it was found necessary for me to revise the proofs myself,—no light addition to the arduous duties of my office.

I am convinced that "The Ancient Forester," plays a most useful part in the machinery of our fraternal system, as it disseminates authentic information respecting the work of the Society and constitutes a more practical means of communication between the members and their governing body than any other method than can be devised. Our official journal is a welcome visitor to the homes of our brethren each month, because its contents affect the community of interest represented by the home life, whose holy cause it so ably defends. Thousands of men and women in this Dominion receive most favourable impressions of our Order by simply reading "The Ancient Forester." Ask a friend to join the A.O.F., and put into his hands a copy of the official organ, and he will find there revealed in every column every-day illustrations of the principles of fraternity which we both profess and practice.

Under current contracts, "The Ancient Forester" costs us \$200 per month.

Such an immense circulation as this journal has, presents an inviting field for enterprising advertisers, and I feel certain that if it were published in a great commercial centre like Toronto, it could be made largely self-sustaining through means of select advertisements inserted in cover pages, without detracting from its present creditable make-up in the least. It belongs to a class of publications which commend themselves to strong financial firms desiring to attract the attention of the people in every part of the country, and if we were to place in the hands of a reliable advertising agency the offer of fifty thousand readers each month, I have no doubt "The Ancient Forester" would receive the liberal patronage of Canada's best advertisers.

I should like to see our Juveniles, who do not happen to be sons of Foresters, receiving a free copy of our official organ regularly,—believing, for reasons I have already referred to, that there is no better investment for advertisement for the Order in the homes of our members.

Bro. Wm. Banks, who edits "The Ancient Forester," is a bra' Scot, "wha hae wi' haggis fed," with whom it is a pleasure to be associated. He is thoroughly *en rapport* with the City press and never misses a good chance of putting in a kind word for the A.O.F.

## 12.—COLUMBIA DISTRICT, B.C.

Desirous of establishing a *modus vivendi* and direct fraternal relations with the Courts forming the Columbia, B.C., District,—with the E.C.'s approval, I took the initiative in suggesting an arrangement by which the District of Columbia and this Subsidiary High Court might work together, hand-in-hand, and build up the A.O.F. on the Pacific Coast under one flag, without trenching on the autonomy of either body. Although regretting that our several Sick and Funeral Funds, as at present constituted, could not be amalgamated into one system, hence an organic union of the two bodies being impossible, I called the attention of our British Columbia brethren to the superior advantages of our Beneficiary Fund, and invited them to avail themselves of its privileges by complying with the regulations governing that fund. I was gratified to receive the following reply from the District Secretary:—

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"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—

"At the annual District Meeting, held at Wellington, B.C., on the 19th and 20th October, your esteemed communication of September 12th was read, and it was the unanimous decision that we accept the insurance privileges as offered with your High Court, and that we tender our best thanks as a District for the offer. I will mail you a copy of our proceedings as soon as printed.

"I beg to remain,

"Yours fraternally,

T. P. WATSON, D.S."

An admirable circular, setting forth the financial features of the Beneficiary Fund has since been sent out by Bro. Watson to the Courts in the District,—good seed from which I hope a fine harvest will yet be reaped,—opening the door possibly to an amicable alliance with over six hundred good brethren in the Pacific Province, now registered under the High Court of England.

In order to bring those members of the Columbia District who join our Beneficiary Fund within the jurisdiction of this Subsidiary High Court, in accordance with General Law, a Court of honorary members has been opened. It consists of 26 members.

#### 13.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The task of keeping up the correspondence incidental to the H.C.R.'s office is very heavy,—especially as I have not the aid of a stenographer or typewriter. Since my election I have sent out upwards of two thousand communications. I have endeavored to answer promptly all letters, whether addressed to me by officers or members, without much regard to red-tape regulations, for which dereliction, I pray you, do not censure me too severely. Deeply interested as I am in the success of our beloved Order, this work has been a labor of love, after all.

#### 14.—OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

In my capacity as H.C.R. I have had the honor and the pleasure of paying official visits to our loyal brethren in the following places, viz.:—Hamilton, Stratford, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Belleville, Campbellford, Trenton, Port Hope, London, Guelph, Galt, and Richmond Hill. Language fails me to describe the enthusiastic greetings I received in each of these places. My worthy E.C. colleagues, who accompanied me on these official tours, likewise received a very cordial welcome, and with them I was privileged to address our assembled brethren with particular reference to the programme of the Order.

Court "Pride of Northumberland," No. 7769 (Cobourg), tendered your H.C.R. a complimentary banquet in the Dunham House to demonstrate their hearty appreciation of the high honor which had been conferred on one of their number. The Mayor, the local members of Parliament and many prominent citizens and Foresters of the town and surrounding district were present, and the enthusiasm of the occasion was certainly inspiring.

I shall never forget and cannot repay my devoted brethren for all their unbounded hospitality and cordiality, and the knowledge that I was partly instrumental in arousing latent interest in some quarters, amply rewarded for any little sacrifice of time or inconvenience which I voluntarily suffered in

attending these magnificent receptions, communications, installations, banquets and functions, in all parts of the country, a course which I hope will meet with your approval.

#### 15.—OPEN MEETINGS, ETC.

The merits and benefits of membership in the A.O.F. can in no better way be impressed upon the public mind than by open meetings and public entertainments held under the auspices of the Order. My policy has been to encourage as much as possible such sociable gatherings at which those who may be entirely unacquainted with the splendid system and record of the A.O.F. are pleasantly and forcibly convinced of its superior advantages. Meetings and conferences at pivotal points in the jurisdiction between members and officers of the Order afford opportunities for discussion and interchange of opinion regarding all questions affecting the welfare of the Order, and result in greater harmony of action and a more intelligent administration of its business affairs.

In my opinion, the regular meetings of our adult Courts and Branches should be made as bright, cheerful and agreeable as possible. A good game of carpet ball is infinitely more enjoyable and profitable than an hour's jangle over some vain point of Order.

#### 16.—CANADIAN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION.

Our Order still continues to be well represented in the Canadian Fraternal Association. At the last annual meeting of this friendly alliance, held in Toronto, on April 27th last, your H.C.R. was unanimously elected to the Presidency for the ensuing year, a promotion which he accepted,—not so much as a compliment to himself personally—as an expression of respect for the Society which he had the honor of representing there.

The deliberations of this Congress of ten Canadian fraternal organizations were of an important and interesting character. While the function of the C.F.A. is altogether advisory, it furnishes a capital object lesson on the potent value of co-operation among the fraternities—drawing them closer together and uniting them in a common cause against a common enemy—more especially in respect to such complex questions as a uniform standard of rates and statutory legislation regulating benevolent Societies. But the free interchange of ideas between those who are actual leaders in the Friendly Society world cannot fail to have a far-reaching effect on the management of these great organizations.

Among the very instructive papers read to the Association at the last annual meeting were two by Bro. Dr. Secord, P.H.C.R., and Bro. W. Williams, P.S., respectively, which have received most favorable criticism from several quarters. The former trenchantly exposed a number of popular fallacies which have proved a source of weakness to many assessment societies; while the latter clearly demonstrated from the law of experience, actuarially considered, what constitutes sufficient rates for mutual insurance, based upon principles of equity and permanency. These papers have had a wide circulation, being printed and placed in the appendix to the C.F.A.'s Journal of Proceedings, and will open the eyes of some who were as "blind leading the blind."

The importance of continuing our official connection with the C.F.A. is manifest, and the recommendation is that the membership of our Order in the Association be continued.

#### 17.—BY-LAWS.

The following Subordinate Courts have submitted by-laws to the chairman of the Laws and Judiciary Committee (Bro. Vale), who having after revision

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" Good Intent, 5988.  
" Norfolk, 7821 (amendments).  
" Welcome, 8570.  
" Woodford, 8093.  
" Pride of the Dominion, 5660.  
" Brunswick, 7043.  
" Robin Hood, 7818.  
" Wellington, 7134.  
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" Endeavor, 5987.  
" Robin Hood, 5693 (amend-  
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" Pride of Northumberland  
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" Pride of Ontario, 5640.  
" Stanley, 7675.  
" Robin Hood, 5693 (new).  
" Yorkville, 5775.  
" Hope of Canada, 5604.  
" Success, 6827.  
" Laurel, 7588.

In addition to the foregoing, the by-laws of a number of the Juvenile Branches have been submitted and duly approved.

The by-laws of the Circles of the Companions of the Forest were all referred to the High Chief Companion for approval.

In this connection I beg to bear testimony to the careful consideration which Bro. Vale has given to this work. As chairman of the Laws and Judiciary Committee, the responsibility devolves upon him of harmonizing the various By-laws of Subordinate Courts with the Constitutional Code of the Order, which necessarily demands a good deal of correspondence with the Courts, but Bro. Vale's thorough versatility and familiarity with Friendly Society work well qualifies him for the duty which he has discharged so efficiently on behalf of this High Court, for the past eight years.

#### 18.—HOSPITAL WORK.

I should like to see all our City Courts, who are in a position to take advantage of hospital service, emulate the excellent example set by the Union Committee, composed of two delegates appointed annually by each of the fourteen Toronto Courts, in arranging for the admission of the sick members of these Courts to the Toronto General Hospital, where they receive most attentive and skillful treatment from the physicians and nurses in charge. In this Christ-like work, the Toronto Union Committee, since 1880, have expended \$1,500 to provide hospital accommodation for over two hundred sick brethren. I can conceive of no better method of carrying out the benevolent objects of the Society in caring for the sick. "By their works ye shall know them."

#### 19.—DISTRICT CHIEF RANGERS.

A number of D.C.R.'s have correctly reported to me the condition of the Courts over which they have had supervision, while others have never been heard from since they received their commission two years ago. On behalf of this High Court, I wish to thank those who have been dutiful and diligent in visiting their Courts and putting forth special exertions to nurture and strengthen the weak ones. In this connection, Bro. Edwin Cape, D.C.R. for Kent, and Bro. John Foster, D.C.R., for Oxford and Norfolk, merit honorable mention for their exemplary work. The former organized a new Court in his District, while the latter won first prize in the membership competition for bringing in forty candidates by dint of personal application.

I know there is a diversity of opinion as to the utility of these D.C.R.'s,—some favoring the abolition of the office as being altogether useless;—others

holding that the D.C.R.'s should be paid travelling expenses for making at least one visit per year to each Court in the District. How in the world can a D.C.R. exercise "a general oversight of the Subordinate Courts in his District, report any irregularity or violation of law, examine all Court Books at least once in each year," etc., etc., as required of him by General Law, unless he visits the Courts personally? And why, I ask, should he be placed in the humiliating alternative, either of doing the work, which is incumbent upon him, at his own expense, or else asking the High Chief Ranger for special permission to do it at the expense of the Order? The few organizers we employ cannot possibly take the place of efficient D.C.R.'s. The organizer goes into a Court for a specific business purpose. With the D.C.R. it is different. The District is his Forestric kingdom, and it is his holy mission to cultivate that true brotherly spirit which affirms our helpfulness to each other as integral parts in the fraternal fabric. Without our society re unions and social fraternizing our Order would soon degenerate into a cold, pulseless business organization, and when that takes place, the end is in sight.

I am firmly convinced that the winter programme of inter-Court visitations carried out so delightfully under the auspices of the D.C.R.'s of East and West Toronto has resulted in an incalculable amount of good in strengthening the bonds of brotherhood between the Courts and Branches. In no other way could the brethren be made better acquainted with each other or with "the word" and work of Forestry.

For the honorable position of D.C.R. the best men should always be selected, and I think they should be held to account for the state of the Order in their District, in default of which they should not be entitled to the D.C.R. jewel.

#### 20.—RITUAL.

Experience has taught us that one of the best means for securing the attendance and sustaining the interest of the members of a fraternal Society is found in a good Ritual. Our Ritual provides a systematic form for opening and closing the Court, a regular order of business, and an instructive and impressive ceremony for the initiation of candidates into the Order. All officers after their installation should be able to take their respective parts in opening and closing the meeting, without reference to the book. It is a pleasure for members to be present in time to participate in the opening exercises, and as a rule they enjoy remaining to join in singing the closing ode. By the use of the Ritual, business can be transacted promptly without danger of wearying the members. But the crowning influence of the Ritual is found in the initiatory work. In this the eternal verities and principles underlying the Order are forcibly illustrated and exemplified, not only to the candidate, but to the members present. The lessons here taught lift men to higher plains of thought and tend to make them better citizens, neighbors and brothers. I am pleased to know that in many of the Subordinate Courts in this jurisdiction, regular uniformed teams have been organized for the exemplification of our beautiful new initiatory Ritual (amplified form.) The members of these teams have made a careful study of the historic characters they severally personate and perfectly memorized their respective parts. I have observed that these are the Courts where in earnest in the Order never flags or wanes—where candidates are initiated at nearly every meeting, and I have learned that the secret of this steady growth and prosperity is to be found in the fact that the Ritual is properly followed and exemplified in all these Courts. To this fact I call your special attention.

#### 21.—HIGH COURT REPRESENTATION.

Our last four High Court Meetings cost this Subsidiary High Court no less a sum than \$14,000—an average of \$3,500 for each meeting. In view of this enormous expenditure for legislation alone, I most earnestly submit to the serious consideration of this High Court Meeting the urgent necessity of

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changing our system of representation, whereby the cost of holding High Court Meetings will be reduced without impairing the democratic character of the institution or the efficient administration of its affairs. Personally, I am strongly impressed with the apparent fairness and feasibility of a reform scheme that may be called "representation according to District membership," by which each H.C.M. would consist of delegates chosen by a majority of the Subordinate Courts in each territorial District, and who shall have a vote, not for every Court, but for every member in the District good on the books and in financial standing at the time of the election. This electoral scheme, by which the delegate's voting power is always equivalent to and measured by the number of members he represents, is in vogue in the A.O.U.W. — L.A.W., and several other big beneficiary and athletic associations; and I am told by active members of these organizations that the system works well and no one would think of changing it. In this way the High Court majority would represent a majority of the members as a whole. I believe it would promote the co-operation of all the Courts in a District and operate as an incentive for members to pay up their dues and keep themselves in compliance, who might otherwise be more or less indifferent.

I am sure you will agree with me that something ought to be done to render our existing electoral system less expensive to the Subsidiary High Court; and, with its anomalous admixture of singular and plural, uni-and-proxy voting, less inconsistent with the basic principles of our Constitution, which from time immemorial has solemnly declared that in the legislative body and High Court of Appeal for the Order, "no one member has more power than another."

## 22.—BRANCHES.

Our auxiliary branches, comprising chiefly the Juvenile Foresters and Companions of the Forest, are doing a grand work, being admirably adapted to serve as feeders to the parent body; but which I must frankly admit, do not receive from this parent body the full degree of recognition and appreciation they deserve.

Let us ever remember that the boys of to-day will be the men of to-morrow. Our Juvenile branches form the nursery—the garden of Forestry, in which many a fine plant is reared and then transplanted into the adult Court, invariably to the credit of the A.O.F. daddy.

I think we should regard C.O.F. Circles more in the light of female Courts. Wherever a Circle exists in connection with a Court, the social element is largely developed to the advantage of both. I think the natural affinity existing between Circles and Courts would be greatly strengthened if the High Circle Meeting were held at the same time and place as the High Court Meeting. I would suggest that its sessions commence on the Monday morning of High Court week.

I trust the Executive Council's recommendation, that the Knights of Sherwood Forest and all drill corps in connection with the Order be recognized purely as a social and military feature, will receive your endorsement, and that all our Branches be fostered and encouraged in every possible way.

## 23.—FILIAL GREETINGS.

Glorying in our domestic affiliation with the High Court of England, on whose swainmotes "the sun never sets," and desiring to weld still stronger the golden chain of fraternity and loyalty which binds us to that land of glorious memories, I took the liberty of sending the following message to the Secretary of the Order on the eve of the assembling of the Supreme Court at Cardiff, Wales, on July 31st:—



*To the High Chief Ranger and Representatives of the Ancient Order of Foresters, assembled in High Court Meeting at Cardiff. Greeting:*

In the name of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, A.O.F., having a jurisdiction extending across the American continent from Charlottetown, P.E.I., to Victoria, B.C., I have the honor to salute you with the world-wide sign of an Ancient Forester.

Proudly do we acknowledge our allegiance and adherence to the grand old mother High Court of Ancient Forestry,—unhesitatingly do we declare our fealty and attest our devotion to those imperial virtues and cardinal principles which were so indelibly stamped upon the constitution and character of our noble Order by its broad-minded English founders. A.O.F. principles and practices have won the confidence of the Anglo-Saxon race in so marked a degree that we find many fraternal societies in America which have copied A.O.F. laws and customs. As Canadian Foresters maintaining a loyal subsidiary relation with the High Court of England, we exclaim with Kipling:

"Daughter am I in my mother's house,  
Yet mistress in my own."

Last year we expended seventy-five thousand dollars in the benevolent work of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. The Dominion Parliament have recognized our financial stability by granting us a special Act or charter of incorporation.

Children of a common parentage, subjects of one throne, one flag, brethren of the same fraternity, we cordially and sincerely unite in wishing all members of the Cardiff H.C.M., peace, progress and prosperity.

I remain in U. B. & C.,

Very faithfully yours,

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
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#### 24.—DOMINION INCORPORATION.

Respecting the special act of the Dominion Parliament, by which the Subsidiary High Court received the Federal signet and sanction for transacting its business throughout Canada, I need not repeat here the views I gave expression to in Official Message No. 3. I am still of the opinion that it is the crowning achievement of your tenth Executive Council. Briefly, this action has relieved us from harrassing local legislation; it has extended and enlarged our powers and privileges; it has elevated and enhanced our standing and reputation in the society sphere; it has once and for all established and confirmed our legal jurisdiction over the entire Dominion.

Our great Order is now a Dominion—instead of being merely a Provincial Society.

"No pent-up Utica contracts our powers,  
But the whole boundless Canada is ours."

#### 25.—CONCLUSION.

I cannot close this report without thanking my esteemed colleagues of the E.C. for the many courtesies which I have received at their hands. Whatever measure of success has attended my humble efforts, I attribute largely to the cordial co-operation and able assistance of my brother officers. It is with unfeigned pleasure that I testify to the unimpeachable integrity, fidelity, equity, ability, and assiduity with which they have administered the affairs of the Order during the two years I have acted as President of the Council. To faithfully perform duties appertaining to this high office demands constant watchfulness and close attention on the part of your Executive Chief. When installed at

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Owen Sound I ventured to express the hope that during my term of office no duty would be neglected, or strife engendered, and that all my decisions and actions would be based upon the Forestric principles of justice and fair play. Now, it is for you to judge of my shortcomings—for work as we will, strive as we may, our best efforts falls short of perfection, falls short of the ideal we have set up before us as the goal of our ambition. I can conscientiously say that I have strenuously endeavoured to the best of my ability and without fear or favor to fulfil the obligations which I took in assuming this high office. I can only hope that I have done my duty in a way that gives you no reason to regret the choice you then made. I feel that I have not been able to please everyone, yet I have honestly striven to be true to the great trust you reposed in me. I thank all with whom I have had fraternal relations for the uniform support and sympathy that have been accorded me, and without which my official tasks and responsibilities would have seemed arduous and laborious indeed; yet I have had my rich reward; in a larger vision of the noble mission of our beloved Order is propagating, in the brotherly associations and charming friendships I have formed, which will last as long as life itself. I shall always look back to my High Chief Rangership as the greatest honor and pleasure of my life.

Let us now apply ourselves promptly, wisely and bravely to the difficult problems confronting us. Let us think and speak and act solely with the worthy object of upbuilding our great Order. Let our discussions be tempered with that true fraternity, that chivalrous courtesy, which accords to others the right we claim for ourselves, and from the honest expression of various opinions let us gain wisdom and courage to do the right thing and adjust our system to conform to the experience of the past, on which depends so much for the stability of the Order and the protection of our homes in the future.

"Right is right, since God is God,  
And right the day will win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin."

In conclusion, I can say nothing more appropriate on this occasion, than to quote the eloquent words of High Chief Ranger Hulse, in opening the High Court Meeting at Chester, England, last year. He said:—

"Brethren, I know of no organization that has brought the ideal of the Brotherhood of Man nearer to the goal than the Friendly Society movement. I can, therefore, commend this work to you. May you ever remember that you are met not for any selfish purpose, but that you are the representatives of many thousands whose interests are identical with your own. May your deliberations be such that shall serve the best interests of the Order! May your debates be characterized by singleness of purpose, and by loftiness of aim, so that your gathering together may add dignity and prestige to an Order of which all of us have need to be proud. It may be that many of us may not be counted great as the world counts greatness; we can never aspire to be heroes of the world or warriors of the battle-field; our names may never be recorded on the pages of history, or the records of our deeds be chiselled in marble; we may only be known by a few in the circle in which we move; but if we have lived up to the ideal of a true Forester, if we have been faithful to the charge delivered to us at our initiation, if we have felt the moral obligations cast upon us thereby, and have to the best of our ability endeavoured to fulfil them, then we shall have our reward—reward in the heart and memories of a great nation, but, above all, in the great heart of Him who hath declared—"That inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Step up higher; receive your reward."

Fraternally submitted in U.B. & C.,

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
High Chief Ranger.

## REPORT OF PERMANENT SECRETARY.

RESPECTED BRETHREN,

Another Biennial Session of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada is here, and another two years of our life has been spent for the good of the Order. How many more of these Sessions we may be spared to see must be left in the hands of Him who doeth all things for our good. I trust good will result from all our acts, whether done in the past, at the present time, or in the future.

In looking back to the High Court Meeting held at Woodstock, Ontario, in 1891, and the actions of the delegates at that meeting, it is gratifying to note the progress the Society has made towards Financial stability and security for its members. At this meeting I submitted four Tables of payments for certain benefits to each Table; the Committee upon Laws and Relief deemed the matter of such importance that they were laid over as a notice of motion for the next High Court Meeting to be held in Cobourg, in 1893, and recommended that in the meantime the services of an Actuary were to be obtained to go over the Tables submitted, and report thereon.

During the year 1892, and a portion of 1893, I was engaged in compiling statistics of the Order from January 1882, to December 31st, 1891, as to sickness and deaths in the Order during that time. These were submitted to Mr. Fouse, the eminent Actuary of Philadelphia, who was engaged by the Executive Council for the purpose of drawing up new Tables for submission at the High Court Meeting held in Cobourg, 1893 (see Report of the Order, 1893, for Mr. Fouse's Report), and his tabulation of the work confirmed my contention and proposition as to contributions for the payment of the benefits then given. At the High Court Meeting at Cobourg in 1893, the Tables were again considered by the Committee on Laws and Relief, who in their Report recommended the adoption of the Tables submitted, but in High Court Session requested they be laid over for future consideration.

At the High Court Meeting at Guelph, in 1895, I brought to the notice of the members of the Subsidiary High Court, the position of the Sick and Funeral Fund, and on page 35 of the High Court Meeting Report, suggested a Table of contributions for the benefits received, and I based those Tables on the average annual sickness per member at different ages. The matter of extended Sick Pay was also brought to the notice of the Subsidiary High Court. All these matters combined, convinced me that I was right in my contention at Woodstock, in 1891; the clauses referring to the same were referred to the Committee on Laws and Relief, who again reported that they were of such vital importance to the Order, recommended that they be carefully considered by the High Court Meeting, and a proper scale adopted.

At the High Court Meeting at Owen Sound, in 1897, I submitted a tabulated statement of the cost to the Subsidiary High Court, of Extended Sick Pay and Deaths in the Order from January 1st, 1882, to December 31st, 1896, shewing that these benefits alone cost the Subsidiary High Court on an average \$1.10 per member. At this meeting the Extended Sick Pay was cut off after a period of two years sickness, this reduced the payments for the Extended Sick Pay, paid by the Subsidiary High Court. I also brought to the notice of the Subsidiary High Court the desirability of establishing the Beneficiary Fund on a true sound financial basis, and the benefits to be derived therefrom in so doing.

At this meeting of 1899, and the end of the nineteenth century, I sincerely hope and trust the delegates will consider well the action they will take upon the amendments submitted to them, study the problems as they would were they brought face to face with them in their own business, and make themselves conversant with the whys and wherefores of the amendments; not looking at

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them in the light of to-day, or from personal feelings or interest, but look at them in the light of the future, and in the interests and stability of the Order and the welfare of their fellow man.

The study of the Sick and Funeral Fund in its present position will give the delegates food for reflection, and shew them the position we shall be in if we continue going on as we are. The receipts of the Sick and Funeral Fund from June 30th, 1897, to June 30th, 1899, were \$26,935.04; this, together with a balance of \$4,286.70, making a total of \$31,221.74; and the expenditure \$28,727.19, leaving a balance of \$2,494.55, as against a balance of \$9,367.37 at July 31st, 1893, a decrease of \$6,872.82 in six years, or \$1,145.47 per year.

The Management Fund also requires consideration. The fact alone that each High Court Meeting costs about 50 cts. per member capita, and leaving under our present system of levy, 60 cts. per annum; only 35 cts. per member per annum, to pay Salaries, Office Rent, Meeting of Executive Council, Organization, Stationery, and other items too numerous to mention here, and all necessary for the successful running of an institution like ours. If the present system of management levy is to continue, the delegates to the High Court Meeting must be prepared to have their expenses met by the Courts sending them.

#### SICKNESS EXPERIENCE.

To enable the Society to have an accurate knowledge of the cause of sickness, duration of same, and the predisposing causes for such sickness of any member on the Funds, I would recommend that the High Court Medical Examiner prepare a form for submission to the Court Medical Officers for such information, and that the same be compiled and tabulated, say every five years, and deductions made therefrom, so as to form a practical knowledge for use of the High Court Medical Examiner and Court Medical Officers, as well as an evidence for the guidance of the Executive Council in any matters relating to the Sick and Funeral Fund of the Order.

I must plead ignorance of any technical terms which would convey my ideas to the Professional Physician, but that can be safely left in the hands of the High Court Medical Examiner.

In conclusion, I desire to lay all these facts before you in the spirit of Fraternity, and trust the delegates will consider them in the same spirit.

#### FINANCES.

Receipts and Expenditures from July 1st, 1897, to July 1st, 1899.

##### BENEFICIARY FUND "A."

###### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897.....	\$21,191 64
Contributions and Entrance Fees.....	27,991 75
Interest .....	1,957 20
High Court of Justice, "re Cerri".....	1,065 00
Part Payment Loan to M.F., A.O.F.....	1,652 00
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###### EXPENDITURE.

By Management, Law Costs, Commissions, etc.....	\$ 3,166 23
Death Claims.....	16,500 00
Balance to Credit of Funds .....	30,601 36
Loan to Management Fund A.O.F.....	3,500 00
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MEMBERS OF BENEFICIARY FUND WHO HAVE DIED AND  
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Name.	Amount	Cou't	Cert. No.	Date of Joining.	Date of Death.	Age	Cause of Death.
R. Murray....	\$ 347 15	5693	29	Feb. '82	Oct. '82	47	Hemorrhage of Lungs
W. J. Chester.	348 16	5772	124	June '82	Nov. '82	35	Inflammation of Lungs
Geo. Murdoch.	1000 00	5693	17	July '82	Sept. '86	46	Apoplexy
J. Parker .....	1000 00	5690	304	Aug. '85	Mar. '86	38	Aneurism
W. T. Fogg....	2000 00	6586	123	June '82	Aug. '87	32	Apoplexy
J. Blundell....	1000 00	5886	407	Jan. '87	June '87	34	Accident
E. Edwards....	1000 00	5962	54	Feb. '82	June '88	42	Heart Disease
E. Woodison...	1000 00	5963	244	Oct. '84	Oct. '88	41	Gastric Fever
J. Kirchner...	1000 00	5987	94	May '82	Aug. '90	53	Drowning
R. Flowers....	1000 00	7045	366	Aug. '86	Sept. '90	48	Aneurism
S. Mahoney...	1000 00	5693	399	Jan. '87	Oct. '90	37	Bright's Disease
L. Castner....	1000 00	7045	450	Dec. '87	June '90	46	Paralysis of Heart
F. W. Corke...	1000 00	6490	457	Dec. '87	Oct. '90	28	Typhoid Fever
J. Cunningham	1000 00	7587	592	June '89	April '90	44	Accident
Jno. W. Lees...	2000 00	5604	81	April '82	Feb. '91	35	Phthisis
W. H. Dovenor	1000 00	7136	410	April '87	Jan. '91	30	Peritonitis
W. Pettigrew...	1000 00	7043	428	Aug. '87	Jan. '91	38	Phthisis Pulmonary
H. Powell.....	1000 00	7134	508	June '88	Jan. '91	46	Typho Pneumonia
Jas. Rogers...	1000 00	6895	595	June '89	Mar. '91	25	Typhoid Fever
E. Calkins...	1000 00	7675	689	Mar. '90	Feb. '91	44	Heart Failure
G. E. Pickell..	500 00	6563	114	July '82	June '91	41	Accident
Jno. Webb....	1000 00	6507	581	April '89	May '92	30	Blood Poisoning
D. Marrs....	2000 00	5744	676	Mar. '90	May '92	41	Inhal. Nit. Acid Fumes
D. McIntyre...	1000 00	6507	707	July '90	Aug. '92	25	Typhoid Fever
W. Douchers...	1000 00	5774	176	July '83	Jan. '93	55	Poisoning
D. A. Demill...	1000 00	7586	1156	Feb. '93	Feb. '93	23	Accident
J. Johnstone...	2000 00	7586	999	July '92	May '93	45	Cystic dis. of Kidneys
T. J. Bedford...	2000 00	5889	147	Mar. '83	May '93	58	Heart Disease
T. W. Robinson	1000 00	7867	1010	Aug. '92	May '93	38	Acute Pneumonia
W. E. Patient.	1000 00	5604	105	May '82	Sept. '93	40	Poisoning
E. Elmes.....	2000 00	7867	1011	Aug. '92	Nov. '93	46	Pneumonia
Thos. Green...	2000 00	6243	963	May '92	Jan. '94	43	Hemorrhage of Brain
R. Coffey.....	1000 00	5690	154	April '83	June '94	57	Obstruction of Bowels
T. J. Sheridan...	2000 00	7135	1372	Oct. '93	Jan. '95	39	Carsimonia
J. Hough.....	2000 00	7876	1189	Mar. '93	Feb. '95	34	Phthisis
F. K. Smith...	1000 00	5774	285	May '85	Jan. '95	53	Dropsy
J. D. Dagneau.	2000 00	6244	1360	Sept. '93	Jan. '95	25	Accident
S. Hesse.....	1000 00	7673	1111	Nov. '92	Feb. '95	43	Diabetes
J. Doull.....	1000 00	7043	1446	Feb. '94	April '95	31	Abscess of Lungs
J. S. Robertson	1000 00	7818	1096	Nov. '92	May '95	48	Consumption
Jas. Gorrie....	1000 00	5835	120	June '82	April '95	52	Fracture of Spine
A. Freund....	1000 00	5962	241	Jan. '85	Aug. '95	54	Schrosis of Brain
Wm. Norton...	1000 00	6243	1378	Oct. '93	Aug. '95	40	Chronic Nephritis
H. P. Larsen...	1000 00	5693	71	Mar. '82	Oct. '95	45	Drowned
E. Houghton...	500 00	5895	12	Jan. '82	Dec. '95	53	Paralysis of throat
H. Preston....	1000 00	5690	402	Mar. '87	Jan. '96	51	Ch. Bright's Disease
R. T. Watts...	2000 00	7823	959	April '92	Jan. '96	28	Consumption
M. Poxon.....	1000 00	7787	1414	Dec. '93	Feb. '96	26	Peritonitis
W. Lewis.....	1000 00	5987	909	Feb. '92	Feb. '96	45	Typhoid Fever
W. Taylor.....	1000 00	7781	1561	Oct. '94	Jan. '96	46	Accidental

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T. Purkiss....	500 00	5604	7	April '82	Mar. '96	43	Cerebral Hemorrhage
T. D. Fawcett.	2000 00	6490	1676	July '95	May '96	30	Pneumonia
Jno. Shinner..	1000 00	5962	474	Feb. '88	Nov. '96	51	Heart Disease
J. Hemmingw'y	1000 00	5693	1216	April '93	Feb. '97	48	Sudden Death
G. Barlow....	2000 00	7818	1310	July '93	Mar. '97	35	Peritonitis
J. B. Adams...	1000 00	6897	1185	Mar. '93	Mar. '97	34	Appendicitis
S. Edwards...	1000 00	5660	298	July '88	Mar. '97	52	Abdominal Abscess
G. C. Yates...	1000 00	6897	143	Jan. '83	April '97	48	Pulmon'y Tuberculosis
W. H. Smith...	1000 00	5863	1724	Nov. '95	July '97	24	Consumption
Jas. Chisholm.	1000 00	s.h.c	1191	Mar. '93	Sept. '97	49	Typhoid Fever
G. A. Waterm'n	1000 00	6507	275	Mar. '85	Oct. '97	50	Pneumonia
Jno. Fraser....	1000 00	5886	424	Aug. '87	Nov. '97	51	Heart Disease
Isaac Hobson..	1000 00	5962	541	Nov. '88	Feb. '98	34	Pneumonia
C. Pugh.....	1000 00	5744	1361	Sept. '93	April '98	35	Pneumonia
Geo. Brown....	1000 00	5604	47	April '82	June '98	65	Cancer
J. S. Watson...	1000 00	5833	262	Feb. '85	June '98	36	Phthisis
A. J. Scrase...	1000 00	5863	1877	June '99	Sept. '98	27	Pneumonia
H. Stansfield..	500 00	7045	1824	Nov. '96	Nov. '98	30	Typhoid Fever
J. A. McMillan	2000 00	7783	1602	Feb. '95	Nov. '98	43	Typhoid Fever
M. Fletcher...	1000 00	7581	761	Jan. '91	Nov. '98	50	Stonemason Phthisis
W. M. Baker...	2000 00	7875	1263	June '93	Nov. '98	38	Accidental
R. Holtrum....	1000 00	5687	1795	July '96	April '99	47	Empyema
W. Waldie....	1000 00	5866	1729	Dec. '95	May '99	33	Pneumonia

Total Amount paid, \$84,695 71

Balance to Credit of Fund .....\$30,601 36

## FUND "B."

## RECEIPTS.

 To Contributions, Entrance Fees, etc. ....\$ 820 35  
 Interest ..... 3 10
\$823 45

## EXPENDITURE.

 By Commission, Postage, etc. ....\$ 154 15  
 Balance to Credit ..... 669 30
\$823 45
 Policies issued from Sept. 1st, 1897, to June 30th, 1899, 97, value....\$91,250 00  
 Policies lapsed " " " " 10, value.... 9,500 00

Policies in force at June 30th .....87, value....\$81,750 00

 To Contributions and Application Fees received .....\$ 820 35  
 Interest ..... 3 10
\$823 45

By Commission, Postage, Examination, etc.....	154 15
Balance to Credit.....	669 30

\$823 45

## ASSETS.

To Cash in Bank .....	\$ 647 21
Cash in hand .....	22 09
Premiums owing .....	74 10

\$743 40

## LIABILITIES.

By Reserve H.M., 4½ % .....	\$ 456 07
Surplus .....	287 33

\$743 40

## SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897 .....	\$ 4,286 70
Registrations, Dues, etc., .....	26,615 91
Interest .....	319 13

\$31,221 74

## EXPENDITURE.

By Death Claims .....	\$ 21,175 00
Extended Sick Pay, Medical Examinations, etc.....	7,552 19
Balance to credit .....	2,494 55

\$31,221 74

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Dues from Courts .....	\$ 14,008 67
Sale of Merchandise .....	4,018 12
M.F., Rule 81, General Laws .....	1,124 00
Loan from Beneficiary Fund @ 5% .....	3,500 00
Transfer <i>Ancient Forester</i> .....	500 00
Transfer Guarantee Fund .....	1,000 00
To Balance.....	1,797 05

\$25,947 84

## EXPENDITURE.

By Salaries, P.S. Assistance, Treasurer, Auditors, etc. ....	\$ 5,057 11
General Expenses .....	3,504 78
High Court Meeting .....	4,566 09
Chattels .....	279 12
Merchandise .....	2,519 14
Organization .....	4,994 54
Incorporation .....	1,248 75
Repaid on account Beneficiary Fund, and Interest .....	1,930 31
Due Beneficiary Fund .....	1,848 00

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## GUARANTEE FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897	\$ 1,574 29
Contributions	776 95
Interest	35 33

\$2,386 75

## EXPENDITURE.

By Defalcations	\$ 244 48
Transfer to Management Fund	1,000 00
Balance to credit	1,142 09

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## SPECIAL LEVY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897	\$ 244 52
Contributions	248 45

\$492 97

By Balance to credit	\$ 492 97
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## ANCIENT FORESTER.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897	\$ 143 89
Contributions	5,535 52

\$5,679 41

## EXPENDITURE.

By Printing, Postage, etc.	\$ 4,942 59
Transfer to Management Fund	500 00
Balance to credit	236 82

\$5,679 41

## COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at June 30th, 1897	\$ 2,797 93
Contributions, etc.	1,682 62
Interest	128 74

\$4,609 29

## EXPENDITURE.

By Death Claims	\$ 975 00
Management and Merchandise	480 63
Balance to credit	3,153 66

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## JUVENILE FEDERATION.

RECEIPTS.	
To Balance at June 30th, 1897.....	\$ 371 96
Contributions, etc.....	351 00
	<u>\$722 96</u>

EXPENDITURE.	
By Death Claims .....	\$ 152 50
Management .....	49 18
Balance to credit.....	521 28
	<u>\$722 96</u>

ASSETS.	
June 30th, 1897.....	\$46,872 17
June 30th, 1899.....	57,877 91

LIABILITIES.	
June 30th, 1897.....	\$ 872 29
June 30th, 1899.....	3,579 91
Increase of Assets .....	\$11,005 74
Increase of Liabilities .....	2,707 74

Yours fraternally,

W. WILLIAMS,

TORONTO, August, 1899.

Permanent Secretary.

## REPORT OF HIGH COURT MEDICAL EXAMINER.

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, Ancient Order of Foresters.

BRETHREN,—I beg to submit report for the term ending August 1st, 1899. Before presenting the statistical information referring to the work, I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me by the large number of members of the Order with whom I have been brought in contact personally or by correspondence. The performance of the duties pertaining to the office which I have the honor to hold by the pleasure of this High Court frequently gives rise to difference of opinion, and as the dictum of the High Court Medical Examiner on matters coming under his purview is final, it places him in a somewhat autocratic position, which I need not tell my old friends in High Court is entirely foreign to my disposition, and I have, therefore, all the more reason for acknowledging the fraternal manner in which my judgment has been accepted. I may assure you that it is sometimes exceedingly difficult for me to reject an applicant for membership, more especially so when I am aware that applicant has been associated with some of our faithful brethren as a member of the Juvenile Branch, but it must not be forgotten that my duty is to protect the interests of the Order and this High Court, to which I am responsible, expects me to perform that duty without fear or favor.

## STATEMENT No. 1.

Applications for Membership.....3,646  
Applications for Member's Wives.....786

Total received.....4,432

Applications for Members approved.....3,496  
" " " rejected.....147  
" " " wives approved.....733  
" " " " rejected.....49  
Total applications approved.....4,229  
" " rejected.....196  
" " undecided.....7

Total.....4,432

## AVERAGE AGE:

Applicants for Membership approved.....25 years  
Wives " ".....28.3 "  
Applicants for Membership rejected.....24.2 "  
Wives rejected.....29.5 "

## OCCUPATION OF APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

	Approved	Rejected	Total
Mechanical.....	1,127	71	1,243
Farm.....	538	11	549
Labor.....	894	31	925
Mercantile.....	481	27	508
Professional.....	84	1	85
Railroad Employ.....	96	3	99
Marine.....	231	3	234
	3,496	147	3,643

## CAUSE OF REJECTION:

Personal History.....94  
Family History.....14  
Family and Personal History.....88  
Total.....196

## STATEMENT No. 2—BENEFICIARY FUND.

Applications approved.....183  
" rejected.....13  
" undecided.....2  
Total received.....198

## CAUSE OF REJECTION:

Personal History.....10  
Family History.....1  
Personal and Family History.....2  
Average age of accepted applicants.....31.5 years



## OCCUPATION :

Farmers.....	13
Mechanics.....	50
Laborers.....	60
Mercantile.....	54
Professional.....	11
Railroad employ.....	10

Total.....198

Total deaths experienced.....15

## CAUSE OF DEATH :

Typhoid Fever.....	4
Pneumonia.....	5
Heart Disease.....	1
Cancer.....	1
Consumption.....	2
Empyainlic.....	1
Accident.....	1

For the information of many who may not fully appreciate the fact, I may say that in judging the Examination Forms as they are completed by the Medical Examiner a picture of the applicant's physical condition and family history is presented, and in order that a correct and safe estimate may be formed of the desirability of such applicants as members, a standard of qualification must be established from which any deviation is a injury to the Society. Those who have interested themselves in inducing friends to make application for membership in our Subordinate Courts and find the application rejected feel some way humiliated thereby and frequently seek out the Medical Officer of the Court for explanation, and he tells them probably that he don't know the cause of rejection or, possibly a little stronger, that the applicant is a perfect healthy man. This may all be true, but when the examination reaches me, the circumstances connected with the case require to be considered, and the personal history, with the influence of occupation and habits, as also the family history and its influence as applied to the character of the applicant.

Then again it should be understood that all physicians, though they may be perfectly capable as such, and also as Examiners for local organizations, are not fitted either by study or training to give judgment upon the character of the risk an applicant for membership may be. True, any physician of good judgment may rapidly prepare himself for the work, but it requires special study and preparation, and this but few are willing to give unless they are called upon to exercise the duties of such an office. It may also be asserted that one of the strongest reasons for the necessity of an independent Officer to supervise the examinations, is that the local Examiners otherwise have responsibility placed upon them which they should not and can not safely be called upon to assume, while they are connected with a Subordinate Court where their position depends upon pleasing and satisfying the members. During the past two years I have received numerous letters from local Examiners stating their gratification that they were no longer obliged to occupy such a position.

The Medical Officers of our Subordinate Courts are paid an annual rate for professional attendance upon the members, and many of the Courts expect the physician to examine candidates without extra remuneration; I have hesitated in saying this is false economy, and should not be permitted, if you desire first class examinations made by competent Examiners, you must pay for the services rendered. Medical men wield a considerable influence in their fields of labor, and I am distinctly of the opinion that this Society can

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not afford to leave them under the impression that they do not receive adequate remuneration for their services. I have upon several occasions had this matter disagreeably referred to in correspondence with local Examiners, and where they happen to be connected with several Societies, as is not infrequently the case, you may rest assured their influence will be directed in favor of that Society which pays them best.

Trusting this subject will receive your consideration, and that some method may be devised which will be to the lasting benefit of the Order and increase its influence and stability, Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

L. SECOND,

*High Court Medical Examiner.*

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The High Court resumed business at 2 o'clock, all officers being present.

The Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees presented their report.

Moved by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, seconded by Bro. A. Dynes, That the report of the Special Committee upon Standing Committees be adopted. Carried.

The High Chief Ranger was asked by Bro. Pinkham, for his ruling upon Rule 71, Gen. Laws.

Moved by Bro. Field, seconded by Bro. J. McDowell, That the proposed amendments submitted by the Executive Council be placed before the Laws and Judiciary Committee, prior to their being considered by this High Court Meeting. Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, seconded by Bro. S. T. Gale, That the said amendments be considered in Committee of the whole. Lost.

Bro. J. S. Williams demanded the yeas and nays on the amendment.

Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay
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5607.....I			5744.....I			5962.....I		
5640.....I			5772.....I			5963.....I		
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5690.....I			5863.....I			6157.....I		
5693.....I			5863.....I			6191.....I		
5694.....I			5866.....I			6243.....I		

Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay
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6483.....I			7770.....I			8405.....I		
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6570.....I			7777.....I			8413.....I		
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7137.....I			7862.....I			8587.....I		
7144.....I			7863.....I			8588.....I		
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			8097.....I					

Yeas, 72. Nays, 80.

Moved by Bro. L. Secord, seconded by Bro. S. H. Kent, That the report of the Committee on Laws, on the recommendations of the Executive Council, be placed before the Subsidiary High Court as the first order of business to-morrow afternoon.

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Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent, seconded by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, That the report of the Laws Committee be considered in Committee of the whole. Carried.

The High Court resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger, in the Chair.

Proposed amendments to General Laws, as received from Courts and acted upon by the Committee upon Laws and Relief, were considered from Clause No. 1 to Clause No. 19 inclusive, when it was moved by Bro. Vale, seconded by Bro. Mills, That the Committee rise and report.

The Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Alderman Steiner, of the City of Toronto, and representative of the German Society, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates.

Bro. F. Abbott, Chairman of Auditors, presented the Financial Statement for the years June 30th, 1897, to June 30th, 1899, together with their report thereon.

Moved by Bro. C. Chappell, seconded by Bro. R. H. Ward, That the Auditors' Report be received and handed to Finance Committee. Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. T. Perry, seconded by Bro. E. Ramsay, That the Executive Council give to this High Court assembled, a detailed statement of the expenditure of money in procuring Dominion Incorporation for the Ancient Order of Foresters. Carried.

Bro. W. Richards, High Chief Companion of the Companions of the Forest, was introduced to the delegates by the High Chief Ranger. Bro. Richards spoke in reference to the work of the Circles under the jurisdiction of the Subsidiary High Court.

The High Court adjourned at 6 o'clock.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Your Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees beg to report as follows:—

##### APPEALS.

W. Richards (Convener).....	5744, London
A. Ferguson.....	5962, Galt
G. Roberts.....	6157, Ingersoll
H. A. Biggins.....	6570, Woodstock
J. Young.....	5690, Hamilton

## BENEFICIARY.

A. Dynes (Convener).....	6490,	Hamilton
Jno. McDowell.....	7042,	Montreal
Dr. Coburn.....	5772,	Oshawa
H. Catley.....	6895,	Mount Forest
A. Pinkham.....	6827,	Brantford

## FINANCE.

Jas. Field (Convener).....	5889,	Montreal
A. O. Jeffery.....	6563,	London
D. A. Bedwell, Jr.....	5743,	Hamilton
W. A. Fry.....	8776,	Dunnville
S. H. Bradford.....	7676,	Toronto

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Jas. Brown (Convener).....	5863,	St. Thomas
E. R. Cape.....	6900,	Chatham
M. McInnes.....	7818,	Winnipeg
Jno. Hardy.....	6243,	Dundas
S. Gray.....	5774,	Montreal

## PRINTING AND FORMS

F. G. Forster (Convener).....	7783,	Medicine Hat
W. P. Smith.....	5640,	Hamilton
J. S. Williams.....	5693,	Toronto
H. Thatcher.....	5866,	Guelph
H. Chick.....	5687,	Toronto

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

Dr. Buck (Convener).....	6896,	Toronto
F. Boyd.....	7870,	Portage La Prairie
R. H. Ward.....	8087,	Halifax
M. Musk.....	8094,	Rat Portage
R. Jex.....	7769,	Port Hope

A. O. JEFFERY, *Chairman.*  
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## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

*To the Members of the Subsidiary High Court.*

RESPECTED BRETHREN.—We, your Auditors, have examined the books comparing the vouchers therewith, and find them correct.

We would be remiss in our duty however, did we not call your special attention to the fact that the Management Fund has only about \$50 to its credit, with the expenses of another High Court Meeting of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 right upon us. As you are aware, the system pursued for years past has been to borrow from other Funds of the Court to pay the expenses of the High Court Meeting. Your Auditors, however, consider that it is high time that this account was put upon a financial basis, and not have it appear from time to time that the Management Fund of this great institution was being periodically wiped out of existence.

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We would also ask you to look carefully into your Sick and Funeral Department. You will observe that the cash balance is being reduced at every audit, and that in the near future some further provision must be made to meet the demands upon this Fund, as our resources will soon be depleted.

Your Auditors would suggest as the most reasonable and business-like way to overcome this difficulty, that a special levy of \$1 per member be made on the Courts, and be payable one-half in December, 1899, the other half in December, 1900, and to be divided between the Management and Sick and Funeral Fund, as the High Court Meeting may determine.

Another matter your Auditors would touch upon, and that is the increasing work in your Permanent Secretary's office. During the last few years additions have been added, such as the books of the Juvenile Foresters, Companions of the Forest, with the additional correspondence connected with these Branches; also since incorporation the extra work connected with what is known as Fund "B" and other additions, thus making your Permanent Secretary's labours very heavy. Besides this, he has laboured hard on almost every phase of the insurance business, and to-day we are reaping the benefits of his labours in placing the Beneficiary Fund upon a sound and financial basis.

Considering the increased labours and the great responsibility of the Permanent Secretary, and the efficient manner in which the affairs of the Order have been carried on, we would suggest that his salary be increased to \$2,000 per annum, as we consider the pay very inadequate for the responsibility and work performed.

Yours fraternally,

F. ABBOTT,	} Auditors.
H. CATLEY,	
J. P. WEBSTER,	

# Subsidiary High Court of Canada

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

### BENEFICIARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$21,191 64
Contributions and Entrance Fees.....	\$ 7,280 82
Interest.....	402 15
	<u>\$ 7,682 97</u>

\$28,874 61

#### EXPENDITURE.

By Returned Application Fees.....	\$ 9 56
High Court Medical Examiner.....	12 25
Court Medical Examiners.....	24 00
Secretary's Commission, postage and drafts.....	273 59
Law Costs and Witness Fees, <i>re Cerri</i> .....	52 00
General Postage.....	20 91
Printing and Stationery.....	3 50
	<u>395 81</u>

#### DEATH CLAIMS—

Bro. W. H. Smith, Court 5863.....	\$ 1,000 00
" Jas. Chisholm, S.H.C.....	1,000 00
" F. A. Waterman, Court, 6507.....	1,000 00

Balance, December 31st, 1897..... 25,478 80

\$28,874 61

### SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$ 4,286 70
Registrations.....	\$ 789 00
Levies and Dues.....	6,083 08
Widows.....	4 00
Interest.....	145 29
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## EXPENDITURE.

By Deaths of Members .....	\$ 3,750 00	
Deaths of Members' Wives .....	1,275 00	
Extended Sick Pay and Medical Examination .....	1,790 02	
	<u>6,815 02</u>	
Balance December 31st, 1897 .....	4,493 05	
	<u>\$11,308 07</u>	

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Dues from Courts .....	\$ 3,522 33	
Sale of Merchandise .....	884 90	
	<u>\$ 4,407 23</u>	
Loan from Beneficiary Fund .....	3,500 00	
Balance .....	361 51	
	<u>3,861 51</u>	
	<u>\$8,268 74</u>	

## EXPENDITURE.

By Salary Permanent Secretary .....	\$ 750 00	
Office Assistance .....	383 30	
H. E. Griffiths, High Court Treasurer .....	50 00	
Auditors .....	94 18	
	<u>\$ 1,277 48</u>	

## GENERAL EXPENSES—

Printing and Stationery .....	\$ 71 80	
Postage, Telegrams, Discounts, Express, etc. ....	147 66	
Executive Council Meeting .....	99 70	
Bell Telephone Co. ....	22 50	
Rent .....	175 00	
Renewal Provincial Registration .....	25 00	
High Chief Ranger's Postage, A. O. Jeffrey .....	12 65	
High Chief Ranger's Postage, H. J. Snelgrove .....	20 00	
W. J. Vale, Postage Laws and Relief Committee for two years .....	20 76	
L. Secord, H. C. M. E., Grant for Examination Certificates, etc. ....	50 00	
A. F. Jury, attending H. C. M. in England .....	21 92	
J. Ford, repairs, etc., at Office .....	2 65	
Returned fine, Court Jubilee, 7335 .....	3 00	
Registration, revocation of Charter, Court 7584 .....	1 00	
Guarantee Bond, Permanent Secretary .....	50 00	
A. Kent & Son, P. D. C. R. Jewels .....	59 40	
Meeting of Printing Committee .....	26 10	
H. E. Griffiths, attending meeting C.F.A. ....	8 00	
Post Cards for High Court Medical Examiner .....	10 00	
Whitehead & Hoag Co., Badges for D.C.R. ....	18 00	
Paid for return of Books, Court Albert, 8402 .....	5 00	
	<u>850 14</u>	

Carried forward.....\$2,127 62

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## HIGH COURT MEETING—

Permanent Secretary, visiting Owen Sound and making arrangements for High Court Meeting .....	\$ 16 50
Printing, Telegrams, Discounts, Stationery, etc.....	245 20
Attendance and Mileage of Delegates.....	4,247 09
Whitehead and Hoag, Badges .....	40 05

To Balance  
Contribution  
Interest ..

4,548 8

## CHATELLE—

Trunk for papers at High Court Meeting.....	\$ 9 00
Fixtures for Vault and goods .....	42 10
I. C. Fell & Co., stamps for High Court Medical Examiner.....	5 60
Brown Bros. Copying Press and Books.....	37 75
Filing Cabinet .....	10 00
Fixing Valise for Laws Committee .....	50

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## MERCHANDISE—

Printing, Stationery, etc. ....	\$ 480 84
J. S. Russell, Tassels, Regalia, etc. ....	18 89
Customs.....	10 05
Postage, Express, etc. ....	85 92
Rent .....	10 00
Grant, W. Baird, work on new Ritual .....	50 00
I. C. Fell & Co., Seals .....	17 75
Firstbrook Bros., boxes for goods .....	7 20
H. Lovelock, Regalia.....	22 00
A. Kent & Son, engraving Jewels .....	6 33
National Electro. Co.....	9 85

To Balance  
Contribution

By Balance

718 83

## ORGANIZATION.

Permanent Secretary, visiting Acton.....	\$ 7 00
H. West, services at Lion's Head .....	25 00
" " Guelph .....	20 00
" " Merritton .....	25 00
" Organizing at St. Catharines.....	75 00
E. Scruton, services at Cornwall.....	7 25
E. Thompson, organizing Court at Ottawa.....	50 00
R. H. Ward, organizing Courts 8582, 8585 .....	87 00
R. Ramsbottom, organizing Court Souris.....	85 00
G. A. Herd, organizing Courts 8577, 8578, 8580, 8584 .....	153 00
R. D. Knowles, grant for services at St. John .....	10 00
J. W. Pearce, services at Waterloo & Berlin .....	79 50
T. W. Watts, D.C.R., visiting Courts by instruction of H.C.R. ....	14 50
C. A. Fitch.....	5 00
T. Painter .....	6 25
W. G. Ford .....	10 00
Printing and Stationery .....	21 00
Tent at Exhibition .....	88 00

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## GUARANTEE FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	\$ 1,574 29
Contributions from Courts .....	30 53
Interest .....	11 61
	<u>42 14</u>
	<u>\$1,616 43</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By paid Defalcations, etc.....	\$ 38 45
Balance to credit.....	1,577 98
	<u>\$1,616 43</u>

## SPECIAL LEVY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	\$ 244 52
Contributions from Courts.....	3 03
	<u>\$247 55</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Balance to credit of Fund.....	\$ 247 55
	<u>\$247 55</u>

## ANCIENT FORESTER.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	\$ 143 89
Contributions from Courts .....	1,498 22
	<u>\$1,642 11</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By T. H. Preston, Printing, etc.....	\$ 981 20
Postage, Express, etc.....	33 77
Grip & Co.....	15 10
Editor .....	199 98
Printing and Advertising.....	26 50
Meeting of Ancient Forester Committee .....	30 06
Revising Mail List .....	22 00
	<u>1,308 61</u>
Balance to Credit of Fund.....	333 50
	<u>\$1,642 11</u>



# Companions of the Forest.

## FUNERAL FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....			
Receipts from Circles.....	\$	2,658	70
Interest.....		355	40
		78	80
		<u>434</u>	20
		<u>\$3,092</u>	90

To Balance  
Receipts...  
Interest...

### EXPENDITURE.

#### DEATH CLAIMS—

D. Kyle, Circle No. 99.....	\$	50	00
J. Scott, Circle No. 58.....		50	00
Mrs. E. S. Wright, Circle No. 102.....		50	00
Mrs. H. Caugherty, Circle No. 122.....		50	00
D. Davis, Circle No. 114.....		50	00
M. A. Sandy, Circle No. 67.....		50	00
S. B. Braybon, Circle No. 100.....		50	00
J. DeGruchy, Circle No. 117.....		50	00
J. McKenna, Court No. 54.....		50	00

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		<u>2,642</u>	90
		<u>\$3,092</u>	90

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## MANAGEMENT FUND

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$	139	23
Receipts from Circles.....		703	13
Balance .....		7	08
		<u>110</u>	21
		<u>\$249</u>	44

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### EXPENDITURE.

By Printing and Stationery.....	\$	78	19
Grant to J. S. Williams.....		50	00
Whitehead & Hoag Co., Badges.....		7	50
Expenses of Circle Meeting at Sarnia.....		103	35
Rent of Lodge Room for Meetings.....		5	00
Postage, Discounts, etc.....		5	40
		<u>249</u>	44
		<u>\$249</u>	44

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## GENERAL FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance at last Audit .....	\$	152 01
Receipts .....	\$	6 16
Interest .....		4 00
		<u>10 16</u>
		<u>\$162 17</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

#### DEATH CLAIMS—

J. J. McInnes, Branch No. 4 .....	\$	25 00
J. J. Dorgan, Branch No. 6 .....		20 00
		<u>45 00</u>
Balance to credit .....		117 17
		<u>\$162 17</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance at last Audit .....	\$	219 95
Receipts .....		2 64
		<u>\$222 59</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

Printing and Stationery .....	\$	8 15
Postage and Discounts .....		2 15
		<u>10 30</u>
Balance to credit .....		212 29
		<u>\$222 59</u>

## MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Stock per Stock Book, June 30th, 1897 .....	\$	2,600 37
Goods purchased .....	\$	749 64
Customs, Postage and Express .....		95 97
Rent .....		10 00
		<u>855 61</u>
Profit on goods sold .....		1 36
		<u>\$3,457 34</u>
Stock per Stock Book, December 31st, 1897 .....	\$	2,284 80
Goods sold from June 30th, 1897, to December 31st, 1897 .....		1,172 54
		<u>3,457 34</u>

## ASSETS.

## BENEFICIARY FUND—

Huron & Erie Loan and Savings Co.....	\$ 6,829 50
Imperial Bank, General .....	6,589 96
" " Reserve.....	2,477 94
Bank of Toronto, Cobourg .....	5,802 66
Invested at 5% (Loan) .....	3,500 00
Cash Beneficiary .....	278 74
Contributions due by Members.....	1,627 55

## SICK AND FUNERAL AND MANAGEMENT FUND—

Sick and Funeral Fund .....	4,493 05
Amounts owing by Courts.....	9,765 20
" " Juvenile Federation.....	26 70
Merchandise Account .....	2,284 80
Ancient Forester .....	333 50
Special Levy Fund .....	247 55
Guarantee Fund.....	1,577 98
Juvenile Federation .....	329 46
Chattels, etc.....	1,968 09
Amounts owing by Companions of the Forest.....	46 50
Amount in Bank to credit of Companions of the Forest .....	2,635 82

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## LIABILITIES

To credit of Courts.....	\$ 2 26
" Beneficiary Members .....	161 06
" Juvenile Federation.....	1 10
" Companions of the Forest .....	26
Salaries, goods, etc.....	1,100 00

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Assets over Liabilities.....	49.55
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H. E. GRIFFITHS,  
High Court Treasurer.

W. WILLIAMS,  
Permanent Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

JOHN ANDERSON, }  
F. ABBOTT, } Auditors.  
H. CATLEY, }

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# Subsidiary High Court of Canada

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AT JUNE 30TH, 1898.

### BENEFICIARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

829 50	
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278 74	
627 55	
493 05	
765 20	
26 70	
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333 50	
247 55	
577 98	
329 46	
968 09	
46 50	
635 82	
50,815	
to Balance at last Audit .....	\$ 25,478 80
Contributions, Entrance Fees, and part payment Loan ..	6,827 45
High Court of Justice, Cerri .....	1,065 00
Interest .....	633 24
	<u>8,525 69</u>
	<u>\$34,004 49</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

2 26	
161 06	
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100 00	
1,264	
49,550	
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By Medical Examinations, Secretaries' Commission, Postage, Drafts and Management .....	668 42
Law Costs, re Cerri .....	200 00
	<u>\$ 868 42</u>
DEATH CLAIMS—	
Jno. Fraser, Court 5886 .....	\$ 1,000 00
I. Hobson, Court 5962 .....	1,000 00
C. Pugh, Court 5744 .....	1,000 00
Geo. Brown, Court 5604 .....	1,000 00
	<u>4,000 00</u>
Balance to credit .....	29,136 07
	<u>\$34,004 49</u>

### SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Auditors.	
to Balance at last Audit .....	\$ 4,493 05
Registrations and Dues .....	6,260 51
Interest .....	100 92
	<u>6,361 43</u>
	<u>\$10,854 48</u>

#### EXPENDITURE.

By death of Members, Members' Wives, Extended Sick Pay and Medical Examinations .....	\$ 7,710 59
Balance to credit .....	3,143 89
	<u>\$10,854 48</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Dues from Courts, sale of Merchandise, and transfer from Beneficiary Fund.....	\$ 4,970 79
Balance.....	635 28
	<u>\$5,606 07</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Salaries, Office Assistance and Auditors .....	1,241 47
Printing, Stationery and Advertising .....	71 75
Postage, Telegrams, Express and Discounts.....	167 43
Executive Council Meetings .....	185 11
Bell Telephone Co. ....	22 50
Rent.....	175 00
Registration Fee, re Court 8410.....	1 00
H.C.R. attending Canadian Fraternal Society .....	6 00
B. J. Leubsdorf, Bureau of Information .....	10 00
Leather cases for Regalia, etc.....	11 25
Purchase of Merchandise, etc. ....	697 42
Organization Expenses .....	1,468 70
Dominion Incorporation Special Act .....	847 60
Repaid part Loan at H.C.M.....	281 00
Interest on same.....	58 33
Balance last Audit .....	361 51
	<u>\$5,606 07</u>

## GUARANTEE FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....	1,577 98
Contributions .....	379 84
Interest.....	11 77
	<u>\$1,969 59</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Sundries .....	63 52
Balance to Credit .....	1,906 07
	<u>\$1,969 59</u>

## SPECIAL LEVY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	247 55
Contributions from Courts .....	110 65
	<u>\$358 20</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Balance to Credit .....	358 20
	<u>\$358 20</u>



## ANCIENT FORESTER.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$	333 50
Contributions from Courts.....	\$	1,406 15
		<u>1,739 65</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By T. H. Preston, printing.....	933 00
Postage and Delivery.....	34 31
Grip Co.....	41 35
Editor, W. J. Vale.....	150 00
Printing and Advertising.....	24 06
Revising Mailing list.....	36 50
Insurance.....	5 85
	<u>1,225 07</u>
Balance to Credit.....	514 58
	<u>\$1,739 65</u>

## Companions of the Forest.

## FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at Last Audit .....	2,642 90
Dues from Circles .....	320 60
	<u>2,963 50</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

DEATH CLAIMS—	
Lydia Preston, Circle No. 68 .....	50 00
Hannah Croston, Circle No. 5 .....	50 00
Laura Allen, Circle No. 125 .....	50 00
M. E. Clarke, Circle No. 102 .....	50 00
	<u>200 00</u>
Balance to credit .....	2,763 50
	<u>\$2,963 50</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Receipts from Circles.....	96 03	96 03
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## EXPENDITURE.

By Postage, Discounts, etc.....	5 75
Badges for D.D.C. Companions.....	6 40
Deficit last Audit .....	7 08
	<u>19 23</u>
Balance to credit .....	76 80
	<u>\$96 03</u>

# Juvenile Federation.

## FUNERAL FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....		\$117 17
Receipts .....	\$109 83	
Interest .....	3 97	
		<u>113 80</u>
		<u>\$230 97</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

DEATH CLAIMS—		
J. Douglass, Branch Hamilton .....	25 00	
E. Weston, Branch No. 40 .....	25 00	
		<u>50 00</u>
Balance to credit .....		<u>180 97</u>
		<u>\$230 97</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		212 29
Receipts .....	47 07	<u>47 07</u>
		<u>\$259 36</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

By Postage and Discounts .....	3 30	3 30
Balance to credit .....		<u>256 06</u>
		<u>\$259 36</u>

## MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Stock per Stock Book, December 31st, 1897 .....		2,284 80
Goods purchased .....	726 24	
Customs, Postage and Express .....	145 14	
Insurance .....	45 90	
Rent .....	15 00	
		<u>932 28</u>
Profit and loss to Balance .....		<u>234 25</u>
		<u>\$3,451 33</u>

Goods sold from December 31st, 1897 to June 30th, 1898 .....	1,168 42	
Stock per Stock Book .....	2,282 91	
		<u>\$3,451 33</u>

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## ASSETS.

## BENEFICIARY FUND—

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co.....	\$ 6,829 50
Imperial Bank, General .....	9,903 67
"    "    Reserve .....	2,515 09
Bank of Toronto, Cobourg .....	6,650 31
Investment.....	3,219 00
Cash Beneficiary Fund.....	18 50
Contributions due by members.....	1,958 83

## SICK AND FUNERAL AND MANAGEMENT FUND—

Sick and Funeral Fund .....	3,143 89
Amounts owing by Courts.....	10,421 47
"    "    Juvenile Federation.....	37 90
"    "    Companions of Forest .....	64 25
Merchandise Account.....	2,282 01
Ancient Forester.....	514 58
Special Levy Fund.....	358 20
Guarantee Fund.....	1,906 07
Juvenile Federation .....	437 03
Chattels, etc.....	1,788 71
Amount in Bank to Credit of Companions of the Forest.....	2,840 30
Cash Account .....	84 05
	<u>\$54,974 26</u>

## LIABILITIES.

To Credit of Courts .....	11 52
"    Beneficiary Fund Members.....	164 63
"    Juvenile Federation.....	90
"    Companions of Forest .....	16 06
Salaries, Goods, etc.....	1,563 36
Management Fund.....	3,854 28
	<u>\$5,610 75</u>
Assets over Liabilities.....	49,363 51
	<u>\$54,974 26</u>

H. E. GRIFFITHS,

High Court Treasurer.

W. WILLIAMS,

Permanent Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

JNO. ANDERSON,	} Auditors.
F. ABBOTT,	
H. CATLEY,	

July 22nd, 1898.

# Subsidiary High Court of Canada.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1898.

### FUND "A"—BENEFICIARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$ 29,136 07
Contributions and entrance Fees.....	\$7,610 80
Interest.....	548 79
Cash (over deposit) .....	95 41
	<u>7,655 00</u>
	<u>\$36,791 07</u>

#### EXPENDITURE.

By Medical Examinations, Secretaries' Commission, Postage, Drafts and Management .....	993 21	
DEATH CLAIMS—		993 21
Bro. J. S. Watson, Court 5833 .....	1,000 00	
" A. J. Scrase, Court 5863 .....	1,000 00	
" H. Stansfield, Court 7045 .....	500 00	
	<u>2,500 00</u>	
Balance to credit .....	33,297 86	
	<u>\$36,791 07</u>	

### FUND "B"—RECEIPTS.

To Contributions and Entrance Fees.....	155 62
Interest.....	09
	<u>\$156 31</u>

#### EXPENDITURE.

By Medical Examinations, Secretaries' Commission, Postage, Drafts and Management .....	30 08	30 08
Balance to credit .....		<u>126 23</u>
		<u>\$156 31</u>

### SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	3,143 89
Registrations and dues.....	6,839 47
Interest.....	72 92
	<u>6,912 39</u>
	<u>\$10,056 28</u>

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## EXPENDITURE.

By deaths of Members, Members' Wives, Extended Sick		
Pay and Medical Examinations .....	\$6,292 50	\$6,292 50
Balance to credit .....		3,763 78
		<u>\$10,056 28</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Dues from Courts, sale of Merchandise, and Transfer		
from Beneficiary Fund .....	4,683 02	4,683 02
To Balance .....		597 51
		<u>\$5 280 53</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Salaries Office Assistance and Auditors .....	1,261 12	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising .....	172 52	
Postage, Telegrams, Express and Discounts .....	157 40	
Executive Council Meetings .....	215 75	
Bell Telephone Co. ....	22 50	
Rent .....	175 00	
Fee, Fraternal Association .....	45 00	
Provincial Registration .....	25 00	
Guarantee Bond, Permanent Secretary .....	50 00	
D. F. Macwatt, Law Costs .....	50 00	
Part payment Loan B.F. ....	285 00	
Interest .....	80 43	
Purchase of Merchandise, etc. ....	577 65	
Organization expenses .....	1,084 73	
Chattels .....	42 00	
Legislation .....	401 15	
Balance last Audit .....	635 28	
		<u>5,280 53</u>

## GUARANTEE FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		1,906 07
Contributions from Courts .....	45 81	
Interest .....	11 95	
		<u>57 76</u>
		<u>\$1,963 83</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By paid Defalcations, etc. ....	134 62	134 62
Balance to credit .....		1,829 21
		<u>\$1,963 33</u>

## SPECIAL LEVY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		358 20
Contributions from Courts .....	28 52	28 52
		<u>\$386 72</u>



## EXPENDITURE.

By Balance to credit of Fund.....	\$386 72	\$386 72
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## ANCIENT FORESTER.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		514 58
Contributions from Courts .....	1,346 12	1,346 12
		<u>\$1,860 70</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By T. H. Preston, Printing.....	930 25	
Postage and Delivery .....	41 90	
Grip & Co. ....	14 70	
Editor, W. Banks.....	150 00	
Chattels .....	5 00	
Revising Mailing List.....	3 35	
W. G. Vale .....	12 50	
		<u>1,157 70</u>
Balance to credit .....		703 00
		<u>\$1,860 07</u>

## Companions of the Forest.

## FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		2,763 50
Dues from Circles .....	315 68	
Interest.....	49 94	
		<u>365 62</u>
		<u>\$3,129 12</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

DEATH CLAIM—Elizabeth Hannaford.....	25 00	25 00
Balance to credit .....		3,104 12
		<u>\$3,129 12</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		76 80
Receipts from Circles.....	96 29	96 29
		<u>\$173 09</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By part payment expenses Incorporation .....	50 00	
H. Slingsley & Son, Ribbons .....	20 00	
Customs .....	4 98	
Stationery and Printing .....	4 90	
Postage.....	5 75	
		<u>85 63</u>
Balance to Credit.....		87 46
		<u>\$173 09</u>

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# Juvenile Federation.

## FUNERAL FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....	\$	180 97
Receipts.....	\$	7 70
Interest.....		4 03
		<u>11 73</u>
		<u>\$192 70</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

DEATH CLAIMS—		
J. Bell, Branch No. 19 .....	20 00	
F. W. Rose, Branch No. 14.....	25 00	
Geo. A. Turner, Branch No. 42 .....	12 50	
		<u>57 50</u>
By Balance to credit.....		135 20
		<u>\$192 70</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....		256 06
Receipts .....	3 30	<u>3 30</u>
		<u>\$259 36</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

By Postage and Discounts.....	3 63	
Paid part Incorporation.....	25 00	
		<u>28 63</u>
Balance to Credit.....		230 73
		<u>\$259 36</u>

## MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Stock per Stock Book, June 30th, 1898.....	\$	2,282 91
Goods purchased .....	234 36	
Customs, Postage and Express .....	56 21	
Rent .....	15 00	
Sundries .....	8 24	
		<u>313 81</u>
Profit on goods sold .....		145 54
		<u>\$2,742 26</u>
Goods sold from June 30th, 1898, to December 31st, 1898 .....	664 16	
Stock per Stock Book, December 31st, 1898.....	<u>2,078 10</u>	
		<u>2,742 26</u>

## ASSETS.

Huron and Erie Loan & Savings Co. ....	\$ 6,829 50
Imperial Bank, General. ....	13,610 01
"    Reserve. ....	2,515 09
Bank of Toronto, Cobourg. ....	7,409 26
Investment. ....	2,934 00
Contributions due by Beneficiary Fund Members ....	1,485 45
Sick and Funeral Fund. ....	3,763 78
Amounts owing by Courts. ....	10,416 01
"    "    Juvenile Federation ....	26 90
"    "    Companions ....	53 40
Merchandise Account ....	2,078 10
Ancient Forester ....	703 00
Special Levy Fund ....	386 72
Guarantee Fund ....	1,820 21
Juvenile Federation ....	365 95
Chattels, etc. ....	1,626 40
Companions of the Forest. ....	3,191 58
	<u>\$59,224 36</u>

## LIABILITIES.

To Credit of Courts. ....	1 50
"    Beneficiary Fund Members. ....	148 98
"    Juvenile Federation ....	90
"    Companions of the Forest. ....	25
Salaries, goods, etc. ....	1,558 90
Management ....	3,604 86
Deaths, Beneficiary Fund "A" ....	5,000 00
	<u>10,315 39</u>
Assets over Liabilities ....	48,908 97
	<u>\$89,224 36</u>

H. E. GRIFFITHS,  
High Court Treasurer.

W. WILLIAMS,  
Permanent Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

T. ABBOTT,  
H. CATLEY,       } Auditors.  
J. B. BUCKINGHAM, }

Toronto, January 20th, 1899.

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# Subsidiary High Court of Canada.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AT JUNE 30TH, 1899.

### FUND "A."

#### BENEFICIARY FUND

##### RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit.....	\$ 33,297 86
Contributions .....	6,782 68
Interest.....	373 02
	<u>7,155 70</u>
	<u>\$40,453 56</u>

##### EXPENDITURE.

By Medical Examinations, Secretaries' Commission, Postage, Drafts and Management Fund.....	1,004 20
DEATH CLAIMS—	
Bro. J. A. McMillan, Court No. 7783 .....	2,000 00
" M. Fletcher, Court No. 7581 .....	1,000 00
" W. M. Baker, Court No. 7875 .....	2,000 00
" R. Holtum, Court No. 5687 .....	1,000 00
" W. Waldie, Court No. 5866 .....	1,000 00
	<u>7,000 00</u>
Balance to credit .....	<u>32,449 36</u>
	<u>\$40,453 56</u>

### FUND "B."

##### RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit.....	126 23
Contributions and Entrance Fees .....	664 13
Interest .....	3 01
	<u>667 14</u>
	<u>\$793 37</u>

##### EXPENDITURE.

By Medical Examiner, Secretaries' Commission, Postage and Drafts .....	124 07	124 07
Balance to credit .....		<u>669 30</u>
		<u>\$793 37</u>

## STATEMENT

FROM SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1898, TO JUNE 30TH, 1899.

No. of Policies issued, 97, value .....	\$91,250 00	
Contracts lapsed, 10 .....	9,500 00	
No. of Policies in force, 87 .....	\$1,750 00	
	<u>\$81,750 00</u>	
By Contracts and Application Fees received .....	820 35	
Interest .....	3 10	
	<u>\$823 45</u>	
By Medical Examinations, Secretaries' Commission, Postage, Drafts, etc. ....	154 15	154 15
Balance to credit .....		669 30
		<u>\$823 45</u>
ASSETS.		
Cash in Bank .....	647 21	
Cash in hand .....	22 09	
Premiums owing .....	74 10	
		<u>\$743 40</u>

## LIABILITIES.

By Reserve H.M., 41 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>100</sub> .....	456 07	
Balance Surplus .....	287 33	
		<u>\$743 40</u>

## SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance at last Audit .....		3,763 78
Registration and Fees .....	6,639 85	6,639 85
		<u>\$10,403 63</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By deaths Members, Members' Wives, Extended Sick Pay and Medical Examinations .....	7,909 08	7,909 08
Balance to credit .....		2,494 55
		<u>\$10,403 63</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Dues from Courts, sale of Merchandise, transfer Bene- ficiary Fund, A.F. & G.F. ....	6,589 75	6,589 75
Balance (deficit) .....		1,794 05
		<u>\$8,383 80</u>

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## EXPENDITURE.

By Salaries Office Assistance and Auditors .....	\$ 1,277 04	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising .....	58 95	
H. J. Snelgrove. Postage .....	28 72	
Postage, Telegrams, Express and Discounts .....	166 58	
Executive Council Meeting .....	229 30	
Bell Telephone Co. ....	22 50	
Rent .....	163 00	
Fee, Fraternal Association .....	45 00	
Provincial Registration .....	25 00	
Dr. Secord's postage .....	10 30	
D. F. Macwatt, report re Cerri .....	10 15	
Part payment loan. Beneficiary Fund .....	1,086 00	
Interest .....	139 55	
H. J. Snelgrove, attending Canadian Fraternal Ass. ....	10 00	
L. Secord " " " " .....	13 25	
National Stero. Co. ....	70	
Bulletin Charts .....	1 50	
Legislation .....	57 65	
High Court Meeting .....	6 00	
Purchase of Merchandise, etc. ....	797 32	
Chattels .....	120 17	
Organization expenses .....	1,669 61	
Deficit last Audit .....	597 51	
Due Beneficiary Fund .....	1,848 00	
		<u>\$8,383 80</u>

## GUARANTEE FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....	1,829 21	
Contributions from Courts .....	320 77	
		<u>\$2,149 98</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By paid Defalcations, etc. ....	7 89	
Transfer to Management Fund .....	1,000 00	
		<u>1,007 89</u>
Balance to credit .....		<u>1,142 09</u>
		<u>\$2,149 98</u>

## SPECIAL LEVY.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....	386 72	
Contributions from Courts .....	106 25	
		<u>\$492 97</u>
By Balance to credit .....		<u>\$492 97</u>

## ANCIENT FORESTER.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit.....	\$ 703 00
Contributions from Courts.....	1,285 03
	<u>\$1,988 03</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By T. H. Preston, printing.....	\$ 968 76
Postage and Delivery .....	47 85
Grip & Co. ....	37 25
Editor, W. Banks .....	150 00
Postage, etc.....	12 75
Insurance.....	5 85
Revising Mailing List.....	16 00
	<u>1,251 21</u>
Transfer to Management Fund.....	500 00
Balance to credit .....	236 82
	<u>\$1,988 03</u>

## Companions of the Forest.

## FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit.....	3,104 12
Dues from Circles .....	304 19
	<u>\$3,408 31</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

DEATH CLAIMS—	
E. S. Fairfax, Circle No. 103 .....	50 00
W. Fletcher, Circle No. 104 .....	50 00
M. A. Ross, Circle No. 103.....	50 00
T. Christian, Circle No. 104 .....	50 00
C. Lavett, Circle No. 72.....	50 00
A. Cleland, Circle No. 85 .....	50 00
	<u>300 00</u>
Balance to credit .....	3,108 31
	<u>\$3,408 31</u>

## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....	87 46
Dues from Circles .....	91 30
	<u>\$178 76</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By P. W. Ellis & Co., Jewels .....	\$ 108 24	
Douglas Bros., Cheque Pay .....	15 00	
Printing, Stationery and Discounts .....	3 95	
Postage.....	6 22	
	<hr/>	\$ 133 41
Balance to credit .....		45 35

\$178 76

## Juvenile Federation.

## FUNERAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....		135 20
Receipts .....	113 61	113 61

\$248 81

## EXPENDITURE—Nil.

By Balance to credit .....		\$248 81
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## MANAGEMENT FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance last Audit .....		230 73
Receipts .....	48 69	48 69

\$279 42

## EXPENDITURE.

By Postage .....	3 45	
Printing .....	3 50	

6 95

Balance to credit .....		272 47
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\$279 42

## MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Stock per Stock Book, December 31st, 1898.....		2,078 10
Goods purchased .....	607 26	
Customs, Postage and Express .....	106 94	
Rent .....	27 00	
Insurance .....	45 90	

787 10

Profit on goods sold .....		554 20
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\$3,419 40

Goods sold from December 31, 1898, to June 30th, 1899...	1,078 83	
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Stock per Stock Book, June 30th, 1899.....	2,340 57	
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3,419 40

## ASSETS.

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co., Stock.....	6,829 50
" " " Cash.....	4,301 03
Imperial Bank, General.....	9,155 76
" " Reserve.....	2,552 81
Bank of Toronto, Cobourg.....	7,762 26
Investment.....	1,848 00
Contributions due by Beneficiary Fund members.....	1,605 15
Sick and Funeral Fund.....	2,494 55
Management Fund.....	53 95
Amounts owing by Courts.....	11,661 72
" " Juvenile Federation.....	56 00
" " Companions of the Forest.....	70 11
Merchandise Account.....	2,340 57
Ancient Forester.....	236 82
Special Levy Fund.....	492 97
Guarantee Fund.....	1,142 09
Juvenile Federation.....	521 28
Chattels, etc.....	1,599 68
Companions of the Forest.....	3,153 66
	<u>\$57,877 91</u>

## LIABILITIES.

To credit of Courts.....	24 20
" Beneficiary Fund Members.....	149 65
" Juvenile Federation.....	30
Salaries, Goods, etc.....	1,557 76
Management Fund to Beneficiary Fund.....	1,848 00
	<u>3,579 91</u>
Assets over Liabilities.....	<u>54,298 00</u>
	<u>\$57,877 91</u>

H. E. GRIFFITHS,  
High Court Treasurer.

W. WILLIAMS,  
Permanent Secretary

Audited and found correct,

F. ABBOTT,  
H. CATLEY,  
J. P. WEBSTER, } Auditors.

Toronto, July 20th, 1899.

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd. 1899.

## MORNING SESSION.

High Court was called to order by the High Chief Ranger at 9 a.m.

All officers present.

Roll call, all present.

Under the head of business, Rule 5, Sec. 6, "Calling Courts in order for the presentation of business," Court Rising Sun, 7860, asked a question which was referred to the Committee upon Laws and Relief. Court Maitland 8097, asked for services of an Organizer, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee upon Laws and Relief presented their Report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. Will J. Vale, seconded by Bro. C. Chappell, That the report of the Laws and Relief Committee be adopted. Lost.

The Chairman of the Distribution Committee, Bro. E. T. Duff presented Report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. Duff, seconded by Bro. M. Beattie, That Report No. 1 of the Distribution Committee be received and adopted.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. C. Chappell, seconded by Bro. R. H. Ward, That this High Court go into Committee on Amendments. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Bro. L. Secord, M.D., seconded by Bro. S. H. Kent, That the High Court now consider the report of the Executive Council. Carried.

Bro. L. Secord, High Court Medical Examiner, presented the Report of the Tenth Executive Council.

After considerable debate upon the report, it was moved by Bro. Dr. Secord, seconded by Bro. W. Williams, and carried, That the debate be adjourned till 2 p.m.

Moved by Bro. C. Chappell, seconded by Bro. S. H. Bradford, That the first business to-morrow morning be the election of officers.

Carried.



It being declared 12 o'clock noon, the Permanent Secretary announced the nominations received for the respective offices as follows:—

## HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

H. J. Snelgrove .....	7769, Cobourg
W. Baird .....	5962, Galt
W. Mills .....	6157, Ingersoll
W. J. Vale .....	5743, Hamilton

## HIGH SUB-CHIEF RANGER

S. H. Kent .....	5743, Hamilton
H. Catley .....	6895, Mount Forest
S. E. Morrill .....	8577, St. John, N.B.
H. J. Boyd .....	6563, London

## HIGH COURT TREASURER.

H. E. Griffiths .....	7045, Toronto
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## PERMANENT SECRETARY.

W. Williams .....	6483, Toronto
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## HIGH COURT MEDICAL EXAMINER.

L. Secord .....	5987, Brantford
E. F. Bowie .....	7043, Toronto

## HIGH COURT SENIOR WOODWARD.

H. J. Boyd .....	6563, London
G. Dulmage .....	7586, Belleville
S. E. Morrill .....	8577, St. John, N.B.

## HIGH COURT JUNIOR WOODWARD.

C. A. Fitch .....	5604, Toronto
R. A. Buck, M.D. ....	6896, Toronto
C. Chappell .....	7673, Montreal
H. J. Boyd .....	6563, London
W. G. Scott .....	6895, Mount Forest
S. J. Mallion .....	5835, Stratford
S. E. Morrill .....	8577, St. John, N.B.

## HIGH COURT SENIOR BEADLE.

C. A. Fitch .....	5604, Toronto
R. A. Buck .....	6896, Toronto
F. W. Watts .....	7863, Clinton
A. Dynes .....	6490, Hamilton
W. G. Scott .....	6895, Mount Forest

## HIGH COURT JUNIOR BEADLE.

W. Richards .....	5744, London
S. Yoe .....	7682, Port Hope
S. J. Mallion .....	5835, Stratford
B. Longley .....	6244, Chatham
C. Chappell .....	7673, Montreal
S. E. Morrill .....	8577, St. John, N.B.
C. M. Beattie .....	7778, Campbellville

## AUDITORS.

W. Richards .....	5744, London
H. Catley .....	6895, Mount Forest
F. G. Butt .....	7135, Toronto
F. Abbott .....	6421, Meaford
J. B. Buckingham .....	5640, Hamilton

## LAWS COMMITTEE.

W. J. Vale .....	5743, Hamilton
D. F. Macwatt .....	0826, Barrie
S. E. Morrill .....	8577, St. John, N.B.
W. Mills .....	6157, Ingersoll
C. Chappell .....	7673, Montreal
J. S. Williams .....	5693, Toronto
E. T. Perry .....	7587, Montreal
S. H. Bradford .....	7676, Toronto
H. J. Snelgrove .....	7769, Cobourg
A. O. Jeffery .....	6563, London

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Hamilton, St. Thomas, Brantford

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RELIEF, No. 1.

TORONTO, August 23rd, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates, in High Court Meeting Assembled.*

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Laws and Relief beg to report, *re* proposed amendments submitted by the Executive Council; That in order to facilitate the work of the Committee, the question of rates be taken up as the first order of business this morning, by the High Court, for action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. VALE, *Chairman.*

D. F. MACWATT.

WALTER MILLS.

C. CHAPPELL.

SCOTT E. MORRILL.

## REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Distribution Committee present their 1st Report, and recommend as follows:—

## HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

That Sections 1 to 3, 6 to 9, 12 to 16, 18 to 20, 22 to 25, be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

That Sections 4 and 5 be referred to the Appeals Committee.

That Section 10 be referred to the Finance Committee.

That Section 11 be referred to the Printing Committee.

That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement be referred to the Finance Committee.

That the High Court Medical Examiner's Report be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

That the Report of the Permanent Secretary from pages 1 and 2 down to "Finances" be referred to the Committee on State of the Order, and the balance of the Report to the Finance Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. T. DUFF, *Chairman.*

M. BEATTIE.

D. A. BEDWELL, JR.

W. HATTON.

## REPORT OF TENTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BRETHREN,

The affairs of the Order during the two years which have elapsed since our last meeting have probably been administered under conditions fully as important as any experienced in the history of the Society.

The duties devolving upon the Executive Council, and your judgment upon the manner in which we have performed them, are subjects which will engage your attention at this meeting; and in returning our trust to you according to the usage of our democratic institution, we appeal with confidence for an endorsement of our policy, and for legislation which will enable that policy to be carried to its legitimate conclusion, in order that the Society may take the proud and leading position among the Benevolent Societies of Canada, which has been so honorably held for many years by the parent Society in Great Britain.

In our opinion, this position can only be attained by the adoption of such legislation at Subsidiary High Court Meetings, as will be founded upon a regard for the equity of interest of our members, and have for its object the increase of our financial, social and numerical strength and influence.

At our last High Court Meeting we were given the satisfactory information, in the address of the High Chief Ranger, that the Society was duly registered under the existing Law of the Province of Quebec, and we were not anticipating that the Legislature of that Province would adopt any further measure relating to Benevolent Societies in the near future. We were, therefore, rather surprised to learn, early in 1898, that an Act had been passed by the Legislature of said Province, dealing with the subject, and the High Court Solicitor having notified the Permanent Secretary of the fact, it was considered at the regular meeting of the Executive Council, on the 9th of February. In order to comply with this Act and continue our registration in that Province its provisions demanded:

1. A deposit of \$5,000 in cash or securities.
2. A head office and a Chief Agent for the Province.
3. A License Fee of \$50.
4. Over 500 members in the Province.
5. The adoption of rates fixed by the Act, if application for license was not made before June 30th, 1898.
6. An annual statement of the affairs of the Society.
7. Inspection by an Officer of the Province of Quebec.
8. The deposit of sufficient funds in that Province to secure full payment of all risks assumed.
9. The cancellation of License in case of default.

On the other hand, Section 10 of the Act provided relief from compliance with the Act, for such Societies as had a License from the Dominion Government.

Under the above circumstances, and as we had no fund from which we could divert \$5,000 for such a purpose, and as we were of the opinion that an attempt to comply with the provisions of the Act would be objectionable to the sentiment of the whole Order, it was decided that the wisest course to pursue would be to apply for a special Act of Incorporation from the Dominion Parliament, and to make an effort to secure the same at the Session then in progress.

The following appeared to be some of the advantages to be gained if we could succeed in securing such an Act:

1. The improvement of our status as a Society.
2. The enlargement of our powers and privileges.
3. To protect our brethren in the Province of Quebec.
4. Relief from similar legislation of other Provinces.
5. The affirming of our jurisdiction over the Dominion.

The Executive Council at its meeting aforesaid, therefore resolved:

1. That a select Committee of three be appointed to form a Legislative Committee, with power to add to their number (from the Executive Council), consisting of Dr. Secord, H.C.M.E.; H. J. Snelgrove, H.C.R.; and W. Williams, P.S.

2. That in view of a recent Act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, respecting Licenses to Friendly and Benevolent Societies, that this Executive Council deem it advisable to secure Dominion Incorporation for the Ancient Order of Foresters, and that the Legislative Committee confer with the High Court Solicitor, and take such steps as they may consider necessary to secure Dominion Incorporation. Bro. H. E. Griffiths was subsequently added to the Committee. The High Court Solicitor was of the opinion that we would not be able to secure a Special Act, but that we might be granted a License under the Insurance Act of Canada, by depositing \$50,000, and come under its provisions as an Assessment Society.

It was also found, that under the rules of the House of Commons, the time for reception of notice of private Bills had expired. It therefore appeared as if your Executive Council would be obliged to adopt one of the following plans:

1. Leave the Subordinate Courts of Quebec Province unauthorized to transact their business, and subject the Society to the adverse and damaging criticism of other Societies.

2. Comply with the Law of that Province and deposit \$5,000. By so doing, we felt that we would be misappropriating the funds of the Order, and prove false to our trust.

3. Apply for an Act of Incorporation at the following Session of the Dominion Parliament. If our efforts then proved a failure, we would be obliged to register under the Quebec Law, and be subject to its provisions, *re* Schedule of rates.

Each of these methods of procedure appeared equally objectionable, and in adopting any one of them we believed we would merit and receive the adverse criticism and censure of this High Court.

That we might not be open to the charge of not having exhausted every means in our power to overcome the difficulties of the situation, the Chairman of the Committee visited Ottawa, and among the Members of the House interviewed on the subject was Dr. Landerkin, M.P., then Chairman of the Committee on "Standing Orders." He very kindly intimated that according to the strict rules of the House, the time for receiving notice of Private Bills had expired, but under the circumstances, and as the Committee had not been dissolved, if the Bill could be prepared without delay, he would endeavour to have a meeting of the Committee, and present it for consideration. The High Court Solicitor at once prepared the Bill and arranged the necessary legal details, after which it was formally introduced.

To enable the Society to attain the objects of the Legislation sought, it was necessary to overcome precedent and existing legislation, and to secure as many of the following concessions as possible; a definite plan of action was accordingly arranged.

1. The passage of a special Act, which was against the policy of the present and preceding Governments to support or encourage.

2. The procuring of a License under the Insurance Act of Canada.

3. Obtaining such License without depositing \$50,000.

4. Exemption from certain sections of the Insurance Act, relating to Mutual or Assessment Companies.

The Executive Council was keenly conscious of the responsibility it was assuming in taking action on this important subject without the instruction of High Court, but the necessity arose shortly after the 1897 meeting, and under

the circumstances, it was thought we would be unwarranted in calling a special meeting of the High Court. The subject had been debated at previous High Court Meetings, and in 1889 a special effort was made to secure Legislation, but unsuccessfully. If impossible to have the advice of High Court, we were at least able to enlist the co-operation of the Subordinate Courts, which responded readily to our request for petitions to the Members of Parliament representing Districts in which the Order was established. We were greatly aided and encouraged in our work as a result, because it brought our Bill to the personal attention of a large number of Members of the House of Commons. We were determined to suffer no prejudicial interference with, or alienation of the essential elements of our system, but we were prepared to consider suggestions which would strengthen our position as a Society, give greater security to its members, and advertise to the world that our Institution was worthy of the fullest measure of confidence, and at the same time be of assistance to us in securing the concessions which we desired.

When the Bill came before the "Banking and Commerce" Committee, Mr. Fitzgerald, the Superintendent of Insurance, made a report to the Minister of Finance, very strongly objecting to its adoption, but after a vigorous debate, the Preamble was carried. This victory was equivalent to securing a consideration of the Bill upon its merits, and at a conference held with Mr. Fitzgerald, at the suggestion of the Minister of Finance, a proposition was made to our representatives, which, after consideration by the Executive Council, was finally accepted. The proposition thus made and accepted forms Section No. 10 of the Act as finally adopted, and in return, for this concession, we were able to secure others, which otherwise we would not have been able to procure.

We have considerable satisfaction in now presenting you with the successful issue of our labours in this matter, which is entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Subsidiary High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters in the Dominion of Canada," and we may express the hope, as it is our belief, that it will be a great benefit to the Society and its members, and further that it will be a standard of financial stability and a bright page in the history of Friendly Societies in this Country, to which all others must aspire and thereon enroll their names, or suffer the ignominious and fatal consequences.

We submit, as recommendations, a number of Amendments to the General Laws, which will doubtless receive your consideration and be disposed of as the wisdom of this High Court may direct. It is our desire that the governing principle of the Ancient Order of Foresters, should be one of purely mutual interest, and from the experience which we have gained in the administration of its affairs in the past, we are led to believe that the recommendations made, if adopted, will do much towards enabling the Society to adhere to that principle and become established upon a popular, safe and enduring basis.

During the term for which we were elected, we have endeavoured to perform the duties of the Office with the single thought of advancing the interests of the Order; and if, in your judgment, we have been prudent and faithful in our administration, we will appreciate as the greatest possible reward for our services, your approval and endorsement of our acts.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. SNELGROVE, H.C.R.  
WM. BAIRD, H.S.C.R.  
S. H. KENT, H.C.S.W.  
GEO. DULMAGE, H.C.J.W.  
H. J. BOYD, H.C.S.B.  
W. G. SCOTT, H.C.J.B.  
H. E. GRIFFITHS, H.C. Treas.  
W. WILLIAMS, Perm. Sec.  
L. SEGORD, M.D., H.C.M.E.

W. WILLIAMS,  
*Permanent Secretary.*



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The High Court resumed business at 2 p.m., and continued the debate on the motion to consider the report of the Executive Council. At the close of the debate the following resolution was presented:

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent, seconded by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, That in the opinion of this High Court Meeting the action taken by the Executive Council on the matter of the Charter of Incorporation granted by the Dominion Parliament was in the best interests of the Order.

That such action of the Executive Council is hereby approved and ratified.

That the necessary consequent action of the Executive Council in adopting certain regulations and forms to conform the business of the Order with the Act of Incorporation be also hereby approved and ratified, and that hereafter the Order work under the License of the Dominion Government as provided by said Act. Carried.

Report of Laws and Relief Committee, as presented at Morning Session, presented by Bro. W. J. Vale.

Moved by Bro. C. Chappell, seconded by Bro. W. J. Vale, That the report of the Laws Committee be adopted. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Bro. R. A. Buck, seconded by Bro. S. H. Bradford, That this High Court proceed to consider the amendments of the Executive Council in the Order submitted in the proposed amendments to General Laws. Carried.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Bro. J. S. Williams, seconded by Bro. R. H. Ward, That the High Court take up the recommendations of the Laws Committee as left off at the last Session, and that the Laws Committee bring in their recommendations of the amendments submitted by the Executive Council. Lost.

Bro. D. F. Macwatt asked the High Chief Ranger's ruling on Bro. R. A. Buck's motion, he declaring it to be a negative motion.

The High Chief Ranger declared the point not well taken.

The High Court resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Bro. A. O. Jeffery in the Chair.

Proposed amendments of the Executive Council to Rule 50, were considered and amended.

The Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

A telegram of congratulation received from the City of Hamilton.

H. J. SNELGROVE, Esq.,

High Chief Ranger, A.O.F., Toronto.

As a member of Court Maple Leaf and Mayor of this city, I take pleasure in congratulating you upon the prosperity of your noble Order, and on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton, heartily co-operate in Ald. Wright's invitation for you to hold next High Court Meeting here. Canada's electric city affords the finest facilities for such an event.

J. V. TEETZEL,

Mayor of Hamilton.

The High Court then adjourned to meet at 9 a.m., 24th inst.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th, 1899.

### MORNING SESSION.

The High Court resumed business at 9 a.m., High Chief Ranger in the Chair.

The Roll called, and votes counted, when it was found there were 167 votes in the meeting.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the High Chief Ranger having appointed Bro. J. McDowell, Court 7042, Montreal; T. Painter, Court 7043, Toronto; C. Chadwick, Court 5687, Toronto; as scrutineers.

➤ A telegram was read from Ingersoll as follows:

INGERSOLL, Ont., August 24th.

To the Subsidiary High Court of Canada, Toronto, Ont.

GREETING We your brethren of Court Marquis of Lorne, No. 6157, Ingersoll, now in session, send you greetings, and may the High Chief Ranger of the Universe bless all your undertakings for the benefit of mankind.

J. W. CUDLIFF, C.R.,

E. L. SMITH, Sec.,

W. L. CAMERON,

} Committee.

Before proceeding with the elections the following Brothers withdrew their names from nomination:

*High Chief Ranger*—Will J. Vale.

*High Sub-Chief Ranger*—H. Catley, Scott E. Morrill, H. J. Boyd.

*High Court Senior Woodward*—G. Dulmage, Scott E. Morrill.

*High Court Junior Woodward*—R. A. Buck, Scott E. Morrill.

*High Court Junior Beadle*—W. Richards, C. Chappell.

## ELECTIONS.

*High Chief Ranger.*

First ballot—Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, 62 ; Bro. W. Baird, 29 ; Bro. W. Mills, 64.

Second ballot—Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, 68 ; Bro. W. Mills, 86. Bro. Walter Mills was declared elected.

*High Sub-Chief Ranger.*

Bro. S. H. Kent was declared elected by acclamation.

*High Court Treasurer.*

Bro. H. E. Griffiths was declared elected by acclamation.

*Permanent Secretary.*

Bro. W. Williams was declared elected by acclamation.

*High Court Medical Examiner.*

First ballot—Bro. L. Secord, M.D., 114 ; Bro. E. F. Bowie, M.D., 47. Bro. L. Secord, M.D., was declared elected.

*High Court Senior Woodward.*

Bro. H. J. Boyd was declared elected by acclamation.

*High Court Junior Woodward.*

First ballot—Bro. C. A. Fitch, 33 ; Bro. C. Chappell, 45 ; Bro. W. G. Scott, 71 ; Bro. S. J. Mallion, 14.

Second ballot—Bro. C. A. Fitch, 21 ; Bro. C. Chappell, 63 ; Bro. W. G. Scott, 79.

Third ballot—Bro. C. Chappell, 63 ; Bro. W. G. Scott, 97. Bro. W. G. Scott was declared elected.

*High Court Senior Beadle.*

First ballot—Bro. C. A. Fitch, 68 ; Bro. R. A. Buck, 40 ; Bro. F. W. Watts, 26 ; Bro. A. Dynes, 25.

Second ballot—Bro. C. A. Fitch, 84 ; Bro. R. A. Buck, 53 ; Bro. F. W. Watts, 21. Bro. C. A. Fitch was declared elected.

*High Court Junior Beadle.*

First ballot—Bro. S. Yoe, 3 ; Bro. S. J. Mallion, 18 ; Bro. B. Longley, 17 ; Bro. S. E. Morrill, 120 ; C. M. Beattie, 3. Bro. Scott E. Morrill was declared elected.

*High Court Auditors.*

First ballot—Bro. W. Richards, 77; Bro. H. Catley, 42; Bro. F. G. Butt, 38; Bro. F. Abbott, 77; Bro. J. B. Buckingham, 46. Bros. W. Richards and F. Abbott were declared elected.

*Committee on Laws and Relief.*

First ballot—Bro. W. J. Vale, 137; Bro. D. F. Macwatt, 107; Bro. C. Chappell, 67; Bro. J. S. Williams, 61; Bro. E. T. Perry, 67; Bro. S. H. Bradford, 35; Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, 97; Bro. A. O. Jeffery, 103.

Second ballot—Bro. C. Chappell, 108; Bro. E. T. Perry 52. Bro. W. J. Vale, Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Bro. C. Chappell, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove and Bro. A. O. Jeffery were declared elected.

Moved by Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by Bro. W. Mills, That at the future sessions of this High Court business be proceeded with during the election of officers. Lost.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent, seconded by Bro. H. J. Boyd, That Bros. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Wm. Meredith, E. B. Osler, M.P., J. M. Gibson, M.P.P.; E. F. Clarke, M.P.; C. B. Heyd, M.P.; H. Corby, M.P.; Geo. Landerkin, M.P.; Major Jas. Sutherland, M.P.; H. A. McKeown, M.P.P.; Berkley Powell, M.P.P.; R. A. Pyne, M.P.P.; Ira. D. Stratton, M.P.P.; H. Carscadden, M.P.P.; be appointed trustees of this High Court. Carried.

Alderman Bro. J. W. Board, Hamilton, invited the High Court to hold its next meeting in the City of Hamilton. Delegates also spoke in favour of St. Thomas and Brantford.

A ballot being taken, Hamilton was declared the next place of meeting of the High Court in 1901.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The High Court resumed business at 2 p.m., High Chief Ranger, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove in the Chair.

Moved by Bro. L. F. Heyd, seconded by Bro. G. Lemon, That the election of D.C.R. of Grey, Simcoe and Muskoka District be laid over until amendment No. 25, in report of Laws Committee on proposed amendments be disposed of. Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. Moule, seconded by Bro. C. Chappell, That a vote of thanks be extended to the scrutineers for the able manner in which they have performed their duties. Carried.

Bro. Jno. Young, Secretary of Court Maple Leaf, No. 5690, Hamilton, presented the following petition:—

*To the High Chief Ranger, Executive Council and Delegates to the Subsidiary High Court Meeting:*

RESPECTED BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of a resolution of Court Maple Leaf, No. 5690, and on its behalf, we appeal to you for an extension of time for the payment of our old account.

The facts relating to this account have been fully presented to the last Executive Council and last High Court Meeting in Owen Sound.

The matter was there referred to the Committee on Laws and Relief, whose report upon the same will be found on pages 35 and 36, High Court Meeting Report, 1897.

We beg to submit that the recommendations of the said Committee have been carried out, and further that our members have been levied \$2.00 each since last High Court Meeting in addition to their regular dues, which is fifty cents each more than the Laws Committee suggested, consequently you will admit in that respect we have endeavoured to better our condition, and the measure of our success will be found; we have paid nearly \$200.00 of accounts that were owing prior to that time.

And whereas we had only \$23.80 in cash at June 30th, 1897, we have \$327.36 at June 30th, 1899.

Taking into consideration the fact that our investment of 15 years ago in the Forester's Hall property has not realized one cent during the last two years, we think you will agree that we have done remarkably well in having attained the position which we now occupy.

Still we deplore the fact that we are yet unable to liquidate your claim.

We thank you on behalf of the Court for your generous consideration of our appeal at the last High Court Meeting, and urgently pray that our request for a further extension of time for the space of two years will be conceded, before which time, however, we trust the account will be paid.

J. R. CAMBLEN, C.R.  
F. WALTER, P.C.R.  
T. DURNFORD, S.C.R.  
J. SPRINGATE, Treasurer.  
J. YOUNG, Secretary.  
H. ALEXANDER, Senior Woodward.  
T. RUTTER, Junior Woodward.  
C. WESBURY, Senior Beadle.  
J. EMBEREN, Junior Beadle.

Moved by Bro. J. Young, seconded by Bro. D. A. Bedwell, That the request of Court Maple Leaf be referred to the Committee on Laws and Relief. Carried.

Bro. R. H. Ward brought before the High Court the matter of defalcation of Bro. R. S. Higgins, former Secretary of Court Concord, 8575, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Moved by Bro. R. H. Ward, seconded by Bro. Scott E. Morrill, That the case of Court Concord, re R. S. Higgins be referred to Laws Committee, to be dealt with at this meeting. Carried.



Bro. R. H. Ward brought up the matter of fees for proposing new members into Court Aberdeen, amounting to \$7.

Moved by Bro. R. H. Ward, seconded by Bro. W. Hoover, That the claim of J. J. Schureman, of Court Aberdeen, 8578, be referred to Finance Committee. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. J. Field, seconded by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, That the report of the Finance Committee, No. 1, be adopted. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Richards, seconded by Bro. A. W. Skellington, That the report be considered clause by clause. Carried.

Report considered clause by clause.

Moved by Bro. J. S. Williams, seconded by Bro. S. Yeo, That Clause 1, of the Finance Committee's report be deferred till the discussion on alteration to amendments affecting the question of rates, be held. Carried.

Clause 3 of the report of Finance Committee not adopted.

Moved by Bro. Field, seconded by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, That the report of Finance Committee No. 1, be adopted as amended. Carried.

Messages of congratulation were tendered to Loyal True Blue Orange Grand Lodge, in session at Picton, Ont.; also to the High Court of Eastern Ontario, of the Independent Order of Foresters, now in session at Kingston.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented their report No. 1. On motion Clause 2 of the report was struck out.

Moved by Bro. R. H. Buck, seconded by Bro. S. H. Bradford, That the report of the Committee on State of the Order be adopted as amended. Carried.

Mileage and Per Diem Committee presented their report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. Jas. Brown, seconded by Bro. S. Gray, That the report of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Printing and Forms presented their report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. Forster, seconded by Bro. J. S. Williams, That the report of the Committee on Printing and Forms be received and adopted. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Phillpot, seconded by Bro. J. Thompson, That the report be received and considered clause by clause. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Phillpot, seconded by Bro. J. Thompson, That it be left optional with the members to take "The Ancient Forester" at their own discretion. Lost.

Moved by Bro. A. Pinkham, seconded by Bro. Sager, that Clause 4 be struck out. Lost.

Moved by Bro. L. Secord, seconded by Bro. F. Heyd, That Clause 4 be referred to the Executive Council. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Forster, seconded by Bro. J. S. Williams, That the report on Printing and Forms be adopted as amended. Carried.

The Committee on Laws and Relief presented their report, re court Maple Leaf, 5690.

Moved by Bro. J. Wilkins, seconded by Bro. S. T. Galé, That we have a night session from 7.30 to 10 p.m. Lost.

It being 6 o'clock the High Court adjourned.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, No. 1.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Subsidiary High Court.*

RESPECTED BRETHREN,—We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report as follows:—

1st. The statistics show that the receipts for the last two years were \$26,935.04, and the expenditure for the same period was \$28,727.19, leaving a deficit for that period of \$1,792.15. The statistics further show for the last six years there has been a decrease of \$6,872.82 in the balance on hand, or an average decrease of \$1,145.47 per year. Your Committee therefore recommend in order to make up this decrease that the full amount contributed to the Funeral Fund, under Law No. 116 by the Subordinate Courts be required to be paid to the High Court Sick and Funeral Fund, in lieu of the 25 cents per quarter mentioned in sub-section 1, Law 49.

2nd. Your Committee has ascertained that there has been a deficit in the Management Fund since 1891, which has been constantly increasing from year to year, and, notwithstanding the transfer from the Guarantee Fund of \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 from the "Ancient Forester," there is at present a deficit of \$1,794.05, with the cost of this High Court Meeting to be added. Your Committee therefore recommend that the said transfers be approved and confirmed by this High Court. Your Committee would further recommend that the annual levy to the High Court Management Fund from the Subordinate Courts be increased from 60 cents to 75 cents per member per annum. We would also recommend that in future no transfer of funds be made from one fund to another without permission of this Subsidiary High Court.

3rd. In reference to the question of the Permanent Secretary's salary, your Committee cannot recommend that any increase of salary be made payable out of the Management Fund of the Order; but would recommend that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be paid from the Companions of the Forest, and Fifty Dollars from the Juvenile Federation per annum to pay for the extra work of the Permanent Secretary in connection therewith, and that the same be added to his present salary.

4th. Your Committee beg to report that we have examined the accounts sent in by

Bro. J. Foster of Oxford and Norfolk District.....	\$28 50
Bro. F. McMahon of York District.....	9 00
Bro. A. E. Moore of Hochelaga District.....	8 79

Total.....\$46 29

We find that the High Chief Ranger had not authorized these expenditures and we cannot recommend the payment of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FIELD, *Chairman*.  
A. O. JEFFERY.  
S. H. BRADFORD.  
D. A. BEDWELL, JR.  
W. A. FRY.

Clause 1 referred back to Finance Committee.

Clause 3 rejected.

Balance of Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER, No. 1.

TORONTO, August 24th, 1899.

BRETHREN,—The Committee on State of the Order present their first Report.

1. Your Committee has considered the Permanent Secretary's Report, pages 1 and 2, and beg leave to recommend the same.

2. Your Committee has considered the Medical Examiner's Report and would recommend:—

That all Subordinate Courts pay the medical examination fee for admission into the Order.

3. Your Committee has considered the High Chief Ranger's Report, and would recommend:—

(a) That each Subordinate Court appoint a Suspension Committee whose duties shall be to investigate and recommend action in all cases of members in arrears.

(b) That the Executive Council be authorized to engage special organizers and inspectors from time to time, as in their opinion may be necessary, and best calculated to extend the Order in Districts or Provinces in which the work is required to be done, who shall have knowledge of the requirements and advantages of the locality, and be thoroughly qualified to perform the work to the entire satisfaction of the Executive Council, said organizers and inspectors to be paid a fair salary.

(c) That the present plan of membership competition be continued.

(d) That the Executive Council put forth every effort to bring the British Columbia District under the jurisdiction of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada.

4. Your Committee has considered the reports of the District Chief Rangers, and we hereby append the report as to the State of the Order, Worth of Funds of Courts and Branches.

5. Your Committee would refer the request of Court 8097 for the services of an organizer to the incoming Executive.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. A. BUCK, *Chairman.*

A. L. JEX.

MARK MUSK.

FRED. BOYD.

R. H. WARD.

Clause 2 rejected.

Balance of Report adopted.

#### HIGH COURT MEETING.

TORONTO, August, 1899.

*To the Committee on State of the Order:—*

BRETHREN,—I regret my inability to present you with a full and complete statement of the financial and numerical standing of the Order owing to the fact that Courts 5687, 5866, 6421, 6563, 6826, 6895, 7046, 7144, 7327, 7333, 7334, 7599, 7673, 7674, 7682, 7771, 7777, 7778, 7779, 7821, 7824, 7825, 7861, 7862, 8078, 8081, 8082, 8084, 8085, 8086, 8087, 8088, 8089, 8093, 8094, 8095, 8096, 8097, 8405, 8407, 8408, 8413, 8418, 8419, 8571, 8572, 8573, 8577, 8578, 8580, 8583, 8584, 8585, 8586, 8587, 8588, 8589, 8759, 8761, 8762, 8763, 8764, 8766, 8767, 8768, 8770, 8772, 8773, 8833, 8834, 8835, and 8836 have not made their Financial Returns, as required by General Laws, Rule 109, and Courts 5866, 6421, 6826, 6898, 7333, 7599, 7682, 7771, 7777, 7778, 7821, 7824, 7869, 7871, 8081, 8082, 8085, 8094, 8095, 8096, 8405, 8408, 8412, 8413, 8572, 8573, 8578, 8581, 8583, 8585, 8586, 8587, 8589, 8757, 8760, 8761, 8762, 8763, 8764, 8766, 8768, 8772, 8773, 8774, 8776, 8833, 8834, and 8835, as required by Rule 105. I have approximated the different items just to give you an idea of the standing of the Order generally.

I wish Secretaries of Courts could be impressed with the idea that the promptness in their returns to the Executive Council is necessary for the promptness of the Permanent Secretary making his returns to Government.

I would be glad if you would bring this matter before the High Court Meeting.

Yours truly,

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

## WORTH OF FUNDS BELONGING TO COURTS

AT JUNE 30TH. 1899.

No. of Court.	Name of Court,	Worth of Funds.	Number of Members.	Worth per Member.
5604	Hope of Canada .....	\$9,406 91	353	\$26 64
5607	Pioneer .....	857 87	74	11 59
5640	Pride of Ontario .....	5,506 34	383	14 37
5660	Pride of Dominion .....	3,061 44	273	11 21
5687	Cosmopolitan .....	7,870 00	310	25 38
5690	Maple Leaf .....	4,232 11	260	16 27
5693	Robin Hood .....	4,002 34	290	13 80
5694	Mount Royal .....	3 684 95	235	15 68
5743	Excelsior .....	1,723 56	122	14 12
5744	Forest City .....	6,175 92	329	18 77
5772	Hearts of Oak .....	891 85	73	12 21
5774	Allan's Pride .....	6,073 67	255	23 81
5775	Yorkville .....	770 00	125	6 16
5833	Star of the East .....	954 71	160	5 96
5835	Pride of Perth .....	2,208 55	169	13 06
5863	Elgin .....	2 608 52	310	8 38
5866	Perseverance .....	27 16	127	21
5889	St. Jude .....	6,101 71	187	32 62
5895	Excelsior .....	490 00	58	8 44
5962	Grand River .....	3 214 00	272	11 81
5963	Beaver of Windsor .....	1,691 39	132	12 81
5987	Endeavour .....	1,493 91	202	7 39
5988	Good Intent .....	4,158 00	203	20 48
6000	Pride of Ontario .....	1,848 00	116	15 03
6065	Sherwood Forest .....	791 88	98	8 08
6157	Marquis of Lorne .....	2,111 07	180	11 72
6191	Beaver .....	461 83	39	11 84
6243	Pride of the Valley .....	426 32	47	9 07
6244	Hope of Ontario .....	1,106 00	203	5 44
6421	Victoria .....	208 32	85	2 45
6483	Dominion .....	1,791 42	157	11 41
6490	Marquis of Lorne .....	1,971 11	132	14 93
6507	Brighton .....	2,056 08	183	11 23
6563	Forest Queen .....	1,486 49	175	8 49
6570	Myrtle .....	1,859 67	116	16 03
6586	Little John .....	106 60	20	5 33
6821	St. Clair .....	340 39	161	2 11
6826	North Star .....	910 04	112	8 12
6827	Success .....	2,922 31	132	22 13
6895	Unity .....	65 78	41	1 60
6896	Star of the West .....	480 76	94	5 11
6897	Harmony .....	1,554 45	115	13 51
6898	Excelsior .....	593 13	80	7 41
6900	Unity .....	164 33	77	2 13
7042	Unity .....	2,626 28	201	13 06
7043	Brunswick .....	505 80	156	3 24
7045	Harmony .....	1,703 96	267	6 38
7046	Richmond .....	229 72	62	3 70
7047	Stella .....	173 13	98	1 76
7134	Wellington .....	216 48	66	3 28
7135	Abstinence .....	575 50	116	4 23
7136	Toronto .....	411 12	85	4 83



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No. of Court.	Name of Court.	Worth of Funds.	Number of Members.	Worth per Member.
7137	Rescue.....	\$ 99 42	19	\$ 5 23
7144	Pride of the Vale.....		54	
7327	Enterprise.....	300 00	57A	5 26
7328	Oxford.....	1,130 00	50	22 60
7329	Hyde Park.....	13 85	30	46
7331	Shakespeare.....	127 25	58	2 19
7333	Bismarck.....		14	
7334	Jubilee.....	700 00	46	15 21
7335	Jubilee.....	459 00	54	8 50
7336	York.....	312 75	45	6 95
7581	Dovercourt.....	54 26	62	87
7582	Germania.....	1,116 87	56	19 94
7583	Pride of the West.....	150 00	56	2 67
7586	Quinte.....	211 47	65	3 24
7587	Reliance.....	475 24	46	10 33
7588	Laurel.....	614 82	52	11 82
7589	Northwood.....	81 81	42	1 94
7590	North West Pioneer.....		20	
7673	W. Williams.....		56	
7674	Northern Light.....	79 23	28	2 82
7675	Stanley.....	195 00	48	4 06
7676	Clinton.....	13 28	28	46
7677	Pride of Grey.....	487 04	86	5 66
7678	Seyern.....	246 96	12	20 58
7679	Queen of the West.....	92 04	51	1 80
7680	Stanley.....	227 00	66	3 43
7682	Pride of Durham.....		104	
7668	Enterprise.....		13	
7669	Pride of Northumberland.....	71 00	22	3 22
7770	Trent Valley.....	123 80	78	1 58
7771	Progress.....	485 17	27	17 96
7772	Union.....	149 91	15	9 99
7774	Mayflower.....	343 46	29	11 84
7777	Merrittton.....	25 00	28	88
7778	Robby Burns.....	32 69	31	1 05
7779	St. Lawrence.....	58 63	25	2 34
7781	Pride of Walkerville.....	425 24	45	9 44
7782	Victory.....	9 31	35	26
7783	Alberta.....	152 19	46	3 30
7817	Oriental.....	446 32	43	10 37
7818	Robin Hood.....	98 00	72	1 36
7819	Chester.....	80 00	32	2 50
7820	Fidelity.....	253 30	64	3 95
7821	Norfolk.....	100 18	63	1 59
7823	Erie.....	197 83	52	3 80
7824	Albert.....	66 79	28	2 38
7825	Saskatchewan.....	278 23	31	8 97
7858	Frontier.....		35	
7859	Victoria.....	20 00	39	51
7860	Rising Sun.....	75 00	28	2 67
7861	Advance.....		12	
7862	Star of Lobo.....	41 36	26	1 59
7863	Prosperity.....	311 32	52	5 98
7864	Onward.....	101 10	59	1 71

No. of Court.	Name of Court.	Worth of Funds.	Number of Members.	Worth per Member.
7865	Pride of Huron .....	\$140 00	11	\$12 72
7866	Beaver House .....	214 76	29	7 40
7869	Britannia .....	367 04	23	15 95
7870	Friendship .....	188 85	30	6 29
7871	Wheat City .....	253 00	48	5 27
7872	Georgian Bay .....		30	
7873	Western Pride .....	64 15	17	3 77
7875	Blackfoot .....	395 20	31	12 74
8078	Lady Elgin .....	288 68	31	9 31
8081	Assiniboia .....		13	
8082	Clyde .....		20	
8084	Three Sisters .....	350 00	41	8 53
8085	McAdam .....		24	
8086	Pride of St. John .....	150 00	26	5 76
8087	Forward .....	69 64	19	3 66
8088	Euclid .....		32	
8089	Magnolia .....	87 77	74	1 18
8092	Imperial .....	261 42	59	4 43
8093	Woodford .....	75 00	16	4 67
8094	Kaministiquia .....		26	
8095	Star of Lethbridge .....	200 00	29	6 89
8096	Algonquin .....		20	
8097	Maitland .....	2 31	21	11
8404	Progressive .....	97 44	59	1 65
8405	Pride of Wellington .....		19	
8407	Benevolence .....	145 77	31	4 70
8408	Huron .....	37 87	30	1 26
8412	Surprise .....		27	
8413	Peninsula .....		13	
8418	Chesley .....	103 71	38	2 72
8419	Steadfast .....	118 58	46	2 57
8570	Welcome .....	157 34	24	6 55
8571	Victoria .....	40 77	18	2 26
8572	Silver Star .....		18	
8573	Queen .....	91 09	25	3 64
8574	Dartmouth .....	343 44	69	4 97
8575	Concord .....	172 41	29	5 94
7577	Diamond Jubilee .....	50 00	21	2 38
8578	Aberdeen .....		20	
8580	Clarendon .....	39 69	8	4 97
8581	Lincoln .....	73 91	9	8 21
8582	Waverley Forest .....	35 00	27	1 29
8583	Lily of the West .....		12	
8584	York .....	10 00	14	71
8585	Riverside .....		24	
8586	Pendant d'Oreille .....		19	
7588	Douglas .....	30 54	13	2 34
8589	Sparta .....		24	
8757	Royal .....	5 19	20	25
8758	Aberdeen .....	15 00	23	65
8759	Golden City .....	211 02	83	2 54
8760	May Flower .....	144 15	54	2 66
8761	Lily of the East .....		15	
8762	Aqueduct .....		23	

No. of Court.	Name of Court.	Worth of Funds.	Number of Members.	Worth per Member.
8763	Gladstone .....		16	
8764	Kitchener .....		19	
8765	Pride of Dover .....	\$ 205 71	68	\$ 3 02
8767	Evangeline .....	12 00	13	80
8768	Leading Star .....		29	
8769	Toilers of the Deep .....	178 82	52	3 43
8770	Winter Port .....		11	
8771	La Have Light .....		40	
8772	Good Cheer .....		42	
8774	Homeward Bound .....	10 30	17	60
8775	Conqueror .....	64 20	37	1 73
8776	Protection .....	27 71	21	1 31
8833	Victor .....		26	
8834	Eastnor .....	22 02	27	81
8835	St. Croix .....		24	
8836	Bedford .....		10	
	High Court and Honorary Members		200	
		\$123,587 50	12,847	

## JUVENILE BRANCHES.

No. of Branch.	Name.	Worth of Funds.	No. of Memb'rs	Worth per Member.
J. B.	Hamilton .....	\$1,034 57	180	\$ 5 74
1	Pride of London .....	413 70	50	8 26
2	Excelsior .....	1,017 83	90	11 30
3	Perseverance .....	398 07	55	7 23
4	Mount Royal .....	1,166 62	123	9 48
5	Yorkville .....	99 00	27	3 33
6	Lansdowne .....	330 98	104	3 18
7	Excelsior .....	466 38	88	5 29
8	Royal City .....	82 18	13	6 32
9	Pride of Kent .....	135 00	15	9 00
10	St. Thomas .....	197 00	29	6 79
11	Unity .....	645 99	48	13 43
14	Myrtle .....	288 53	25	11 54
15	Pride of Durham .....		12	
16	Maple Leaf .....	692 10	71	9 74
17	Star of the West .....	92 10	15	6 14
18	Jubilee .....	22 82	30	76
19	Pride of Paris .....	137 03	26	5 27
20	Allan's Pride .....	190 84	5	38 16
21	True Benevolence .....	387 65	49	7 91
23	Belleville .....		32	
24	Maple Leaf .....	484 59	87	5 57
25	Brunswick .....		40	
26	Pride of Brighton .....	69 70	23	3 03
27	Little John .....	146 79	43	3 41
28	Dovercourt .....	33 00	15	2 20
31	St. Jude .....	281 19	59	4 76
32	Sarnia .....	105 88	34	3 11
33	Abstinence .....		49	
34	Little John .....	190 09	24	7 92
35	Pride of Galt .....	180 98	47	3 85
37	Pride of Kingston .....		13	
38	Queen of the West .....	16 36	24	68
39	Maple Leaf .....		34	2 04
40	Victoria .....	88 13	43	3 24
41	Frontier .....	103 86	32	3 76
42	Alberta .....	109 04	29	4 80
43	Aberdeen .....	134 44	28	
44	Trenton .....		11	
45	Pride of Court Beaver .....		5	89
48	Oriental .....	26 02	29	
49	W. J. Pain .....	178 22	33	5 40
50	Jeffery .....		53	
51	Royal .....		9	
52	Beaver .....	38 18	18	2 12
53	Victoria .....	30 00	24	1 25
54	Pride of Petrolia .....	82 93	65	1 27
55	Snelgrove .....	29 61	18	1 64
56	Marquis of Lorne .....	52 02	65	80
		\$10,089 45	2,041	

## COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

No of Circle.	Name.	Worth of Funds.	No. of Memb'rs	Worth per Member.
5	Beaver.....	\$ 92 09	47	\$ 1 95
54	Concord.....	274 77	83	3 31
55	Pride of the East.....	624 00	82	7 60
67	Forest Home.....	132 50	32	4 14
68	Galt.....	15 05	65	23
72	Maid Marian.....	434 72	156	2 78
81	Frontier.....	65 21	26	2 50
83	Maid Hope.....	165 18	98	1 68
85	Pride of Toronto.....	84 27	25	3 37
99	Loyalty.....	318 80	42	7 59
100	Mayflower.....	82 35	36	2 28
102	Star of the East.....	100 41	58	1 73
103	Lady Stanley.....	111 62	41	2 65
106	Princess Louise.....	202 94	20	10 14
108	Princess.....	96 73	17	5 69
109	Allan-a-dale.....	293 24	27	10 86
112	Victoria.....	206 57	94	2 19
113	Cosmopolitan.....	72 78	86	84
114	Star of the Forest.....	31 88	45	70
115	Benevolence.....	298 08	48	6 21
117	Hope of the Forest.....	123 58	25	4 94
118	British Columbia.....	78 06	34	2 29
120	Lady Aberdeen.....	151 84	42	3 61
121	Maid Victoria.....	135 00	26	5 19
122	Lady Brunswick.....	179 34	86	2 08
124	Princess Beatrice.....	393 96	75	5 26
125	Lady Aberdeen.....		23	
127	Mizpah.....		9	
128	Primrose.....	31 93	21	1 52
129	Nanaimo.....	303 80	31	9 80
130	Pride of Oshawa.....	33 87	10	3 38
131	Pride of Ottawa.....	43 78	18	2 43
132	St. Lawrence.....	60 00	23	2 60
134	Pansy.....			
		\$5,238 41	1,551	



## WORTH OF DISTRICTS.

Name of District.	No. of Courts.	No. of Members.	Worth of F'nds June 30, 1897.	Worth of F'nds June 30, 1899.
Alberta .....	6	196	\$ 1,500 19	\$ 1,312 15
Algoma .....	3	129	188 22	211 02
Assiniboia .....	3	64	259 70	278 23
Brant .....	5	533	6,284 61	6,755 84
Brandon and Marquette ..	4	109	406 79	441 85
Bruce .....	10	246	1,131 47	1,300 24
Carleton and Lanark .....	2	133	1,041 61	955 31
Durham and Northumb'd ..	3	242	2,328 36	1,919 00
Essex .....	2	177	1,439 54	2,116 63
Elgin .....	4	417	2,874 37	2,758 52
Grey, Simcoe & Muskoka ..	7	365	1,979 73	2,084 70
Hastings .....	3	178	1,855 57	344 58
Walton .....	1	31	178 59	32 69
Hochelaga .....	6	980	16,707 66	18,961 85
Huron .....	6	226	1,366 40	1,283 38
Kent .....	5	422	1,909 77	1,557 85
Lambton .....	3	239	476 70	601 81
Leeds and Frontenac .....	2	53	110 06	133 63
Lincoln and Welland .....	6	168	185 91	324 45
Middlesex .....	12	1,375	16,019 34	13,985 25
New Brunswick .....	9	152	118 95	280 23
Nova Scotia .....	19	568	264 69	1,085 73
Oxford and Norfolk .....	7	541	4,668 91	5,654 41
Ontario .....	2	127	916 02	891 85
Perth .....	4	568	8,506 02	8,619 80
Peterboro .....	1	66	300 00	227 00
Selkirk .....	5	262	966 02	1,226 06
Toronto (East) .....	9	1,405	21,024 13	21,522 73
Toronto (West) .....	7	843	5,780 06	6,169 70
Waterloo .....	3	326	2,988 92	3,648 55
Wellington .....	6	315	354 03	385 96
Wentworth .....	7	1,043	14,775 75	15,422 63
York .....	4	148	922 75	1,093 87
High Court and Honorary Members .....		200		
	176	12,847	\$119,830 84	\$123,587 50

## COURTS.

Courts at June 30, 1897.....	158	
Instituted since .....	34	
Resuscitated .....	1	
		193
Dropped or dissolved .....		17
Total .....		176

## MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Members at June 30th, 1897.....	12,488	
Initiated.....	3,001	
Reinstated.....	85	
Joined by Clearance.....	67	
		3,153
Total.....		15,641
Suspended .....	2,569	
Left by Clearance .....	40	
Expelled.....	6	
Deaths .....	179	
		2,794
Total.....		12,847
Worth of Funds at June 30, 1897 .....	\$119,830	84
" " " 1899 .....	123,587	50

## JUVENILE BRANCHES.

No. of Members at June 30, 1897 .....	1,887	
" " " 1899 .....	2,041	
Worth of Funds at June 30, 1897 .....	\$	9,413 19
" " " 1899 .....	10	089 45

## COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

No. of Members at June 30, 1897 .....	1,784	
" " " 1899 .....	1,551	
Worth of Funds at June 30, 1897 .....	\$	4,536 94
" " " 1899 .....	5,238	41

## COURTS INSTITUTED SINCE LAST HIGH COURT MEETING.

Court.	Name of Court.	Location.
8580.....	Clarendon.....	Clarendon Station, N.B.
8581.....	Lincoln.....	St. Catharines, Ont.
8582.....	Waverley Forest.....	Waverley, N.S.
8583.....	Lily of the West.....	Souris, Man.
8584.....	York.....	St. Marys, N.B.
8585.....	Riverside.....	Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
8586.....	Pendant d'Oreille.....	Rapid City, Man.
8587.....	Sunbeam.....	Halifax, N.S.
8588.....	Douglass.....	Keswick, N.S.
8589.....	Sparta.....	Sparta, Ont.
8757.....	Royal.....	Gobles' Corners, Ont.
8758.....	Aberdeen.....	Bass River, N.S.
8759.....	Golden City.....	Rat Portage, Ont.
8760.....	Mayflower.....	Sheet Harbour, N.S.
8761.....	Lily of the East.....	St. John, N.B.
8762.....	Aqueduct.....	Welland, Ont.
8763.....	Gladstone.....	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
8764.....	Kitchener.....	Oil Springs, Ont.
8765.....	Pride of Dover.....	Bear Line
8766.....	Prince Edward.....	St. Peter's Bay, P.E.I.
8767.....	Evangeline.....	Windsor, N.S.
8768.....	Leading Star.....	Lunenburg, N.S.
8769.....	Toilers of the Deep.....	Rose Bay, N.S.
8770.....	Winter Port.....	Carleton, N.B.
8771.....	La Have Light.....	Getson's Cove, N.S.
8772.....	Good Cheer.....	Park's Creek, N.S.
8773.....	Minto.....	Marshville
8774.....	Homeward Bound.....	Day Springs, N.S.
8775.....	Conquerall.....	Conquerall Bank, N.S.
8776.....	Protection.....	Dunnville, Ont.
8833.....	Victor.....	Salmon River, N.S.
8834.....	Eastnor.....	Pike Bay, Ont.
8835.....	St. Croix.....	St. Croix, N.S.
8836.....	Bedford.....	Bedford, N.S.

## LIST OF COURTS DROPPED OR DISSOLVED.

Court.	Name of Court.	Location.
7681.....	Orillia.....	Orillia, Ont.
7867.....	Triumph.....	Blackstock, Ont.
7874.....	Star of Acton.....	Acton, Ont.
8090.....	Bright Star.....	Blenheim, Ont.
8401.....	St. Mary.....	Saulte Ste. Marie
8403.....	Maitland Valley.....	Listowel, Ont.
8406.....	Hand-in-Hand.....	Waterloo, Ont.
8411.....	Dulmage.....	Belleville, Ont.
8410.....	Eclipse.....	Brussels, Ont.
8416.....	Rawdon.....	Stirling, Ont.
8417.....	Maple Leaf.....	Kingston, Ont.
8420.....	Innerwood.....	Cornwall, Ont.
8576.....	Vigilance.....	Fergus, Ont.
8587.....	Sunbeam.....	Halifax, N.S.
8773.....	Minto.....	Marshville, Ont.
8766.....	Prince Edward.....	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
8579.....	Gladstone.....	Fredericton Junction, N.B.

## COURTS RÉSUSCITATED.

Court Algonquin, 8096.....Port Arthur, Ont.

## COURTS AMALGAMATED.

Court Dulmage, 8411, with Quinte, 7586, Belleville.

Court Maple Leaf, 8417, with St. Lawrence 7779, Kingston.

## JUVENILE BRANCHES INSTITUTED.

54. Petrolea, Ont.      55. Port Hope, Ont.      56. Hamilton, Ont.

## NEW CIRCLE ORGANIZED.

134. St. John, N.B.

## MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Adult Members.....	12,847
" Juvenile Members.....	2,041
" Companions of the Forest.....	1,551

16,439

## DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

Alberta—7783, 7866, 7875, 8082, 8084, 8095.	Middlesex—5660, 5744, 5895, 6507, 6561, 7047, 7134, 7329, 7862, 7873, 8089, 8419.
Algoma—8094, 8096, 8759.	New Brunswick—8085, 8086, 8577, 8578, 8580, 8584, 8588, 8761, 8770.
Assiniboia—7590, 7825, 8081.	Nova Scotia—8087, 8571, 8574, 8575, 8582, 8585, 8758, 8760, 8767, 8768, 8769, 8771, 8772, 8774, 8775, 8833, 8835, 8836, 8763.
Brant—5987, 6827, 6897, 7327, 7771.	Oxford and Norfolk—6157, 6570, 7328, 7675, 7820, 7821, 8757.
Bruce—6586, 7334, 7674, 7768, 7861, 8078, 8413, 8418, 8572, 8834.	Ontario—5772, 7144.
Brandon and Marquette—7870, 7871, 8583, 8586.	Perth—5835, 5988, 6191, 6483.
Carleton and Lanark—5607, 8404.	Peterboro—7680.
Durham and Northumberland—6000, 7682, 7769.	Selkirk—6898, 7818, 7824, 7864, 7869.
Essex—5963, 7781.	Toronto (East)—5604, 5687, 5775, 5833, 7045, 7136, 7336, 7819.
Elgin—5863, 7583, 8412, 8589.	Toronto (West)—5693, 6896, 7043, 7135, 7335, 7581, 7676, 7679.
Grey, Simcoe & Muskoka—6421, 6826, 7677, 7678, 7872, 8093, 8570.	Waterloo—5962, 7774, 8573.
Hastings—7586, 7770, 7782.	Wellington—5866, 6895, 7331, 7859, 8405, 8407.
Halton—7778.	Wentworth—5640, 5690, 5743, 6243, 6490, 7582, 7817.
Hochelaga—5694, 5774, 5889, 7042, 7587, 7673.	York—7046, 7137, 7588, 7772.
Huron—6065, 7333, 7863, 7865, 8097, 8408.	
Kent—6244, 6900, 7589, 8088, 8765.	
Lambton—6821, 8092, 8764.	
Leeds & Frontenac—7779, 7860.	
Lincoln & Welland—7777, 7823, 7858, 8581, 8762, 8776.	

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Brethren.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report as follows:—

We recommend that the Officers, Delegates and Laws Committee who constitute this Grand Body be paid at the rate of 3c. per mile each way as railway expenses.

We also recommend that the Officers, Delegates and Law's Committee be allowed \$3 per diem, including hotel expenses, while in attendance at this High Court Meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. BROWN, *Chairman.*  
SAMUEL GREY.  
M. MCINNES.  
J. F. HARDY.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND FORMS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows on the matter referred to the Committee:—

1. That we concur in the sentiments expressed in the Report of the High Chief Ranger, in Section 11, Page 27.

2. That we recommend the continuation of the publication of "The Ancient Forester" the Official Organ of the Order, recognizing and appreciating its importance in connection with the furthering of the work of Ancient Forestry.

3. That we are of the opinion that a limited amount of advertising could be placed in "The Ancient Forester" without detracting from the appearance or usefulness of the publication, and that, properly handled, the advertising could be made a source of revenue. We recommend that the advertising be confined to the four cover pages, that the cover be of a distinctive color, that the paper be the same size and form as at present, 20 pages within the cover pages; that the matter to be inserted in the advertising pages, and the rates for advertising be fixed by the Executive Council; these particular recommendations, of course, subject to the condition that the advertising must pay for the additional expense which will be incurred through the adoption of a cover form of publication.

4. That we favour the suggestion of the High Chief Ranger that the paper be printed in Toronto, provided it can be done without any substantial increase in cost. We think it advisable that the office of the Editor and the office of publication should be in the same place as the general offices of the High Court, in order to facilitate the work. We are also of opinion that, under the new postal regulations, it is advantageous to have the office of publication where the largest number of members are resident.

5. We think it advisable that the same facilities should be offered both Juvenile and Companion members of the Order to secure "The Ancient Forester" regularly as is enjoyed by the members of the Adult Courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

6. We congratulate Bro. Banks, the Editor of "The Ancient Forester," upon the marked success of his efforts in connection with the publication. We appreciate what he has done in the way of securing favors from the press of the Country in the matter of publicity of the work of the Order.



7. We recommend that the Executive Council appoint from their own members a Committee on Printing and Publicity, to which Committee should be referred all matters in connection with the printing required by the Order, also that this committee should adopt some systematic scheme whereby every item of interest and benefit to the Order should find its way as a matter of news into the papers of the Country, and thus keep the name of our noble Order ever before the people of Canada.

8. We recommend that the tables of the Courts, etc., published in "The Ancient Forester" be corrected oftener and kept more up-to-date as to the places of meeting, dates of meetings, and names of Secretaries.

F. G. FORSTER, *Chairman*.  
J. S. WILLIAMS.  
W. P. SMITH.  
HENRY CHICK.

Clause 4 referred to Executive Council.  
Balance of report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RELIEF, No. 2.

TORONTO, August, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates in High Court Meeting Assembled.*

BRETHREN:—Your Laws and Relief Committee report as follows in the case of Court Maple Leaf, No. 3690, Hamilton:—

We are pleased to note that the action taken at the last Meeting of the High Court has been found beneficial and helpful, and would respectfully recommend that a further extension of time, on the same conditions, be granted the Court to pay the arrears due the Executive Council, \$490.80, on condition that at least one-half of the amount be paid before the 1st of July, 1900.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILL J. VALE, *Chairman*.  
SCOTT E. MORRILL.  
D. F. MACWATT,  
W. MILLS.  
C. CHAPPELL.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1899.

##### MORNING SESSION.

The High Court Meeting opened at 9 a.m., H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger, in the chair.

Roll call.

Bro. E. T. Perry asked permission to leave the meeting for the balance of session. Leave granted.

Moved by Bro. A. M. Bilksey and seconded by Bro. W. Hatton, That this High Court grant the sum of Fifty Dollars towards maintaining an A.O.F. tent and printed matter at the Central Canada

Exhibition, which will be held in Ottawa, commencing September 12th, and lasting two weeks. Lost.

Moved by Bro. A. Pinkham and seconded by Bro. Sager, That we now proceed with the election of District Chief Rangers, with the exception of Grey and Simcoe district. Lost.

The following greeting was received from the High Court of Eastern Ontario, with cheers:—

KINGSTON, ONT., August 25th, 1899.

The High Court of Eastern Ontario gratefully reciprocates your fraternal greetings, wishing your Order successful deliberations.

G. L. DICKISON.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent and seconded by Bro. L. Secord, That the High Court resume consideration in Committee of the Whole, the Amendments to General Laws, with Bro. A. O. Jeffery, in the chair. Carried.

The Committee on Laws and Relief presented their report on Executive Council's recommendations.

The Committee of the Whole rose and chairman reported upon the Executive Council's amendments, and asked leave to sit again on Laws and Relief Committee's recommendations on amendments to General Laws submitted by Courts.

The High Chief Ranger resumed the chair.

Moved by W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. S. H. Kent, That the report of the Committee of the Whole upon amendments proposed by the Executive Council be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. F. Bowie and seconded by Bro. Goddard, That we go into Committee of the Whole on the recommendations to amendments to General Laws submitted by Courts, Bro. A. O. Jeffery in the chair. Carried.

Moved by W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. D. F. Macwatt, That the Committee of the Whole on the recommendations of the Committee on Laws and Relief rise and report and ask leave to sit again. Carried.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

The High Chief Ranger resumed the chair.

Past Grand Master Oliver, of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows, spoke words of greeting to the assembled Officers and Delegates of the High Court Meeting.

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M. D. Carder, Grand Recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, also extended fraternal greetings on behalf of that Order.

Three cheers and a tiger were given to the distinguished brethren; who left amid musical honors.

It being 12 o'clock the High Court adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The High Court resumed business at 2 p.m.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, in the chair.

The Laws and Relief Committee reported upon the claim of Court Concord, 8575, application of Court Maple Leaf, 5690, the Companions of the Forest and Juvenile Circles.

Moved by W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. J. S. Williams, That the reports of the Laws and Relief Committee *re* Companions of the Forest be adopted. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Richards and seconded by Bro. Jas. Brown, That Court Maple Leaf, 5690, pay interest at the rate of 3% on the loan. Lost.

The report of the Laws and Relief Committee *re* Territorial Districts was presented.

Moved by Bro. A. O. Jeffery and seconded by Bro. H. Sutherland, That the following be added to the report: That proposed amendments 7, 8 and 9 be adopted, except that the word "may" in subsection 1, be made "shall."

Yeas and nays demanded.

Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay
5604.....	I		5743.....	I		5889.....	I	
5604.....	I		5744.....	I		5895.....	I	
5607.....	I		5744.....	I		5962.....	I	
5640.....	I		5772.....	I		5963.....		
5640.....	I		5774.....	I		5987.....	I	
5660.....	I		5775.....	I		5988.....	I	
5687.....	I		5833.....	I		6000.....	I	
5687.....	I		5835.....	I		6065.....	I	
5690.....	I		5863.....	I		6157.....	I	
5693.....	I		5863.....			6191.....	I	
5694.....	I		5866.....	I		6243.....	I	

Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay	Court	Yea	Nay
6244.....	I		7768.....	I		8401.....		
6421.....	I		7769.....	I		8404.....	I	
6483.....	I		7770.....	I		8405.....		
6490.....	I		7771.....	I		8407.....		
6507.....	I		7772.....	I		8408.....	I	
6563.....	I		7774.....			8412.....	I	
6570.....	I		7777.....	I		8413.....		
6586.....	I		7778.....	I		8418.....		
6821.....			7779.....	I		8419.....	I	
6826.....	I		7781.....			8570.....		
6827.....	I		7782.....	I		8571.....	I	
6895.....	I		7783.....			8572.....		
6896.....	I		7817.....	I		8573.....		
6897.....	I		7818.....	I		8574.....	I	
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7042.....	I		7821.....	I		8578.....		
7043.....	I		7823.....	I		8580.....		
7045.....			7824.....			8581.....		
7046.....	I		7825.....			8582.....	I	
7047.....	I		7858.....	I		8583.....	I	
7134.....	I		7859.....	I		8584.....		
7135.....	I		7860.....	I		8585.....	I	
7136.....	I		7861.....	I		8586.....	I	
7137.....	I		7862.....	I		8587.....		
7144.....	I		7863.....	I		8588.....		
7327.....	I		7864.....	I		8589.....		
7328.....	I		7865.....			8757.....	I	
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7682.....	I		8097.....	I				

Result 77 yeas, 61 nays.

The Committee on Beneficiary presented their report No. 1.

Moved by Bro. Dynes and seconded by Bro. J. McDowell, That the report of the Beneficiary Committee as read be adopted. Carried

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Telegram of fraternal greeting from Loyal True Blue Association.

PORT PERRY, ONT., August 25th, 1899.

Fraternal greetings reciprocated Loyal True Blue Association wishes Ancient Order of Foresters success and prosperity.

W. M. FITZGERALD, *Grand Master*.

The Committee on Beneficiary presented their report No. 2.

Moved by Bro. Dynes and seconded by Bro. J. McDowell, That the report of the Committee herein be adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their report No. 2.

Moved by Bro. J. Field and seconded by Bro. S. H. Bradford, That report No. 2 of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Dynes and seconded by Bro. Coburn, That Bro. L. F. Heyd be High Court Solicitor.

Moved by Bro. F. W. Lillie and seconded Bro. J. C. West, That Bro. S. H. Bradford be appointed Solicitor.

Moved by Bro. Coburn and seconded by Bro. R. H. Ward, That D. F. Macwatt act as Solicitor.

Bro. D. F. Macwatt was declared elected.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. Scott E. Morrill, That the High Court hold an evening session commencing at 7.30 and continue until the business is completed. Carried.

The Committee on Appeals presented their report.

Moved by Bro. J. Young and seconded by Bro. W. Richards, That the report of the Appeals Committee be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. Scott E. Morrill, That we go into Committee of the Whole, Bro. A. O. Jeffery in the chair. Carried.

The Committee rose and reported.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Vale and seconded by Bro. Scott E. Morrill, That the report of Committee on Laws as amended be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent and seconded by Bro. S. E. Morrill, That the chairman of the Laws Committee, the Permanent Secretary and the mover be a Special Committee with instructions to make the changes in the wording of the General Laws rendered necessary by the alterations passed at this meeting. Carried.



Moved by Bro. S. H. Bradford and seconded by Bro. R. H. Buck, That the Executive Council be authorized to sub-divide and create new districts represented at High Court Meeting by District Delegates, whenever the number of Subordinate Courts in such District exceed six in number. Carried.

Moved by Bro. R. A. Buck and seconded by Bro. A. M. Bilskey, That a special tax of 25 cents be placed on every member of the Order for the purpose of paying the expenses of this High Court Meeting. Lost.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent and seconded by Bro. L. Secord, That the Executive Council with the Laws Committee consider and perfect a system of District representation, and submit the same with the next report of the Laws Committee to the Subordinate Courts. Carried.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent and seconded by Bro. A. O. Jeffery, That the sincere thanks of this High Court be tendered to Bro. Mayor Shaw, Bro. Alderman Graham, Chairman of the Reception Committee, and the members of the Municipal Council of the City of Toronto, for the many courtesies extended to the delegates during the present session of this High Court, and that the Permanent Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the said Council. Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. McDowall, seconded by Bro. H. J. Boyd, That this High Court place on record their high appreciation of the efforts of the Union Committee of the Toronto Courts to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates, and also to Court Harmony for the excellent entertainment provided on Monday evening, and that the sincerest thanks of the meeting be conveyed by the Permanent Secretary to the members of the Union Committee, and to the members of Court Harmony, 7045. Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Baldwin, seconded by Bro. J. Brown, That the High Circle of the Companions of the Forest, and the Juvenile Federation be asked to pay a fair share of the expense in connection with the clerical work of the Permanent Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Scott E. Morrill, seconded by Bro. W. Coburn, That this Subsidiary High Court do extend to Bros. H. J. Snelgrove, W. Baird, and Geo. Dulmage, retiring members of the Executive Council, the hearty thanks of the delegates here assembled, for their earnest work as former members of the Executive Council. Carried.

The election of District Chief Rangers was proceeded with, resulting as follows :—

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DISTRICT.	NAME OF D.C.R.	COURT.
Algoma .....	H. Peacock .....	8094, Fort William.
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Assiniboia .....		
Brant .....	S. Tees .....	6897, Paris.
Bruce .....	J. B. Reaney .....	8078, Port Elgin.
Brandon and Marquette .....	J. H. Ferguson .....	7870, Portage la Prairie
Carleton and Lanark .....	A. M. Bilskey .....	8404, Ottawa.
Essex .....	H. Cole .....	5963, Windsor.
Elgin .....	G. Oliver .....	7583, St. Thomas.
Grey and Simcoe .....	F. C. Abbott .....	6421, Meaford.
Hastings .....	S. J. Wedden .....	7586, Belleville.
Hochelaga .....	E. Scruton .....	7042, Montreal
Huron .....	J. Dunford .....	7863, Clinton.
Lambton .....	G. Bott .....	8092, Petrolia.
Lincoln and Welland .....	W. A. Gilmour .....	7823, Port Colborne.
Leeds and Frontenac .....	A. Boutellier .....	7779, Kingston.
Kent .....	C. R. Cape .....	6900, Chatham.
Middlesex .....	B. Bryant .....	7329, Hyde Park.
Muskoka and Parry Sound .....	A. Carr .....	8570, Glen Orchard.
Northumberland and Durham .....	W. Painton .....	6600, Bowmanville.
New Brunswick .....	B. Anderson .....	8577, St. John, N.B.
Nova Scotia .....	C. J. Oland .....	8574, Dartmouth.
Oxford and Norfolk .....	G. Roberts .....	6157, Ingersoll.
Ontario .....	P. S. Ramshaw .....	5772, Oshawa.
Perth .....	T. B. Bennett .....	6483, St. Marys.
Selkirk .....	C. Vigor .....	7818, Winnipeg
Toronto, West .....	H. Tew .....	7135, Toronto.
Toronto, East .....	R. Groves .....	5775, Toronto.
Waterloo .....	A. G. Bridge .....	8407, Hespeler,
Wellington .....	H. Thatcher .....	5866, Guelph.
Wentworth .....	J. W. Coffee .....	7817, Hamilton.
York .....	J. H. Hollingshead .....	7137 Newmarket.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at 7.30.

#### EVENING SESSION.

High Court met as per adjournment, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, H.C.R., in the Chair. The officers elect were duly installed by Past High Chief Ranger, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, and invested with the Regalia of their office.

Each officer spoke thanking the delegates for the honor conferred upon them, and trusted their term of office might be beneficial to the Order generally.

Moved by Bro. S. H. Kent, seconded by Bro. A. Ramsay, That the sum of five dollars be paid the caretaker for his services.

Carried.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. W. Mills, addressed the delegates present, and hoped that at the next meeting, in the City of Hamilton, rapid strides will have been made in the advancement of the Order.

The High Chief Ranger then declared the High Court Meeting closed to meet in the City of Hamilton, in August, 1901.

The members joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," "The Maple Leaf," and "God Save the Queen." Three cheers and a tiger were given for the meeting of 1899, and the delegates dispersed.

*Walter Mills*

*High Chief Ranger.*

*W. Williams.*

*Permanent Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RELIEF, COURT CONCORD, RE HIGGINS.

*To the High Chief Ranger and Members of the Subsidiary High Court.*

BRETHREN:—In the matter of Court Concord, No. 8575—Application for payment of claim of \$25.19 under their Guarantee Bond for Secretary.

Your Committee submit the following report on the above matter:—

1. That the claim be paid out of the Guarantee Fund of the Subsidiary High Court.
2. That in future the Permanent Secretary take immediate action against defaulters, as soon as the defalcation is reported.
3. That Court Concord should not have taken any proceedings except to report to the Permanent Secretary, and that when Mr. Higgings offered the money to the member of Court Concord, Bro. Wiles, he should have taken the money.

All documents in the case are herewith returned.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILL J. VALE, *Chairman.*  
D. F. MACWATT.  
SCOTT E. MORRILL.  
W. MILLS.  
CHAS. CHAPPELL.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RELIEF,  
RE COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates, in High Court Meeting Assembled.*

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Laws and Relief beg to report that they have carefully considered the action of the High Circle at the recent meeting, and would recommend:

1. That the High Chief Companion and the Chairman of the Laws Committee be instructed to prepare a code of Rules for the government of Juvenile Circles.
2. That the amendment to Rule 19, reducing the initiation fee to \$2, be approved, also the new clause referring to defunct Circles.
3. Rule 23, not approved,
4. That the same declaration on and off the Funds, as adopted by this High Court, be inserted in the Laws governing the Companions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. VALE, *Chairman.*  
D. F. MACWATT.  
WALTER MILLS.  
SCOTT E. MORRILL.  
C. CHAPPELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RELIEF,  
RE TERRITORIAL DISTRICTS.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates in High Court Meeting Assembled.*

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Laws and Relief beg to report:

1. That they have carefully considered the matter of District representation, as proposed, but find that it would be impossible to submit a scheme at this High Court Meeting, that would be workable, and therefore recommend that the incoming Executive Council, or a Special Committee, be instructed to prepare a plan on the principle of population instead of locality, and that said report be submitted to all Subordinate Courts before the 1st of January, 1901.
2. That proposed amendments 7, 8 and 9 be adopted, except that the word *may* in Sub-Sec. 1 be made "shall."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILL J. VALE, *Chairman.*  
D. F. MACWATT  
WALTER MILLS.  
CHAS. CHAPPELL.  
SCOTT E. MORRILL.

Clause 2 added by resolution of the High Court.

## REPORT OF BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE, No. 1.

TORONTO, August 25th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Subsidiary High Court.*

BRETHREN :—The Committee on Beneficiary beg leave to report, That in view of the desirability of having the Beneficiary Fund placed upon a permanent and safe basis, and that the contracts now existing, and to be made hereafter, may be made absolute; we would recommend that the members belonging to what is now known as Fund "A" be transferred to Fund "B", and that the difference in contributions of said members, required to effect said transfer, be referred to the Executive Council, with instructions to submit to the members of Fund "A" such options as may determine the transfer, according to the conditions most suitable to each individual case, and that this transfer be completed on or before the first day of November, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

A. DYNES, *Chairman*.  
JNO. McDOWALL.  
H. CATLEY.  
ALFRED PINKHAM.  
W. COBURN.

Adopted unanimously.

## REPORT OF BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE, No. 2.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the Subsidiary High Court.*

BRETHREN :—Your Committee on Beneficiary Fund would recommend, That the Executive Council be empowered to prepare such a scale of rates for ages between ten and eighteen years as will be applicable to members of the Juvenile Branches and Companions of the Forest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. DYNES, *Chairman*.  
JOHN McDOWALL.  
ALFRED PINKHAM.  
H. CATLEY,  
W. COBURN.

Adopted unanimously.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, No 2.

Your Committee consider that the Financial Statements published should give further details, and among other matters we consider that the expenditure in the Sick and Funeral Fund should have been continued to be shown under the same classification as appear in the Statement of December, 1897.

Your Committee are of opinion that it was not the intention that the \$1.00 prize, *re* membership, should extend to charter members, but as the notice of the Executive misled Brother Schurman, we recommend that his account be paid.

Your Committee beg to recommend payment of the account of Bro. Jno. Foster, D.C.R., \$17.20, he having been authorized by the High Chief Ranger,



We further recommend that the High Chief Ranger, the High Court Treasurer and the Permanent Secretary, be, and they are hereby instructed and empowered to raise by way of loan from any of the available funds of the Order for the purpose of paying the expenses of this Subsidiary High Court Meeting, the sum of \$4,000, payable with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

Your Committee recommend that an order be issued on the Treasurer in favour of High Chief Ranger, Bro. H. J. Snelgrove, for the sum of \$200, in appreciation of his labours in connection with the Order during his term of office, also in favor of W. J. Vale for the sum of \$100 for his valuable services rendered our Order as chairman of the Laws and Relief Committee, and also in favor of Bro. H. E. Griffiths, Treasurer, for \$150 for his valuable and able services.

JAS. FIELD, *Chairman*.  
S. H. BRADFORD.  
A. O. JEFFERY.  
D. A. BEDWELL, JR.

Adopted.

#### REPORT OF APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Toronto, August 25th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates, of the Subsidiary High Court Meeting Assembled.*

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Appeals beg to report that the only matters referred to them have been the decisions upon the High Chief Ranger's Report, Nos. 4, 5.

Your Committee, after carefully considering the said decisions beg leave to report that they approve the decisions of the High Chief Ranger.

We are also pleased to report that in consequence of the few cases referred to this Committee, it speaks well for the harmony existing between members and Courts.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN YOUNG, *Chairman*.  
W. RICHARDS.  
GEO. ROBERTS.  
A. FERGUSON.  
H. A. BIGGINS.

Adopted.

Report of the Laws and Relief Committee, *re* Proposed Amendments of the Executive Council, referred to it by resolution of the Subsidiary-High Court.

WILL J. VALE, *Chairman.*

D. F. MACWATT.

W. MILLS.

SCOTT E. MORRILL.

C. CHAPPELL.

Report printed in Italics, the action of the Subsidiary High Court in heavy type.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL LAWS

OF THE

SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT OF CANADA, ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS,

AS ADOPTED BY THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT MEETING

IN AUGUST, 1899.

General Law, No. 43. Repeal said Law and substitute the following :

### INSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

(1) A Dispensation for a new Subordinate Court may be issued by the Executive Council, upon application for same being made in proper form to the Permanent Secretary by a member of the Order commissioned by the High Chief Ranger to organize a new Court.

*Approved*

**Carried**

(2) The instituting fee for a new Court shall be One-hundred Dollars, which sum shall be paid to the Permanent Secretary before a dispensation shall be issued. All necessary supplies shall be furnished such new Court free of charge.

*Approved, but strike out one-hundred dollars and insert fifty-five dollars, on first line*

**Carried**

Law No. 44. Repeal said Law and substitute the following :

(1) The Application Form shall contain the Signature, Post Office address, Age and Occupation, of at least ten persons who are desirous of becoming members of the Order, location of proposed Court, and name and Post Office address of Organizer.

*Approved*

Carried

(2) All applicants for membership in a new Court, within two months of institution of said Court, and whose applications have been approved, shall be initiated upon payment of a Charter Fee of not less than Two Dollars.

*Approved*

Carried

Law No. 48. Repeal said Law and substitute the following :

The Funds maintained by the Subsidiary High Court of Canada shall be :

- (1) The Management Fund.
- (2) The Sick Fund.
- (3) The Funeral Fund.
- (4) The Guarantee Fund.
- (5) Such special Funds as may be authorized by the Subsidiary High Court.

*Approved, but strike out the word "Funeral" in (3) paragraph and insert "Beneficiary," amend Sec. 2 by striking out the word "Relief" and inserting the word "Special"*

Lost

Law No. 49. Repeal said Law, except Sub-Sections 2 and 4 of same, and substitute the following :

#### MANAGEMENT FUND.

This Fund shall be maintained by a Registration Fee of One Dollar for each member initiated into the Order, by such membership Levy as may be authorized at each Meeting of the Subsidiary High Court, and such further sum or sums as may accrue to the Fund under General Law, or by resolution of the Subsidiary High Court.

*Approved*

Lost

Law No. 50. Repeal said Law and substitute as Law No. 50 the following :

#### SICK FUND.

(1) This Fund shall be maintained by a quarterly Levy upon each Court in the jurisdiction, of One Dollar per annum, payable quarterly, for each member returned as a member of this Fund on the quarterly return sheet.

(2) All Levies to this Fund shall be payable out of the Sick Fund of each Subordinate Court.

(3) Sub-section 1 of Law No. 51, except words "and funeral" on third line of Sub-section.

(4) Sub-section 2 of Law No. 51.

(5) Sub-section 3 of Law No. 51.

Law No. 51. Repeal said Law and substitute the following :

#### FUNERAL FUND.

(1) This Fund shall be founded upon principles of mutual benefit and exact actuarial calculation.

(2) It shall be maintained by the contributions, and interest thereon, of its members.

(3) It shall be maintained for the benefit of members, and wives of members, of the Subordinate Courts, and members of Juvenile Branches and Subordinate Circles, under the Subsidiary High Court of Canada.

(4) It shall be managed by the Executive Council, or a committee thereof which shall be empowered to add to its number, as Advisory members, not more than four members of the Fund.

(5) The Executive Council, or aforesaid Committee thereof, shall devise and promulgate such plans for the Funeral Fund as may be considered to be in the interest of the membership of said Fund, and publish the same, with rates of contributions, in each issue of the Official Paper of the Subsidiary High Court.

(6) The Executive Council, or Committee thereof, shall be empowered to prepare By-laws and regulations for the management of the Fund, dealing with the qualifications of the Applicants, transfer of Certificates, investments of money, and all other matters which may properly come under its jurisdiction.

(7) All rules, by-laws and regulations of the Executive Council, referring to this Fund shall have the same form and effect as if incorporated in the General Laws of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada.

*Referred to High Court*

*Struck out*

Law No. 52. This Law hereafter to be as follows :

#### GUARANTEE FUND.

(Law 49, Sub-section No. 4.)

*Approved*

*Lost*

Law No. 53.

#### SPECIAL FUNDS.

(Law 49, Sub-section 12, and Laws No. 52, 53, 54, as hereafter amended, and 55.)

*Approved*

*Lost*

## Law No. 54.

Section 1.—After word "the" on first line of page 27, add words *to the Sick or to the Funeral Fund, or both*. Repeal rest of Section and substitute the following: together with a Fee of \$2 per annum, which fee shall be placed to the credit of the Management Fund.

*Not approved*

Lost

## Law No. 56. Amend by adding the following:

The same laws, rules and regulations which apply to the admission of members to the Subordinate Courts of the Subsidiary High Court of Canada shall apply to applicants for membership in Juvenile Branches. The Executive Council shall prepare and promulgate all forms, rates of contributions to be paid by, and benefits granted to members of the Juvenile Branches.

*Not approved*

Carried

## Law No. 62. Repeal said Law.

## Law No. 65.

Section 1.—On last line of Section substitute word *or* for word "and."

*Approved*

Lost

## Law No. 70.

Fourth line. Repeal "45" and substitute 60.

*Not approved*

Carried

Add to Section the following: if his examination has been approved by the High Court Medical Examiner.

Lost

## Laws No 73 to 95 inclusive. Repeal said Laws.

## Law No. 105.

After word "Court" on third line, repeal words "and Beneficiary Fund" and substitute *or Subsidiary High Court*.

Lost

## Law No. 111. Repeal last line on page 42, and substitute the following:

Such payment to be made from the Management Fund of the Court.

*Referred to High Court*

Lost

## Law No. 112.

Section 1.—Repeal "forty-five" and substitute *sixty*.

Section 4.—Repeal "forty-five" and substitute *sixty*.

Fifth line, repeal word "and" and substitute *or the*. Same line repeal words, "or Beneficiary."

Section 5.—Repeal said Section.

*Not Approved*

Carried



## Law No. 113.

Section 1.—Repeal said Section and substitute the following:—The application for membership must be made upon a form provided by the Subsidiary High Court, which shall be signed by the applicant and endorsed by two members of the Court he desires to join. The form shall further contain a statement of the applicant as to whether he wishes to contribute towards either the Sick or Funeral Fund, or both. Should the applicant elect to contribute to the Funeral Fund, the amount of certificate required shall be stated therein. Every application for membership must be accompanied by a proposition fee of One Dollar.

*Approved by making the word or "and" on 6th line, and insert the words "Sick and" before the word Funeral on the 7th line.*

Carried.

Section 3.—Repeal words "pass a Medical Examination," and substitute words *be examined*.

Carried. Add to "He shall pay to the Subordinate Court the same Management contributions as members of the Sick and Funeral Fund."

## Law No. 114.

Repeal "45" and substitute 60.

*Not approved*

Carried.

## Law No. 115. Repeal and substitute the following:

All applicants for membership shall pay the Initiation Fee of \$4.00 and the fee of the local Medical Examiner, except as provided by General Law, No. 112, Sub-section 2, and except Charter Members, before being initiated.

*Not approved*

Carried

## Law No. 116.

Section 1.—Repeal and substitute the following:—Every member shall contribute either to the Sick or Funeral Fund, according to the following scales, except as hereinafter provided, and such contributions shall be due and payable on or before the first day of each month, and computed according to age of members' next birthday.

## RATES OF MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SICK BENEFITS.

Age next Birthday.	Amount.	Age next Birthday.	Amount.
18 to 21 years	\$0 36	47 "	72
21 " 25 "	38	48 "	75
25 " 28 "	40	49 "	78
28 " 31 "	42	50 "	81
31 " 33 "	44	51 "	84
33 " 35 "	46	52 "	87
35 " 37 "	48	53 "	90
37 " 39 "	50	54 "	94
39 " 41 "	52	55 "	97
41 years	54	56 "	1 01
42 "	56	57 "	1 05
43 "	58	58 "	1 10
44 "	60	59 "	1 15
45 "	64	60 "	1 20
46 "	68		

*Referred to High Court* Strike out after 45 years of age

## Law No. 116.

Section 3.—New section: Scale of Monthly contributions for Funeral Benefits, payable in advance according to age of members next Birthday.

Age next Birthday.	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
18 years.....	\$0 07	\$0 13	\$0 40	\$0 62	\$0 84	\$1 05	\$1 55	\$2 06
19 ".....	07	13	40	62	84	1 05	1 57	2 08
20 ".....	07	13	40	62	84	1 05	1 59	2 10
21 ".....	07	14	40	62	84	1 06	1 60	2 12
22 ".....	07	14	41	63	85	1 07	1 65	2 14
23 ".....	07	14	42	65	88	1 11	1 70	2 20
24 ".....	08	15	43	67	91	1 15	1 75	2 25
25 ".....	08	15	44	69	94	1 19	1 80	2 32
26 ".....	08	15	45	71	97	1 23	1 85	2 40
27 ".....	08	16	45	72	99	1 26	1 90	2 48
28 ".....	08	16	46	73	1 01	1 28	1 95	2 55
29 ".....	09	17	47	75	1 03	1 31	2 00	2 62
30 ".....	09	17	48	77	1 06	1 35	2 05	2 70
31 ".....	09	18	49	79	1 09	1 39	2 10	2 78
32 ".....	09	18	50	81	1 12	1 43	2 15	2 86
33 ".....	09	19	51	83	1 16	1 48	2 21	2 96
34 ".....	10	19	52	86	1 20	1 53	2 28	3 06
35 ".....	10	20	53	88	1 23	1 58	2 35	3 16
36 ".....	10	20	55	91	1 27	1 63	2 42	3 26
37 ".....	10	21	56	93	1 31	1 68	2 50	3 36
38 ".....	11	21	58	97	1 36	1 75	2 58	3 46
39 ".....	11	22	59	1 00	1 41	1 81	2 66	3 56
40 ".....	11	22	61	1 03	1 46	1 88	2 75	3 66
41 ".....	11	23	62	1 06	1 50	1 94	2 85	3 80
42 ".....	12	23	64	1 10	1 56	2 02	2 96	3 96
43 ".....	12	24	66	1 14	1 62	2 10	3 08	4 14
44 ".....	12	24	68	1 18	1 68	2 18	3 21	4 32
45 ".....	13	25	70	1 22	1 74	2 26	3 34	4 50
46 ".....	13	26	72	1 28	1 90	2 40	3 48	4 70
47 ".....	13	27	74	1 34	2 00	2 55	3 62	4 90
48 ".....	14	28	76	1 40	2 10	2 70	3 76	5 10
49 ".....	14	29	78	1 46	2 20	2 85	3 90	5 30
50 ".....	15	30	80	1 52	2 30	3 00	4 08	5 55
51 ".....	16	32	83	1 60	2 40	3 20	4 30	5 85
52 ".....	17	34	86	1 70	2 55	3 40	4 60	5 20
53 ".....	18	36	90	1 80	2 70	3 60	4 90	5 60
54 ".....	19	38	95	1 90	2 85	3 80	5 25	6 90
55 ".....	20	40	1 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 60	7 40
56 ".....	21	42	1 05	2 10	3 15	4 20	5 95	7 80
57 ".....	22	44	1 10	2 20	3 30	4 40	6 30	8 25
58 ".....	23	46	1 15	2 30	3 45	4 60	6 65	8 65
59 ".....	24	48	1 20	2 40	3 60	4 80	7 00	9 15
60 ".....	25	50	1 25	2 50	3 75	5 00	7 40	9 70

*Referred to High Court*

Strike out columns for \$50 and \$100, and after the age of 45 years.

## Law No. 116.

Section 4.—New Section: Members contributing to the Funeral Fund may pay according to the above Scale, or any one of the different scales adapted to Plans of Funeral Benefit presenting special features which may be adopted and promulgated by the Executive Council.

*Not approved*

Change "Funeral" on first line to word "Beneficiary,"  
also word "Funeral" on fourth line to word "Beneficiary"  
Lost

## Law No. 118.

Section 1. First line, after word "Courts" add the following: To members contributing to the Sick Fund.

Section 6.—First line, after word "benefits" add the following: or Medical attendance.

*Approved*

Add after word "Sick" on 2nd line the words "and  
Funeral" Carried

## Law No. 119.

Second and ninth lines, repeal words "and Funeral."

*Not approved*

Carried

## Law No. 121.

Section 3.—Third line, substitute word "or" for *and*.

*Not Approved*

Carried

## Law No. 125.

Fifth line, repeal all after word "shall," and substitute, *be examined by the Medical Officer of the Court, and said examination approved by the High Court Medical Examiner*

*Approved*

Carried

## Law No. 147.

Sixth line, after word "Sick," substitute word "or" for word *and*.  
Seventh line, repeal words "of a Court."

*Approved*

Carried

## KNIGHTS OF SHERWOOD FOREST.

The Executive Council recommend that this Branch of the Order, and all Drill Corps in connection with the Order, be established purely as a social and military feature.

That all sick benefits in connection therewith be abandoned, and that a management contribution, sufficient to meet the necessary expenses, be the only rate imposed upon the members.

That the General Laws be amended to comply herewith.

*Approved.*

**Carried**

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 CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be true and correct copies of Amendments to Laws, as adopted by the Executive Council for submission to the High Court Meeting in August, 1899.

W. WILLIAMS,  
*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, July 15th, 1899.

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Amendments as amended were declared by the High Chief Ranger, Carried unanimously

W. WILLIAMS,  
*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, August 23rd, 1899.

TORONTO, July 6th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Delegates of the Subsidiary High Court, Ancient Order of Foresters.*

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Laws and Relief, reports that it has carefully considered the following amendments, which are the only ones submitted to it by the various Courts, Circles and Branches of the Order, pursuant to Rule 71, General Laws.

Your Committee is pleased to note that very few amendments have been presented, showing that the present General Laws are in a satisfactory condition, and meet with the general approval of the members.

Yours fraternally,

WILL J. VALE, *Chairman.*  
D. F. MACWATT.  
WALTER MILLS.  
CHARLES CHAPPELL.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL LAWS.

AUGUST, 1899.

### Rule 6—Representation

Court No. 5604

1. Section 3.—Strike out all after the word "delegate" on third line, and insert *each delegate's vote to count according to number represented, one vote to each fifty or fraction thereof.*

**Not approved**

**Carried**

2. Section 4.—Strike out all after the word "vote" on 5th line, and insert *for each fifty members or fraction thereof for each Court so represented.*

**Not approved**

**Carried**

3. Section 6.—Strike out the words "or delegates" on 1st line.

**Not approved**

**Carried**

Court No. 5660

4. Strike out sections 3, 4, and 5, and insert new sections as follows:—

Section 3.—That all Courts shall be grouped into Territorial Districts, and delegates to the Subsidiary High Court elected from each District according to population, one delegate to be elected for every two-hundred members and part thereof.

**Not approved** See Resolution of High Court on page 106

*Resolution in Committee of the whole.*—"That the High Court is in favour of Representation by Territorial Districts, and that the Laws Committee formulate proper provisions to carry the principle into effect and report at this High Court Meeting."

5. Section 4.—The District Meeting to be convened by the District Chief Ranger on the second Monday in July in the year in which the Session of the Subsidiary High Court is held, and a Secretary may be appointed from the members present at a District Meeting to keep a record of each meeting.

Not approved

Carried

Court No. 8574

6. Section 3.—Strike out all after word "held" on third line, and insert the following: *may be represented by a District delegate elected by a majority of the Subordinate Courts in the District, whose expenses shall be paid by the Subsidiary High Court, and who shall have one vote for each Court so represented.*

Not approved

Carried

Courts Nos. 8575, 8585, 8758

7. Section 3.—Strike out the whole of the clause.

Not approved

Carried

8. Section 4.—Strike out from the word "Courts" on the first line to the word "may" on second line.

Not approved

Carried

9. Section 5.—Strike out from the word "District" on the first line to the word "shall" on second line.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 7

Court No. 5604

10. Section 4.—Strike out section.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 9—Officers

11. Strike out the High Court Medical Examiner as an executive officer of the Subsidiary High Court, to conform with section 2, 37 a, High Court Laws of England.

Not approved

Carried

Court No. 8582

12. Section 9.—After Permanent Secretary, add *Assistant Secretary*.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 15—Duties of Officers

Court No. 5604

13. Section 3.—Strike out the word "determine" on second line, and insert the word *voted*.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 18

14. Section 3.—Strike out "\$1,500.00" and insert \$1,750.00.

Referred to High Court

No action

Court No. 5660

15. Section 3.—Strike out "\$1,500.00" and insert \$1,200.00.

Referred to High Court

No action



## Court No. 8582

16. Section 3.—Strike out "\$1,500.00" on second line, and insert \$1,200.00.

Referred to High Court

No action

## Rule 19

## Court No. 5604

17. Section 1.—Strike out the word "Court" on first line.

Not approved

Carried

18. Section 2.—Strike out the word "Court" on first line.

Not approved

Carried

## Court No. 8575

19. Section 2.—After the word "Order" on fourth line, insert and he shall immediately communicate the result of his review to the Secretary of the Subordinate Court from which such examination paper may have been received.

Not approved

Carried

## Rule 23—Committees

## Court No. 5604

20. Section 1.—Strike out "5" on third line and insert 3.

Referred to High Court

Carried

## Court No. 6490

21. Rule be struck out and the following substituted:—In addition to the above there shall be elected at each High Court Meeting a Committee on Laws and Relief which shall consist of five members who shall be properly accredited delegates to the High Court, and they shall assist the Executive Council in the performance of all duties now performed by the present Laws and Relief Committee.

Not approved

Carried

## Court No. 8574

22. Section 1.—Strike out word "five" on third line, and insert three. After word "members" on same line strike out the remainder of sentence and insert the Chairman of which shall have a vote at the Subsidiary High Court Meeting.

Not approved

Carried

## Courts No. 8575, 8582, 8758.

- 23 & 24. Section 1.—Strike out the word "five" on third line, and insert the word three. Strike out word "who" on the third line, and insert the Chairman of which.

Not approved

Carried

## Rule 41—Territorial Districts

## Court No. 7678

25. Make Muskoka a separate District.

Approved

Carried, add "Parry Sound"

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**Rule 42—District Chief Ranger**

Courts No. 8575, 8582, 8758

26. Section 6.—Add, The office of District Chief Ranger may at any time be declared vacant by a vote of a majority of the Courts in his District for the following causes:—To wit, failure to perform the duties of District Chief Ranger as laid down in Section 42, incompetency, or for conduct that would deteriorate the dignity and respectability of the Order.

Already provided for (See Rule 13, Sec. 5)

**Rule 49—Funds**

Court No. 5693.

27. Section 3.—After the word "meeting" on last line of clause, add, *but no monies of this Fund shall be used for expenses chargeable to the Beneficiary Fund.*

Approved

Carried

**Rule 50—Funeral Benefits**

Court No. 5660

28. Section 1.—(a) Strike out "\$50.00" on third line, and insert \$25.00 (b) Strike out "\$1.00" and insert 75 cts. (c) Add after the word "the" on seventh line, *sum of \$50.00.* (d) Strike out from "the" on seventh line to "allowance" on eighth line.

(a) Approved Lost

(b, c, d) Not approved Carried

29. Section 4.—If a deceased brother leaves no nominee or executors, the Court to which he belongs shall undertake his funeral, and may retain any unclaimed balance after paying all expenses.

Not approved

Carried

**Rule 51—Sick Benefits.**

30. Strike out (repeated in Rule 118, Sec. 13.)

Not approved

Carried

**Rule 52—Special Relief.**

Court No. 5604

31. Add to Rule, That no assistance shall be given to any Court paying their medical officer out of the Sick and Funeral Fund.

Not approved

Carried

**Rule 64—Communications**

Court No. 8758

32. Section 2.—Add, All communications from the High Chief Ranger, Permanent Secretary or the Executive Council, relating to business pertaining to the Order, whether to members of the Order, ex-members, or persons outside the Order, shall be forwarded to the nearest Court to the destination of such communication, and be delivered by the Secretary of such Court, and Communications being on business in any way related to said Court shall be received in duplicate by Secretary of said Court, the same to be read in open Court.

Not approved

Carried

### Rule 67—Canvassing.

Court No. 5604

33. Strike out all after the word "Committee" on 6th line, and insert, or in any other office, either in the Subsidiary High Court, or in any other subordinate Court, any Brother found guilty of this offence shall be disqualified from office;

Approved

Carried

Court No. 5660

34. Add after "person" on last line, for any office whatever within the jurisdiction of the Subsidiary High Court, and upon proof of the act of canvassing being given to the Court, the member or members so violating this law shall be disqualified for the period of twelve months, from filling any office, either as a salaried officer or otherwise.

Already acted upon (Sec. 27.)

### Rule 71—Amendments

Court No. 5604

35. Strike out all after the word "of" on tenth line of page 31, and insert, Proposed amendments if they are legibly written or printed. The Laws and Relief Committee shall meet and consider all amendments, they may group together any two or more relating to any one law, where the same can be done without destroying or altering the sense of the amendments, and make their report thereon, and also upon any recommendation which the High Chief Ranger or Executive Council may consider conducive to the best interests of the Order.

Not approved

Carried

### Rule 72

36. Strike out the word "recommendations" on third line, and insert the word *Report*.

Approved

Carried by inserting "1st day of May" in place of "the 15th day of July."

### Rule 73—Beneficiary Fund

Courts No. 8574, 8575, 8582

37. Section 1.—Strike out the word "forty-five" on last line and insert the word *fifty*.

Not approved

Carried

### Rule 81

Court No. 5963

38. Section 1.—Strike out Rule and insert the following:—The Beneficiary Fund shall be chargeable, for all expenses incurred in conducting the same, and no part of the Management Fund of the Order shall be used for the purpose of the Beneficiary Fund.

Already acted upon

See No. 27

### Rule 98—Officers

Court No. 5988.

39. Amend as follows:—The officers of a subordinate Court shall be Past Chief Ranger, Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior

Woodward, Junior Woodward, Senior Beadle and Junior Beadle, who shall form the Committee of Management of the Court

### Already law

40. A minute Secretary may be appointed by the Court at the time of the nomination and election of other officers.

### Not approved

Carried

41. An assistant Secretary may be appointed by the Secretary where such is necessary. No officer shall hold more than one office at one time.

### Already law

## Rule 99—Elections

Court No. 5640

42. Section 1.—Insert the words *June and*, after the word "in" on second line, and the words *and July* after the words "in January" on fourth line, page 39.

### Not approved

Carried

43 & 44. Section 2.—Insert for the first word "any," the letter *a*. Insert after word "office" in first line, the words, *any member*.

**Amend section as follows:** "*A member may verbally nominate for office any member, and should there be more than one nominated*" read to end of Section.

Carried

Court No. 5660

45. Strike out "six" on page 39, thirteenth line, and insert *twelve*.

### Approved

Carried

Court No. 7335

46. On second line, after the word "first," add, *or last*.

### Not approved

Carried

## Rule 100—Elections

Court No. 5660

47. Strike out and insert the following:—At a summoned meeting in June, in the year in which the session of the Subsidiary High Court is to be held, delegates to the District meeting shall be appointed who shall be a past District Chief Ranger, Past Chief Ranger or Past Secretary, as follows:—Two delegates for the first one hundred members, and one delegate for each fraction thereof, to attend the District Meeting, with the District Chief Ranger as Chairman, and the said representatives in District meeting assembled are hereby empowered to elect delegates and alternates by ballot to attend the Subsidiary High Court Meeting as provided in Sec. 3, Rule 6. They shall be financial members in good standing, and in the event of any delegate being unable to attend, the first alternate shall be the delegate thereto.

### Not approved

Carried

## Rule 106—Duties of Officers

48. Section 2.—Courts may, if a majority of the members so decide, appoint two members living nearest the sick Brother to visit him and pay him his Sick allowance, and report his condition at each Court meeting in place of the Woodwards. The Woodwards to perform the duties of the Court room only.

### Not approved

Carried

## Rule 111

49. Add after "appoint" on first line, at the annual election of officers, and continue in office during the pleasure of the Court.

**Not approved**, but strike out the word "appoint" on first line, and insert the word *elect*. Carried

Court No. 5604

50. Add to Rule:—Provided he may refuse to attend any sick member after the first visit, when satisfied that the illness or injury of the member is brought on through fighting (except in his own defence) or by following any unlawful game, exercise or pursuit, or by living an immoral life, or through the use of intoxicating liquors, or by reason of an unlawful or improper act, and shall not place any such Brother on the funds of the Court.

**Approved as corrected**

Carried

Court No. 8575

51. Add the following clause:—Provided a Court being unable to make satisfactory arrangements with a physician, or in case a physician may not be located in the vicinity or within the prescribed limits where such Court may be established, the said court may have the right to waive the aforesaid as contained in Rule 111, regarding Medical Officer, and shall set aside a sum equal to form a fund for the purpose of providing such medical attendance as the members thereof may require, or the members may be allowed a rebate from the scheduled monthly rate of contributions which shall be consistent with the foregoing of such privilege as medical attendance.

**Not approved**

Carried

## Rule 112

Court No. 5660

52. Section 6.—Any respectable person who is over 18 and under 45 years of age may be allowed to be initiated a member of any Court for Beneficiary purposes, only upon payment of the usual fees to Beneficiary Fund.

**Not approved**

Lost

Court No. 8570

53. After the word "is" in sixth line insert the following:—A hotel-keeper, or any person engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

**Not approved**

Carried

Courts No. 8574, 8575, 8582, 8578

54. Section 2.—Strike out from word "years" on second line, to word "he" on third line, and insert words *by payment of such sum to Management Fund as the Court may decide*.

**Not approved**

Carried

55. Section 4.—On second line strike out word "forty-five" and insert word *fifty*.

**Not approved**

Carried

## Rule 113—Membership

Court No. 5660

56. Section 9.—All medical examinations to be upon a form issued by the Executive Council, and must be supervised by the High Court Medical

Examiner, whether as new members, clearance members from foreign Courts, members' wives and all suspended or re-instated members.

**Approved** by striking out the word "as" on third line and insert *for*. Strike out "from foreign Courts." Carried

### Rule 115—Initiation Fees

Court No. 5604.

57. Amend by striking out "\$5.50," and insert \$5.00; and on next line strike out \$7.50 and insert \$6.00 in table of rates of initiation fees.

**Not approved**

Carried

### Rule 116—Contributions

Court No. 8575

58. Section 2.—After the word "month" in last line of the second clause, insert the following: which sum shall be in addition to the Sick and Funeral rate.

**Not approved**

Carried

### Rule 118—Sick Benefits

Court No. 5604

59. Section 8.—Strike out on second line the words "for more than."

**Not approved**

Lost

Court No. 5660

60. Section 1.—Strike out, and insert: No sick benefits whatever shall be paid for the first week's sickness, and the sum of \$3.00 per week for the second and third week's sickness, \$4.00 per week for balance of first six months, \$2.00 per week for the second six months, to be paid by the Courts, and \$1.00 per week for the balance of sickness to be paid by the Subsidiary High Court.

**Not approved**

Carried

61. Section 3.—Strike out "absolutely" on third line.

**Not approved**

Carried

62. Section 4.—Strike out "absolutely" on third line.

**Not approved**

Carried

Court No. 5693

63. Section 2.—On last line strike out the words "the following day," and insert, *six p.m. of the third day from the date of Medical Officer's Certificate.*

**Not approved**

Carried

64. Section 8.—On second line strike out words "more than."

**Not approved**

Carried

Courts No. 5640, 5744

65. Section 8.—To read, No member shall be entitled to sick benefits until or unless he shall have been sick for three days, and he shall then (subject to the above sub-sections) become entitled to sick benefits for such three days, and for each day thereafter, and all rules affecting the above amendments be struck out.

**Already acted upon**

Carried



## Court No. 6507

66. Section 8.—To read
- three days*
- instead of one full week.

Already acted upon

Carried

## Court No. 7335

67. Section 8.—Strike out first eight lines.

Already acted upon

Carried

68. Section 13.—Strike out the word "continuously" on second line, and strike out the word "reduced" on fourth line.

Not approved

Carried

## Court No. 8570

69. Section 8.—Strike out after the word "sick" in the second line, the words "for more than."

Already acted upon

Carried

## Rule 119

## Court No. 5640

70. Last word but one should be
- funeral*
- instead of "general" as printed.

Approved

Carried

## Rule 125—Suspensions

## Court No. 5660

71. (a) Strike out "Court" on 6th line, and insert
- High Court Medical Examiner*
- . (b) Add after "health" on last line, and a ballot shall also be taken in the same manner as for a new member.

(a) Approved (b) Not approved

Carried

## Rule 131—Clearances

## Court No. 7043

72. Section 9.—Strike out the word "may" on the seventh line, and substitute the word
- shall*
- .

Not approved

Carried

73. Strike out all the words from and including "but" on the tenth line, to and including the word "clearances," first word on the fourteenth line.

Not approved

Carried

## Rule 136—Charges

## Court No. 5660

74. Section 4.—Any member laying a charge or complaint against any Court officer, member or members, shall do so in writing to the Chief Ranger of his Court, and the Chief Ranger shall not, under a penalty of ten dollars, divulge the name of the complainant to any one, except the charge having been proved frivolous, and without any foundation, in fact the member or members so charged may demand the name of the complainant, and the Chief Ranger shall then be at liberty to divulge the same, and also in the event of an open verdict being given by the Trial Committee, the Chief Ranger shall have the same privilege.

Not approved

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## Rule 137—Trials

Court No. 5604

75. Strike out "30" and insert 60.

**Not approved**

Carried

76. Section 9.—Strike out on fourth and fifth lines the words "at least one week."

**Not approved**

Carried

## Rule 138

Court No. 5660

77. Add after word "prisonment" on third line, or who has been twice convicted of drunkenness, or any other offence before a Police Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace.

**Not approved**

Carried

## Rule 140

Court No. 7043

78. Add after word "committee" on third line, except as it is set forth in Law 138.

**Approved**

Carried

## AMENDMENT OF FORMS.

## Form 14—Declaration off Funds

79. Strike out present form and substitute the following:—

I, ..... M.D., do hereby certify (and have duly notified him) that Bro. .... has recovered from his late illness, having been ill ..... days.

Date, ..... M.D.

**Approved** by striking out the words ("and have duly notified him") and insert them after the word "days." Carried

## NEW RULES.

## Organization

Court No. 8574

80. Where there may be one or more special Organizers appointed by the Executive Council, he or they shall perform such duties as may be determined by the High Court Meeting, and shall receive such remuneration as may be determined upon at such meeting.

They shall only be appointed when recommended by a majority of the Courts in the District. They shall be subject to removal by the High Chief Ranger, or on petition from a majority of the Courts in the District, but he or they shall have the exclusive right of organizing in such District.

**Not approved**

Carried

## Court No. 8575

81. Special organizers may be appointed for each Province or District by the High Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council. They shall, however, in every instance, be recommended by a majority of the Courts in such District or Province, and under no circumstances shall any person be authorized or allowed to institute any Court unless so recommended, such person or persons shall be liable to fine, suspension or expulsion, and such organization shall be declared to be illegal by the Executive Council. No Court with less than fifteen members shall have a charter granted, and all special organizers shall be governed and controlled by an Organization Committee composed of three members of the Executive Council.

Not approved

Carried

82. All special Organizers shall be paid only for work actually done, and at the following rate of remuneration, for all Courts instituted, and having a membership of fifteen and over, the sum of \$70.00, out of which the sum of \$1.00 per member shall be held by the Executive Council until the first quarterly bill has been paid by such Court to the Executive Council,

Not approved

Carried

Courts No. 8582, 8758

Same as above except last paragraph.

## Appointment of Inspector

Courts No. 8575, 8758

83. Each Province shall have the power to appoint a competent member of the Order, who shall be a resident of such Province (and who may also fill the position of special Organizer) as an Inspector of Courts whose duties shall be to visit each Court in that Province at least once in every three months, examine the books, instruct the officers in their duties, see that all Courts are working in accordance with the General Laws, awaken interest among the members, visit those on point of suspension, canvas for new members, and render such other aid as may be conducive to the welfare of Courts. He shall render report of work done every three months to the District Chief Ranger, and shall be subject to removal by a two-thirds vote of the Courts in the Province, or by the Executive Council for wilful neglect, etc. For his services he shall receive the guaranteed sum of \$30.00 per month, which shall include all expenses, one half of such salary to be paid by Courts in such Province, and one-half by the Subsidiary High Court, and only those recommended by a majority of the Courts in the Province shall be thus employed, and such appointment shall only apply to those Provinces willing to accept it.

Not approved

Carried

At the last High Court Meeting a High Court Medical Examiner was elected, but his duties were not provided for, and the Chairman of the Committee prepared the following Sections which have been duly approved of by the Committee, and are recommended for adoption by the present meeting.

## HIGH COURT MEDICAL EXAMINER.

19.—(1) The High Court Medical Examiner shall be a legally qualified practising physician in this jurisdiction in regular practice for five years preceding his appointment, and not the medical officer of a Subordinate Court during his term of office.

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(2) The High Court Medical Examiner shall review all examination papers and accept or reject each applicant as may from the evidence adduced be deemed to be in the interest of the Order. He may require further or more extended examination of any applicant whenever considered necessary. His decision upon all questions regarding the physical condition of each applicant shall be final.

(3) He shall from time to time draw up and prepare such forms as may be necessary, which when approved by the Executive Council, shall be considered regular and legal forms of the Order.

(4) He shall keep a record of all examination papers, name, age and occupation of the person, date of acceptance or rejection, and cause of rejection. After being acted upon, all examination papers shall be sent to the Permanent Secretary for safe keeping.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following amendments :

Section 108.—At the end of line 5, insert, *in the name.*

Section 109.—After the word "accounts" on line 4, insert, *of the Court and Beneficiary Fund,* and after the word "forwarded" in line 3, page 42, insert, *by the Court Secretary.*

Section 111.—After line 5, insert, *or reinstatement.*

Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be true and correct copies of Amendments to Laws as forwarded to me by the respective Courts up to and including the 30th day of May, 1899, and revised and amended by the Committee on Laws and Relief,—and their recommendations are printed herewith, following each proposed Amendment.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, July 15th, 1899.

Amendments as amended in Committee of the whole were, upon Resolution declared by the High Chief Ranger, carried unanimously.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, August 25th, 1899.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1899.

MINUTES OF JUVENILE FORESTERS' FEDERATION

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT OF CANADA, ANCIENT ORDER OF  
FORESTERS.

The meeting convened in Victoria Hall, Queen Street East, at  
7 o'clock, p.m., President H. J. Snelgrove in the chair.

All officers present.

The following were appointed a Committee on Credentials: Bro.  
T. Painter, Branch 25; Bro. E. Ramsey, Branch 4; Bro. S. Voe,  
Branch 55.

Report of the Credential Committee was presented.

Moved by Bro. Painter, seconded by Bro. Ramsey, That the  
report of the Credential Committee be received and adopted.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. McDowall, seconded by Bro. H. Tew, That we  
now proceed with amendments to General Laws.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. Gray, seconded by Bro. McDowall, That the  
Permanent Secretary be authorized by this Federation to insert in Law  
25, the same date as decided by the High Court in General Laws.

Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Thompson, seconded by Bro. Sinclair, That the  
Federal Council present an A.O.F. Pin to each Branch reporting ten  
members half yearly.

Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet in Hamilton, in 1901.

W. WILLIAMS,  
*Federal Secretary.*

H. J. SNELGROVE,  
*President.*

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## REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

TORONTO, August 23rd, 1899.

We your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:—

BRANCH.	DELEGATE	PLACE.
Hamilton .....	A Martin .....	Hamilton
1, Pride of London .....	J. Wilkins .....	London
2, Excelsior .....	S. J. Mallion .....	Stratford
3, Perseverance .....	J. Thompson .....	Brantford
4, Mount Royal .....	E. Ramsay .....	Montreal
7, Excelsior .....	W. E. Swain .....	Toronto
8, Royal City .....	H. Thatcher .....	Guelph
9, Pride of Kent .....	E. Cape .....	Chatham
11, Unity .....	J. McDowell .....	Montreal
14, Myrtle .....	H. A. Biggins .....	Woodstock
15, Pride of Durham .....	J. Saunders .....	Bowmanville
16, Maple Leaf .....	T. C. Bartlett .....	London
19, Pride of Paris .....	D. C. Sinclair .....	Paris
20, Allan's Pride .....	S. Gray .....	Montreal
24, Maple Leaf .....	J. Phelps .....	Hamilton
26, Pride of Brighton .....	H. Sutherland .....	London
27, Little John .....	C. C. Wightman .....	Toronto
28, Dovercourt .....	W. G. Carter .....	Toronto
31, St. Jude .....	J. Field .....	Montreal
33, Abstinence .....	H. Tew .....	Toronto
34, Little John .....	G. Roberts .....	Ingersoll
35, Pride of Galt .....	A. Ferguson .....	Galt
56, Maple Leaf .....	A. Dynes .....	Hamilton
41, Frontier .....	D. J. Williams .....	Walkerville
43, Aberdeen .....	R. Bedwell .....	Barrie
49, W. J. Pain .....	W. Hatton .....	Ottawa
50, Jeffery .....	R. Moulton .....	London
32, Pride of Sarnia .....	J. Garroch .....	Sarnia
48, Oriental .....	J. Coffee .....	Hamilton
25, Brunswick .....	T. Painter .....	Toronto
17, Star of the West .....	M. McInnes .....	Winnipeg, Man.
55, Snelgrove .....	S. Yeo .....	Port Hope

Respectfully submitted,

T. PAINTER, *Chairman.*  
E. RAMSEY.  
S. YEO.



REPORT OF THE LAWS AND RELIEF COMMITTEE ON  
AMENDMENTS TO LAWS.

FEDERATION LAWS.

Rule 18—Alteration of Laws

Branch No. 25

1. Strike out the words "1st of May," on fourth line, and substitute the words *30th of May*.

Approved

Permanent Secretary to make change to comply with General Laws of the Order.

BRANCH LAWS.

Rule 12—Election of Juvenile Officers

Branch No. 7

2. (a) Erase the words "January and July" in the first and second lines, and insert *December and June*; (b) also after the word "namely" in the third line, insert, *Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger*.

(a) Approved Carried

(b) Not approved Carried

Rule 18—Contributions and Benefits

Branch No. 25

3. (a) Reduce the benefits in each grade one-half, (b) and cut off the extended sick pay of 50 cts. per week.

(a) Not approved Carried

(b) Approved Lost

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be true and correct copies of Amendments to Laws, as forwarded to me by the respective Branches up to and including the 30th day of May, 1899, and revised and amended by the Committee on Laws and Relief,—and their recommendations are printed herewith, following each proposed amendment.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, July 15th, 1899.

The High Chief Ranger declared the amendments as amended, carried unanimously.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, August 23rd, 1899.

## Companions of the Forest.

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### FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The High Circle Meeting of the Companions of the Forest, an Auxiliary Branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters, was held in the Foresters' Hall, corner of Queen and Spadina Avenue, the 15th day of August, 1899.

Companion J. Wills, High Chief Companion, in the chair.

Officers present:—W. Williams, Permanent Secretary; H. E. Griffiths, High Court Treasurer; Mrs. G. Gibling, High Sub-Chief Companion; Mrs. Hamilton, High Marshall; Miss McMillan, High Sentry.

The Credential Committee was appointed by the High Chief Companion, viz:—Companions J. Bernhardt, Mrs. Vale, and Miss Bishop.

The High Chief Companion opened the High Circle in due form.

Alderman Graham, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the City Council, was introduced (by the District Deputy High Chief Companion of York District, Companion W. J. Stevens), who addressed the Companions and welcomed the delegates to the City of Toronto, also to a drive around the city. The High Chief Companion suitably responded, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the hands of little Miss Graham.

At this time Companion H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters, entered the meeting and was cordially welcomed by the delegates. The High Chief Ranger suitably responded.

The Credential Committee presented their report.

Moved by Companion Miss E. Bishop, seconded by Companion J. Bernhardt, That the report be received and adopted. Carried

Resolved that the High Chief Companion be empowered to appoint a Committee to Strike Standing Committee.

Committee appointed:—Companions W. Richards, M. Calvert, and B. Hare.

The District Deputy High Chief Companion, Companion W. J. Stevens, introduced a Reception Committee from the Toronto Circles. High Chief Companion Wills welcomed the Committee, and requested Companion H. J. Snelgrove, High Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters, to address the Committee, which he did in a most eloquent manner.

Alderman Graham desired to know the time the delegates would accept the drive around the city.

Moved by Companion Sayless, seconded by Companion Coles, that the drive take place at 5 p.m., 16th inst. Carried.

An invitation was extended to the delegates, from Maid Marian Circle, No. 72, to attend a meeting in their Hall, corner Queen and Spadina, on the 16th inst.

Moved by Companion Murchison, seconded by Companion Bishop, that the invitation be accepted and delegates attend same. Carried.

The Committee appointed to strike Standing Committee presented their report.

The High Chief Companion presented his report.

The Auditor's report was presented by the Permanent Secretary (See Financial Statement of the Order).

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Murchison, That the report be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Moved by Companion Murchison, seconded by Companion Bernhardt, That this High Circle meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Carried.

Moved by Companion J. B. Buckingham, seconded by Companion Calvert, That we now adjourn to allow committees to prepare reports. Carried.

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## REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have performed the duty assigned us, and find the following delegates entitled to seats at this High Circle Meeting:

No. 54,	J. B. Buckingham.....	Hamilton
55,	W. Richards.....	London
67,	Mrs. M. Mansbridge.....	London
68,	J. Bernhardt.....	Galt
72,	G. W. Murchison.....	Toronto
83,	M. Calvert.....	Toronto
85,	J. Horne.....	Toronto
99,	Mrs. R. Cripps.....	London
100,	Miss M. Colls.....	Toronto
102,	Miss E. Taylor.....	Toronto
103,	Miss S. Davidson.....	Woodstock
106,	Mrs. McKinnon.....	Ingersoll
109,	E. Bishop.....	Montreal
112,	O. Pearson.....	St. Thomas
113,	Mrs. J. Jackson.....	Toronto
115,	E. Fuller.....	Hamilton
117,	Mrs. Hay.....	Montreal
121,	Mrs. B. Hare.....	Meaford
122,	Mrs. W. J. Vale.....	Toronto
124,	Mrs. O. Sayless.....	Brantford

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. BERNHARDT, *Chairman*.  
MRS. W. J. VALE  
MISS E. BISHOP.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

*To the High Chief Companion and Delegates assembled.*

We, your Committee appointed to strike Standing Committee, beg leave to recommend the following:—

FINANCE.—Companions J. B. Buckingham, Murchison, and Cripps.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—Companions Bernhardt, Bishop, and Fuller.

MILEAGE.—Companions Vale, Mansbridge, and Buckingham.

APPEALS.—Companions Murchison, Calvert, and Richards.

W. RICHARDS, *Chairman*.  
M. CALVERT.  
B. HARE.

## REPORT OF THE HIGH CHIEF COMPANION.

*To the Delegates assembled at the High Circle Meeting.*

WORTHY COMPANIONS:—At the expiration of my term of office, it is my privilege and duty to place before you a report on various matters of interest to the Order, and also the decisions made during my term of office.

## MEMBERSHIP.

During the past term it has been difficult for any Society to do more than hold its own. The reason is pretty hard to determine; and the progress of the Branch in membership has not been so pronounced as was generally anticipated, or as I would have liked. However, two new Circles have been instituted, viz: No. 133, Truro, N.S., and 134, at St. John, N.B., and there are some prospects of other Circles being opened at an early date.

## FINANCES.

At the last High Circle meeting, in Sarnia, the funds of the Order stood as follows:

High Circle funds .....	\$2,797 93
Sub Circle funds .....	4,536 94
	<hr/> \$7,334 87

Membership, 1,784. 36 Circles.

As at June 30th. 1899:	
High Circle funds .....	\$3,153 66
Sub Circle funds .....	5,272 62
	<hr/> \$8,426 28

Membership, 1,562. 34 Circles.

## CIRCLES DISSOLVED OR AMALGAMATED.

77, Bayside; 104, Lady Dufferin; 126, Victoria; 133, Evangeline.  
Lady Dufferin Circle having dissolved and surrendered their charter, the members desiring to be connected with the Order were placed on the books of the High Circle, and remain members of the Companions of the Forest.

## JUVENILE CIRCLES.

A great many inquiries have been made for opening Juvenile Circles. At the present time we have no machinery for opening Juvenile Circles, but I hope that this High Circle meeting will take action in the matter, and appeal to the High Court, with a view to open them upon the same condition as the Boy's Juvenile Branches. There is now a notice of motion to that effect in our amendments.

At the present time we have two Juvenile Circles, and I saw in the *Ancient Forester* that a Juvenile Circle had been opened in Stratford, Ont. But how it was opened, or what machinery they opened it on, that is more than I can say. I do not think it is right for any Circle in any District to open a Juvenile Circle without the sanction of the proper authorities.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

During the past term the correspondence in connection with my office has been very considerable, and to all of which I gave my best attention, and with few exceptions I believe my replies were considered satisfactory. I beg leave to call the Circles and Circle Secretaries attention to General Law, 42, section 3, page 23, for many of them seem to ignore their District Chief Companion. Also, when asking any question, the Secretaries forget that the Circle has got a seal belonging to them.

# DECISIONS.

Many points came before me without first being referred to the District Chief Companion of the proper District. This is contrary to the provisions of the General Laws. I referred all such cases to the proper District Chief Companion, but in order to avoid delay, I in most cases referred the Companion or Circle by whom the point was raised to the proper section of our Laws.

The following are the decisions given:—

QUES.—When I arrived in Toronto from Sarnia, in September, a letter was in the Permanent Secretary's office, signed by a few members of Circle Pride of Oshawa concerning the election and installation of their officers. The Circle or Secretary failed to call a summoned meeting for quarter night for election. The Circle elected their officers. The District Chief Companion refused to act, or install the officers. The Chief Companion installed them. They held that the Chief Companion could not install them.

ANS.—As they had been in office for two months, I decided that the officers elected and installed must hold office until the next election.

QUES.—Can the District Chief Companion be Secretary of the Circle?

ANS.—Yes, the High Circle decided that as our best members were required for office, and our members not so numerous as the A.O.F., they could hold two such offices.

QUES.—Can the Circle elect an Assistant Secretary?

ANS.—No, but an Assistant Secretary may be appointed by the Secretary, when such is necessary. See General Law 98, page 38.

QUES.—Can a member be elected to office if not present?

ANS.—Yes, if not contrary to Circle By-Laws, provided the proposer vouches for her or him, or sends the Circle notice in writing, that if elected will accept it.

## APPEALS.

An appeal by Companion George Scott, *re* Lady Brunswick Circle, from the decision of the District Chief Companion. I confirmed the decision of the District Chief Companion. This was in reference to the expenses of the Arbitration Committee called out. That was decided at Sarnia two years ago. An appeal by Companion Mrs. Duff, *re* Lady Brunswick Circle, and District Chief Companion, claiming three weeks Sick Benefits.

ANS.—I dismissed the appeal, and disallowed the claim. I could not find any Law that would justify me in over ruling the action of the Medical Officer of the Circle in declaring the Companion off the Sick Fund of the Circle.

## PROTEST.

I had a protest from the Toronto District protesting against the action of the Laws and Relief Committee and High Court of the Order, asking me to place this before the Executive Council. At Sarnia, the High Circle passed a motion to reduce the initiation fee to \$2.00, but the Laws Committee would not allow it, and the High Court upheld them. I did not place this before the Executive Council, because they could do nothing until the next High Court Meeting, and I left it for this High Circle Meeting to decide what was best to do in the matter.

## CHARTER RATES.

Application was made from a few Circles for permission for a limited time to receive members upon charter rates, to enable them to compete with other societies in their jurisdiction who were accepting members upon like conditions. I carefully considered the matter, and granted their request only when one Circle was in the town or city, and I believe the action has proved beneficial to a number of the Circles.



## RITUAL.

The Ritual Committee appointed at our last High Circle Meeting, thought it best for the interest of the Order not to report until this High Circle Meeting, and I hope that their labours will prove beneficial to the Order, and that the report on the new Ritual, if adopted, may prove satisfactory to the Circles for a number of years.

## GUARANTEE BONDS.

I would strongly recommend that By-Laws 24 of our General Laws be strictly adhered to, as a few cases have come under my notice where Circles have had difficulties with past Secretaries and Treasurers.

## OFFICIAL VISITS

I paid official visits to Toronto and Brantford, and met the District Chief Companion, Officers and Members of both cities. We had very successful meetings, and I was highly pleased at the friendly manner in which I was received and entertained, and the evidence of general prosperity and good feeling amongst the Companions; I also visited Hamilton, London and Galt, but owing to limited time was unable to meet the Companions, other than the chief officers of the district. I received from them very satisfactory reports of the Circles under their jurisdiction.

## AMENDMENTS TO LAWS.

The proposed amendments to Laws, with the recommendation of the Law and Relief Committee, have been submitted to the Circles for consideration, and I hope that every Circle will be able to send a delegate fully prepared to discuss them in a manner that will be beneficial to our Order.

In conclusion, I desire to say that while in office my aim has been, as far as possible, to discharge the important duties of the office in such a manner as would tend to the welfare of the Order, and meet the approval of my Companions; and I trust that your deliberations at this High Circle Meeting will be fruitful of benefit for the general welfare, extension and progress of our Order.

Respectfully submitted in S.S. & C.,

JAMES WILLS,

*High Chief Companion.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

High Circle met as per adjournment at 2 p.m.

All officers present.

A Communication from Court Robin Hood, 5693, wishing the delegates a pleasant meeting and sojourn in the city.

Moved by Companion Calvert, seconded by Companion Richards, That the communication be received, and acknowledged by the Secretary with thanks. Carried.

Moved by Companion Calvert, seconded by Companion Richards, That we rescind motion regarding drive around the city, and that we take it this evening instead. Carried

The Committee on State of the Order presented their report.

Resolved that the report of the Committee on State of the Order be received and adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented their report.

Resolved that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Amendments to Laws were considered in Committee of the whole, Companion J. B. Buckingham in the chair.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That the report of the Committee of the Whole on Sections 1 to 10 inclusive be adopted, except Clause 2 laid over for further consideration. Carried.

On motion the High Circle adjourned.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order report as follows:

That there are 34 Circles with a membership of about 1,562, and cash accumulation at June 30th, \$5,238.41; and find that there has been two new Circles instituted, namely, 133 Truro, N. S., and 134 at St. John, N. B.; also four dissolved or amalgamated, *re* 77, Bayside; 104, Lady Dufferin; 126, Victoria; 133, Evangeline. Lady Dufferin Circle having dissolved and surrendered their charter, the members desiring to be connected with the Order were placed on the books of the High Circle. We have lost two Circles and 222 members, but have gained in funds \$1,091.41. There are two juvenile Circles, one at Hamilton with a membership of 70, and funds to the amount of \$180—there were ten members transferred; and one at Toronto with about 35 members, and funds in good condition.

We would recommend that the sum of \$50 be granted to the High Chief Companion as a slight recognition of the services rendered the Branch by him during his term of office, and that the reports of the District Deputies from St. Thomas, Toronto, and London be received and adopted. We have only had reports from three of the District deputies. We would recommend that no badge be given those District Deputies who have not reported.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. BERNHARDT, *Chairman*.  
EDW. FULLER.  
E. BISHOP.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

TORONTO, August 16th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Companion, Officers and Delegates.*

WORTHY COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to report that the High Chief Companion, High Marshall, and High Guard, have travelled 617 miles to this meeting, and we recommend that they be paid the sum of five cents per mile one way, amounting to \$30.85, and hotel expenses at the rate of \$1.00 per diem.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. VALE.  
MRS. MANSBRIDGE.  
JOHN B. BUCKINGHAM.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1899.

High Circle met as per adjournment.

All officers present except High Sentry.

Resolved that we go into Committee of the Whole, Past High Chief Companion Buckingham in the chair.

Clauses 11 to 34 were considered, and adopted as amended.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, that the report of the Committee of the Whole on Laws, be adopted. Carried.

Companion Vale presented the following recommendation:— That the Circles have the Form declaring the Companions on and off the Funds put in their By-laws to read like the proposed Form to be used by Courts of the Order.

Resolved that the recommendation be approved of.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Cripps, That the Constitution and Laws of the Branch, as amended, be referred to the Subsidiary High Court for their approval and confirmation, and that Companion Richards have full power from this High Circle to act in their behalf. Carried.

Moved by Companion Bernhardt, seconded by Companion Murchison, That Companion Richards be and is hereby instructed to petition the Subsidiary High Court for permission to institute Juvenile Circles of girls upon the same conditions as the Juvenile Federation of Boys. Carried.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That the thanks of this High Circle is due and is hereby tendered to the Civic Authorities for the magnificent drive given the officers and delegates around the City, and that the same be conveyed through the High Circle Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That the thanks of this High Circle meeting are due and hereby tendered to the Circles of the City of Toronto for the magnificent dinner and entertainment tendered to the officers and delegates, and that the Secretary convey to the District Deputy our sincerest respects to the Circles. Carried.

The Appeals Committee presented their report.

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Murchison, That the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded, That we do now adjourn till 2 p.m.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAWS  
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REPORT OF THE LAWS AND RELIEF COMMITTEE THEREON

Rule 1—Constitution

Circle No. 122

1. Strike out the words "The Branch" commencing the second line, and insert the words *The Companions*, here and wherever the term "The Branch" is employed in the same connection.

Not approved

Carried

Rule 4—Objects

Circles No. 85, 109

2. To be section 6. To provide a revenue by means of a per capita tax on each juvenile Girl Branch, for the payment of death claims and management expenses, and the High Chief Companion shall have power to grant dispensations for the opening of Juvenile Girl Branches, and to be governed by such by-laws as the Juvenile Boys' Branch is governed.

Referred to High Court for action

See report of Committee on Laws and Relief,  
Sec. 1, page 109.

Circle No. 122

3. Strike out the word "Branch" on fourth line, and insert the words *The Companions*.

Not approved

Carried

Rule 5—How Constituted

Circle 122

4. Strike out the words "The Branch" on first line, and insert the words *The Supreme Circle*, here and wherever the term "The Branch" is used in the same connection.

Not approved

Carried

Rule 6—Meetings

Circle No. 83

5. Section 3.—When the laws of the Branch are being considered by the Subsidiary High Court, the Branch shall be represented by the High Chief Companion, High Sub-Chief Companion, and High Right Guide.

Rejected, as the Branch is already represented by the Executive Council.

Carried

Circle No. 109

6. Section 2.—Add after "Circles" on second line, said delegates to be paid mileage by the High Circle.

Not approved. No funds for such a purpose.

Carried

7. Section 3.—Circles beyond a radius of 300 miles may be represented by a District Delegate elected by a majority of the Subordinate Circles in the District, whose mileage shall be paid by the High Circle, and who shall have a vote for each Circle so represented.

#### Same action as 6

Amended by striking out the words "beyond a radius of 300 miles" on first line, and "whose mileage shall be paid by the High Circle" on third line

Circle No. 113

8. Insert as sub-section 4, "The High Chief Companion shall be a member of the Executive Council.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 8—Officers

Circle No. 122

9. Strike out the word "High" before the words "Chief Companion, Marshall, Sub-Chief Companion, Guard, Sentry," and insert the word *Supreme*, here and wherever the word "High" is used in this connection.

Not approved

Carried

#### Rule 12—High Chief Companion

Circle No. 122.

10. Section 7.—Strike out last sentence as it conflicts with Section 3 of same law.

Not approved, but amend Sec. 3 by inserting the words "approved, varied or" after the word "until" on the 7th line, and by amending Sec. 7 by striking out the words "review upon" in the 14th line and erasing the words "Chief Ranger" in the last line and inserting the word *Circle*.

Carried

#### Rule 18—Funds

Circle No. 72

11. Insert the words *Sick and* before the word "funeral" on sixth line.

Not approved

Carried

Circle No. 109

12. The Funds of the High Circle shall be composed of the Sick and Funeral Fund, Management Fund, Relief Fund and Guarantee Fund.

**SICK AND FUNERAL FUND**—The fees payable to the High Circle Sick and Funeral Fund shall be as follows:—A Registration Fee of 25 cts. shall be paid on every member initiated, and ten cts. per quarter for each member returned as financial upon the return sheet of the Circle, such sum to be placed to the credit of the High Circle Sick and Funeral Fund, and paid from the Sick and Funeral Fund of the Circle

**13. MANAGEMENT FUND**—Shall consist of such sums as may be deemed necessary by the delegates at each High Circle Meeting.

**14. RELIEF FUND**—The sum of one or two cents per member per annum shall be collected from every financial member, on the returns of the quarter ending September 30th, in each year.

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15. SPECIAL RELIEF—The High Chief Companion shall have power to grant such relief as she or he may desire to Subordinate Circles which are in such a position as to make assistance necessary for their maintenance. Add General Laws of the Order, Rule 53.

16. GUARANTEE FUND—Shall be maintained by premiums paid by the Circles for securing bonds for Secretary and Treasurer to the amount of \$2.00 per member, the amount of premium to be paid for the said bonds to be decided upon by the High Circle Meeting.

17. OFFICIAL ORGAN—Each Circle shall take a copy of *The Ancient Forester*, to be paid for from the Management Fund of the Circle.

12 to 17 Not approved

Carried

### Rule 19—Contributions

Circle No. 72

18. Section 3.—Strike out the figures "\$2.50" and insert the figures \$2.00 on first line.

Not approved

Lost

19. Section 3.—Insert the words *Sick and* before the word "funeral" on eighth line.

Not approved

Carried

Circles No. 83, 109

20. Insert, The minium initiation fee shall be \$2.00.

Not approved

Carried

21. Scale of Contributions in advance:—

16 to 20.....	43 cts. per month
20 " 25.....	45 " "
25 " 30.....	48 " "
30 " 35.....	52 " "
35 " 40.....	56 " "
40 " 45.....	60 " "

Approved

Lost

22. DEFUNCT CIRCLES—When a Subordinate Circle becomes defunct any member may continue the payment of contributions to the High Circle Funds at the following scale:—(Same as above scale.)

Not approved

Lost

Circle No. 113

23. Insert as Sub-Section 4: Members of defunct Circles who are too old to be received by clearance into any other Circle, may, by paying certain contributions to the Permanent Secretary, be entitled to receive sick pay and funeral benefits direct from the High Circle, said contributions to be determined by the High Circle or Executive Council.

Not approved

Carried

Circle No. 83

24. Social members shall be entitled to funeral benefits only.

Already provided for

Carried



## Rule 20—Benefits

## Circle No. 83

25. Section 2.—Sick benefits paid for all sickness not caused by confinement, including female troubles, not arising from this cause.

**Not approved**

**Carried**

26. Add to Duties of Officers the following:—

PHYSICIAN—The duty of the Physician (who must be a member of the Order, and a graduate of some recognized college) shall be to examine into the health and physical condition of all applicants as benefit members, attend and prescribe for sick members, and declare them on and off the funds.

**Approved**, but amend as follows: Each Circle shall elect a legally qualified Medical Officer of the Circle. He shall examine all candidates for admission to Subordinate Circles, attend all sick members, and shall be responsible that no member is placed illegally on the funds. He shall declare members off the funds when in his opinion they are sufficiently recovered. Further duties may be provided for in the By-laws of the Subordinate Circles. **Carried**

## Rule 23—Executive Council—Honorary Members

## Circle No. 83

27. Insert at end of Section 1, upon payment of Honorary Member's fee.

**Not Approved**

**Lost**

## Circle No. 113

28. Change the word "shall" to *may*, then insert after the word "Branch" after being duly initiated.

**Not Approved**

**Carried**

## Rule 26—By-laws

## Circle No. 122

29. Strike out the word "recommend" on the sixth line, and insert the words *passed on*.

**Not Approved**

**Carried**

## Rule 27—Amendments

## Circle No. 72

30. Strike out the word "subject" on eighth line, and all following words up to word "Branch" on first line of page 100.

**Not Approved**

**Carried**

## Circle No. 83

31. Strike out from the word "upon" on page 99, to the word "Branch" on page 100

**Not Approved**

**Carried**

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

## Circle No. 72

32. That arrangements be made to place the Juvenile Circles now in existence under rules similar to the Juvenile Foresters' Federation, under control of the High Circle.

Already acted upon

Carried

33. That when a Circle becomes defunct any member not able to join another Circle through any cause, may pay their contributions into the High Circle Sick and Funeral Fund, in accordance with a scale to be prepared by the High Circle Meeting.

Already acted upon

Carried

34. That the High Circle Meeting shall send three representatives to the Subsidiary High Court Meeting, to look after the interests of the Companions of the Forest.

Already acted upon

Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be true and correct copies of Amendments to Laws, as forwarded to me by the respective Circles up to and including the 30th day of May, 1899, and revised and amended by the Committee on Laws and Relief,—and their recommendations are printed herewith, following each proposed Amendment.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, July 15th, 1899.

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The High Chief Companion declared the amendments as amended, carried unanimously.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

Toronto, August 16th, 1899.

## REPORT OF APPEALS COMMITTEE.

We, your Appeals Committee, have very carefully considered the appeal of Companion F. S. Duff, of Circle 122, against the decision of the High Chief Companion, *re* her Sick Pay.

Your Committee would recommend the decision of the High Chief Companion be sustained.

W. RICHARDS.  
G. W. MURCHISON.  
M. CALVERT.

*Re Companion G. Scott, of Circle 122—Charges of Arbitration Committee expenses.* We recommend that the decision of the High Chief Companion be sustained.

W. RICHARDS.  
G. W. MURCHISON.  
M. CALVERT.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

High Circle met as per adjournment. All present.

Past High Chief Companion, J. S. Williams, presented the report of Ritual Committee, appointed at last High Circle Meeting.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That the report of the Ritual Committee be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Calvert, That the report of the Committee on Ritual be referred back to the committee to amend same, that balloting for candidates remain as in present Ritual. Carried.

Exemplification of installation of officers was presented by Past High Chief Companion, J. S. Williams, assisted by Companion Gibling and other officers.

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Buckingham, That the report of the Ritual Committee on the installation of officers be received and adopted. Carried.

A Funeral Ceremony recommended by the Ritual Committee was read.

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Buckingham, That the Funeral Ceremony read by the committee be adopted and printed in the new Ritual. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their report.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted Carried

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Calvert, That this High Circle Meeting do protest against the using of any further money belonging to this said High Circle for Act of Incorporation by the Dominion Government without the consent of the High Circle. Carried

Nomination and election for High Circle officers was declared in order.

*High Chief Companion.*

First ballot—W. Richards, 14; J. Wills, 6. Companion W. Richards was declared elected.

*High Sub-Chief Companion.*

First ballot—Mrs. Hamilton, 9; Mrs. Vale, 6; Miss Bishop, 3; Mrs. Fisher, 2.

Second ballot—Mrs. Hamilton, 7; Mrs. Vale, 7; Miss Bishop, 6.

Third ballot—Mrs. Hamilton, 12; Mrs. Vale 8. Companion Mrs. Hamilton was declared elected.

*High Marshall.*

First ballot—Mrs. Vale, 6; Mrs. Fisher, 1; Miss Bishop, 7; Mrs. Pearson, 3; Miss McMillan, 3.

Second ballot—Mrs. Vale, 6; Miss Bishop, 8; Mrs. Pearson, 4; Miss McMillan, 2.

Third ballot—Mrs. Vale, 6; Miss Bishop, 9; Mrs. Pearson, 5.

Fourth ballot—Mrs. Vale, 9; Miss Bishop, 11. Companion Miss Bishop was declared elected.

*High Guard.*

First ballot—M. Calvert, 6; Miss McMillan, 6; Mrs. Taylor, 3; Mrs. Fisher, 5.

Second ballot—M. Calvert, 8; Miss McMillan, 6; Mrs. Fisher, 5.

Third ballot—M. Calvert, 6; Miss McMillan, 13. Companion Miss McMillan was declared elected.

*High Sentry.*

First ballot—Mrs. Vale, 6; Mrs. Fisher, 2; M. Calvert, 5; Mrs. Sayless, 7.

Second ballot—Mrs. Vale, 9; M. Calver 3; Mrs. Sayless, 8.

Third ballot—Mrs. Vale, 10; Mrs. Sayless, 10.

Fourth ballot—Mrs. Vale, 11; Mrs. Sayless, 9. Companion Mrs. Vale was declared elected.

*Next Place of Meeting.*

Hamilton, Montreal, Toronto, Galt.

A ballot having been taken, Hamilton was declared elected the next place of meeting, in 1901.

*District Deputy Chief Companions.*

York.....	W. J. Stevens
Middlesex.....	W. Cripps
Wentworth.....	E. Fuller
Oxford.....	W. Davidson
Brant.....	J. Neilson
Lambton.....	—Burkholder
Elgin.....	—Pollard
Gray.....	—Helstrop
Carleton.....	Mrs. S. Ilvine
Waterloo and Wellington.....	W. Baird

Districts of Perth, Essex, British Columbia, Manitoba, Frontenac and Ontario, were laid over.

Moved by Companion Murchison, seconded by Companion Bernhardt, that the retiring High Circle officers, be presented with their badge of office. Carried.

Moved by Companion Fuller, seconded by Companion Richards, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Past High Chief Companion, J. S. Williams, and Companions Painter and Gibling for their excellent work on the Ritual Committee. Carried.

Moved by Companion Buckingham, seconded by Companion Fuller, That we tender the Permanent Secretary, Companion W. Williams, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for his care and attention at this High Circle Meeting, and that we ask him as a special favor to use his best endeavours to see that the suggestions adopted at this meeting be carried into effect. Carried.

Moved by Companion Richards, seconded by Companion Fuller, That Companion Murchison be presented with a Past High Chief Companion Jewell, he having been elected to that honorable position at the first Supreme Circle Meeting. Carried.

Moved by Companion Bernhardt, seconded by Companion Murchison, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered the retiring officers. Carried.

The High Chief Companion, assisted by Companion Painter, then proceeded to instal the officers elect into their respective offices, viz :—W. Richards, High Chief Companion ; J. Hamilton, High Sub-

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Chief Companion ; E. Bishop, High Marshall ; Miss McMillan, High Guard ; Mrs. W. J. Vale, High Sentry.

The Past High Chief Companion addressed the respective officers and wished them a successful term.

The High Chief Companion, W. Richards, tendered his thanks to the delegates for electing him to the honorable position, and desired to say that he would do the utmost in his power to advance the interests of the Companions of the Forest.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

On motion the High Circle adjourned to meet in the City of Hamilton, in August, 1901.

The singing of "The Maple Leaf," "Auld Lang Syne," and "God save the Queen," brought a pleasant and profitable meeting to a close.

W. WILLIAMS,

*Permanent Secretary.*

W. RICHARDS,

*High Chief Companion.*

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TORONTO, August 15th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Companion and Delegates in High Circle Assembled.*

WORTHY COMPANIONS—The undersigned beg to report that we have carefully examined the Financial Statements for the years 1898 and 1899, and find that since the last High Circle Meeting, in Sarnia, that while there has been paid out \$1,000 for twenty death claims, the fund has increased \$449.61, which considering a slight loss in membership, is very favourable.

We notice an item on Financial Statement for the half year ending Dec. 31st, 1898, "By part expenses Incorporation, \$50," which we do not understand, as we do not consider that we should be called upon to pay any portion of the expenses of incorporation of another branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters. The item for Jewels, \$108.24, we learn the goods are mostly in stock, but in the absence of a stock sheet, we do not know in what proportion. On the whole we consider the finances of the High Circle in a satisfactory condition. We recommend that the account for rent of room, \$10, be paid, and that \$1.00 be paid to the caretaker of the Hall

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. BUCKINGHAM.  
G. W. MURCHISON.  
MRS. R. CRIPPS.



# OFFICIAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF BRO. H. E. GRIFFITHS, HIGH COURT TREASURER,  
RE COURT SEVERN, No. 7678.

TORONTO, May 6th, 1899.

*To the High Chief Ranger and Members of Executive Council:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.,—I beg to report as follows *re* my official visit to Court Severn, No. 7678, on the 4th, and 5th inst.

1. I found that upon a very hurried examination of the books of said Court that their membership had fallen down to about 4 members, and none of them really in good standing.

2. That the principle cause of the falling off in membership and interest had been brought about by their never receiving any support from the Order, or any official, outside themselves, being many miles away from any Court of the Order that could give them any assistance as to the proper mode of conducting their business, etc.

3. Being composed of lumbermen, only being at the mill in Severn some few months in the year, and away hundreds of miles through the winter season.

4. No medical attendance in case of sickness, being fourteen miles from the nearest doctor, and when he was called in members had to pay a portion of the expense for travelling to the village. If members went to the doctor, who was paid at the rate by the Court of \$1.50 per year, for months only that the member were at Severn, they had to pay extra for medicine at all times.

5. Only lumbermen to draw from and a very small population.

6. Very few meeting, and they irregularly held, see as follows: (Taken from the Minute Book of the Court).

Sept. 18, 1895; Dec. 18, 1895; Jan. 1, 1896; March 4, 1896; April 1, 1896; June 5, 1896; Aug. 5, 1896; Dec. 2, 1896; April 21, 1897; May 12, 1897; June 2, 1897; Aug. 4, 1897; Sept. 15, 1897; May 4, 1899. You will learn by the foregoing statement that there has been little interest taken in our Order in this place by the few members on their book all the time. At none of these meetings were there more than sufficient members to fill the respective offices.

7. Everything had been left to one, Bro. W. G. Miller, who has been acting in the capacity of Sec'y-Treas. and the whole Court.

8. Upon examination of the books I found that they had one deposit in Dominion Bank, Orillia, \$230.00, and a note for \$46.00, goods valued at \$35.00, or in all, assets of \$265.00.

Liabilities, nil.

A most creditable showing for which they are to be highly complimented.

9. I interviewed several of the lukewarm members and obtained a small meeting in the upper parlors of the only public house in the place at nine o'clock p.m., owing to the only hall in the place being engaged that evening.

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After a long consultation, those present decided to go on with the Court again, and do all they could to lift it out of the rut it had fallen into in the past three years, if they received some help from the Order later on, so that they may be thoroughly posted in the work and progress of the Order generally.

10. I therefore undertook, as far as possible, to re-organize.

Said Court held an election of officers which resulted as follows:

Bros. J. Connington, C.R.; Thos. Campbell, S.C.R.; W.G. Miller, Treas.; W. Blackwell, Sec.; Allen Ramsay, S.W.; Wm. Beatty, J.W.; Wm. Boyd, S.B.; J.B., vacant.

11. I also left full instructions to thoroughly audit the accounts, obtain from the Orillia Bank the parties whose names the funds were deposited in favour of, have same changed at once to the name of Court Severn Bridge, No. 7678.

To have the note held by the Treasurer, Bro. Miller, for \$46.00 taken up at once, if possible.

12. Installed said officers as well as it was possible under the circumstances, gave some lessons on the Ritual work, which they knew nothing about at all, as the late Secretary reported that they had never seen the new Ritual, nor the work done by any one.

13. Instructed them to arrange with a medical gentleman who has just come from Toronto to reside in the settlement, to examine all applicants and members for reinstatement at a small fee. To hold their meetings regularly as they can; obtain hall accommodation in the hall owned by the Orange Lodge for \$6.00 per annum. Two meetings each month.

14. I have reason to believe with a little encouragement this Court will be once again doing a good business at the old stand, despite its many drawbacks.

15. And cannot close this statement without again protesting against our miserable mode of organization. No Court should be opened anywhere and left to the mercy of any and everyone. We, to be a success, must change our whole system. Some one must be authorized to specially look after our Organizers, the Courts they organize from time to time, have a general oversight over all Courts, Juvenile Branches and Circles. It no doubt will cost money, but the Order must provide means for such an official or we will have to give up business. Every line of business recognizes the fact that to do business it must be well looked after, therefore, I hope the High Court will see a way clear to make some provision whereby our weak outlying Courts may be looked after and posted in their work which keeps up that interest. a Society such as ours, which is mostly composed of hard-working people requires.

16. I would further recommend that a responsible member be chosen by the Executive Council in all these smaller Courts out in these back settlements to look particularly after the welfare of his Court, outside the regularly elected officers, whose duty it would be from time to time to correspond with the officer whose duty it may be to visit and assist weak Courts so that he, the said official, may be in a position in a large country like ours to offer assistance to those Courts requiring his immediate attention; and that these Court officials referred to be commissioned by the Executive Council, with full particulars as to what may be expected from them by the Executive Council, that there may be no misunderstanding as to their duty, and so that their may be no clashing with the duties of the Court Officers or District Chief Rangers.

In submitting this hurried statement, I hope any suggestion offered by me may be accepted in the spirit in which it is rendered—the good of the whole Order.

Accompanying this report, I have to add that too much praise cannot be awarded Bros. Miller and Jackson who done all they could in trying to straighten out the many obstacles the old members fancied they saw to the continuance of Court Severn in their settlement.

You will find my account accompanying this report which I hope you may be pleased to honor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

H. E. GRIFFITHS,

## DISTRICT CHIEF RANGERS' REPORTS.

### ALGOMA DISTRICT.

In making my report at the close of my first term of office, I am pleased to state that two Courts have been added to my district.

I re-organized Court Algonquin at Port Arthur, and it is in a prosperous condition.

Bro. Ramsbottom organized Court Golden City at Rat Portage, although I have never had the opportunity of visiting Court Golden City, I believe a grand work is being done there.

I am sorry to have to report unfavorably for Court Kaministiquia. It is in a very poor shape, caused by lack of interest by the members, and considerable sickness, also strong competition by other lodges.

I have worked hard and done all in my power for the past two years to keep it going, but if something is not done by the High Court soon, Court Kaministiquia will not be in existence long.

I beg to recommend that Court Kaministiquia be given financial aid, as a Court in distress. Send a High Court Officer, or some brother who is a good talker and worker, to help all weak Courts, and put new life into them so they will be progressive.

Trusting that peace and prosperity will continue with our noble Order, I have the honor to remain,

Yours in U.B. & C.

H. H. PEACOCK, D.C.R.

Algoma.

### BRANT DISTRICT.

The District of Brant has not, from a point of membership increased as much as it should, but all the Courts, from a financial standpoint, have been successful. Court 7327, Brantford, which has been laboring under difficulties for years is thoroughly re-organized and is now in a good condition. The members are enthusiastic, and are getting thoroughly into harness again.

The Juvenile Branches are in a flourishing condition, and are without a doubt a grand feeder to the Order. Court Perseverance, No. 3, Brantford, has contributed ten members in the past two years to the adult Courts, and Court Pride of Paris has done its duty nobly. Too much encouragement cannot be given to the Juveniles. The Companions of the Forest are also doing the good work in a satisfactory manner.

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The yearly election of officers has a bad effect on the attendance. The term seems too long for subordinate officers, who become careless. It also dampens the ardour of members aspiring to office. If elected semi-annually, good workers, who do not make the best officers, could be put through the offices in a short time to the best interest of their Courts, and officers who do not do their duty could be removed without offence and a good man can be re-elected.

During my term of office several minor decisions have come before me, among others, one relating to Sick Benefits, Rule 118, Sec. 8, whether a member has to be sick seven working days before he shall receive benefits. This should be stated more clearly in our General Laws.

I have visited all the Courts in my jurisdiction several times and everywhere found harmony reigning.

Thanking all the members of Brant District for the courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

I remain, fraternally yours,

JAS. WALKER, D.C.R.

Brant.

#### CARLETON AND LANARK DISTRICT.

I beg to make you my report for the time I have been District Chief Ranger of Carleton County.

I am unable to report any addition to the number of Courts and only a slight increase in the membership.

I have paid official visits to Court Pioneer, No. 5607, and Court Progressive, No. 8404, and am pleased to say that perfect harmony prevails in both Courts. I attended the audit meeting of Court Pioneer, and found the books kept in first class order, the funds being in a flourishing condition, although the Sick and Funeral Fund has had a severe strain upon it the past twelve months.

I visited Court Progressive, No. 8404, and find the members are full of zeal for the Order, and the funds in fair condition. I had to call the attention of the Secretary to the fact of using the Sick and Funeral Fund to pay the management expenses, contrary to the General Laws. I hope this practice will be stopped and the Court given to understand that the General Law on this point is very strict, and, if the management contribution is not enough to meet the current expenses, the members must be assessed to make up the deficiency.

I am very pleased to state that the Juvenile Branch W. J. Pain, No. 49, is getting on very well, the funds of this Branch being in a healthy condition, the membership increasing, and as the juveniles arrive at the age, they are transferred into the Adult Court. I find the meetings well attended, but am sorry to say they do not receive the encouragement from the Adult Courts which they are entitled to. This is a Branch of the Order that it would be in the interest of all Adult Courts to give every encouragement, as no doubt the future and well being of the Order depends on the Juvenile Branches to swell its ranks.

The visit from our High Chief Ranger, Bro. Snelgrove, and High Court Treasurer, Bro. Griffiths, and addresses they gave at the banquet that was given in their honor, had good results. I think if some of the members of the Executive Council could make a point of paying Ottawa a visit now and again, it would be beneficial to the Order here.

I wish to thank the officers and members in the district for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on my official visits.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM HATTON, D.C.R.

Carleton and Lanark.

## ELGIN DISTRICT.

I herewith submit my report of the state of Ancient Forestry in Elgin.

Courts Elgin and Pride of the West, St. Thomas, are making steady progress, and take great interest in everything pertaining to the Order.

Court Elgin, with over 300 members, is one of the strongest Courts, both in membership and finances, in Canada, while Pride of the West is making great strides. Harmony prevails in both Courts, and their joint meetings on special occasions have always been most enjoyable, and well attended.

Last year Court Elgin celebrated its 25th anniversary by holding a picnic, and furnishing a splendid programme of games.

This year a District Meeting was held in St. Thomas under the auspices of both Courts, at which able addresses were given by H.C.M.E., Dr. Secord; H.S.C.R. Baird, and H.C. J.B. Boyd, and several prominent local brethren. A very profitable and pleasant evening was spent by the large number of brethren present.

A new Court was instituted at Sparta last year, but has not made the progress which had been hoped.

Court Surprise, Aylmer, is at present shewing renewed vitality, and has received an infusion of new blood which will be helpful to it.

The St. Thomas Branches of the Companions of the Forest and Knights of Sherwood Forest are doing good work, which is often made manifest.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members for the many courtesies extended to me, particularly to the brethren of St. Thomas, who, at all times, and in all places endeavored to inculcate the true principles of Ancient Forestry.

GEO. W. YOEELL, D.C.R.

Elgin.

## ESSEX DISTRICT.

As my term of office is drawing to a close, I am pleased to be able to report that prosperity and harmony have prevailed throughout this district during my term of office. I have not been called upon to settle any dispute, nor have I heard of anything in the shape of a discord.

During my term of office I have been a frequent visitor to the two Courts in my district, and I am happy to say that on all those occasions I have been cordially received and welcomed in true Forestry style, so, before proceeding further I will have to thank the brethren one and all in Court Beaver, No. 5963, and Court Pride of Walkerville, No. 7781, for the kindness shown me during my term of office.

The Courts in this district are all making good progress both numerically and financially, Court Beaver showing a splendid record.

We have two Juvenile Branches, one in Windsor and the other in Walkerville. Both are doing good work for the Order as the large number of transfers will show.

The best wishes I can give my successor in office is that he will receive the same treatment that I have experienced.

Wishing continued success to our noble Order.

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHAS. LONG, D.C.R.

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## GREY, SIMCOE AND MUSKOKA DISTRICT.

In submitting my report as District Chief Ranger, I regret not being able to report having visited each Court in my district during my term of office.

Some friction having arisen in Orillia Court early in 1898, I paid two visits thereto and succeeded in getting them in good working order, but, of late, I have not been able to get any reply to my communications, and hear that they are defunct.

A short time ago I sent a letter to each Court inquiring as to progress, but, up to the present time, I have replies from but two, viz., Severn, No. 7678, Severn Bridge, and Welcome, No. 8570, of Glen Orchard, and am pleased to note that both are in a flourishing and satisfactory condition.

One or two questions were submitted to me for my decision, and it is very satisfactory for me to know that my views thereon were afterwards confirmed by the High Chief Ranger on the matter being referred to him. My occupancy of the office has been very pleasant to me, and, I trust to all in the district; I hope my successor may find it as much so as I did.

Ere closing allow me to say that I would like to see the High Court make the office worthy of the name, and make provision for District Chief Rangers' visits to each Court at least once during his term of office.

Wishing the Order every success.

I remain yours fraternally,

W. M. GALBRAITH, D.C.R.

Grey, Simcoe and Muskoka.

## HOCHELAGA DISTRICT.

In submitting my report as District Chief Ranger of the Hochelaga District, I am pleased to state that all the Courts intrusted to my supervision are in a prosperous condition, except Court William Williams, No. 7673, which I am pleased to say is working steadily and progressing favorably under the present set of officers. I believe that Court William Williams will yet be able to weather the storm, and prove herself a credit and an ornament to the Order by the end of 1899.

During my term of office I have visited the different Courts from time to time in my district, and found the officers and members all working for the interest of their Court and the Order.

I regret to say I have been unable to increase the number of Courts in my district, owing to the competition we have to contend with regarding other Fraternal Societies; but I would recommend that Court William Williams and Court Reliance should, if possible, amalgamate and make one strong Court, which, I think, would be far the best.

During my term of office it has been my privilege to attend the 25th anniversary of Court Allan's Pride, No. 5774, which was celebrated in a way highly creditable to the Court and Order.

I also had the pleasure of receiving an invitation for the anniversary of Court St. Jude, No. 5880, but being unable to be present, the district was represented by P.D.C.R., Bro. Clendenning, which was celebrated in the same manner.

I am pleased to report that I have not been called upon to decide any question of dispute between the officers and members in the district, of any vital importance. I must say that harmony has prevailed throughout the entire district with brotherly feeling.



I have examined the books of each Court, and found them in a satisfactory condition. The different funds are, I find, appropriated to its own fund, and carefully looked after, and the Secretaries well posted in their work.

I find there has been a decrease in membership of about 40, and an increase in funds of about \$2,000.00 in the last two years.

I am pleased to say that the Juvenile Branches are all in a flourishing condition, and under the care of good management, which is a credit to its members and a benefit to the Adult Courts.

I must say my term of office has been one of great pleasure, which I have endeavoured to do, the best of my ability, and I can say that my intercourse with the various Courts in the district has been one of the pleasantest.

My sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the members for their courtesy and kindness to me whenever I visited their Courts, and especially do I thank the Past Chief Rangers for their assistance while engaged in installing the officers throughout the district. I hope the same brotherly feeling and kindness which has made my term of office so pleasant may be extended to my successor.

Trusting that peace and prosperity will still remain with our noble Order.

I remain fraternally yours,

A. E. MOORE, D.C.R.  
Hochelaga.

#### HURON DISTRICT.

As my term of office is drawing to a close, I am pleased to be able to report that prosperity has prevailed in most of the Courts in my district.

I visited Exeter Court and find it in a good, financial state, but in number of members very, very small. I think they are very bad workers and need stirring up.

I visited the Court in Clinton, and found them in a good state, both in finances and members, and the brothers are all good workers.

I also visited Wingham Court and was glad to find the Court in a good state. All the officers were present, and they say that everything is looking up.

I was not able to visit the Court in Goderich, but had a letter from the Court, and they seem to be getting along slowly.

I was unable to visit the Court in Zurich, and have written them, but could get no reply.

Our Court in Seaforth is getting along in good shape, new members coming in and a lot of good old workers in the Court.

I think what we want up in this district is a good organizer, one with good influence, to visit Exeter, Goderich and Zurich. I think a good work could be done if you sent a good man.

Wishing our noble Order every prosperity,

I remain yours fraternally,

ED. LATIMER, D.C.R.  
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## KENT DISTRICT.

As the time as arrived for me to vacate the office of District Chief Ranger for the County of Kent, I take much pleasure in submitting my report and work done during my term of office.

During the past two years I have visited the various Courts in my district on several occasions and have also examined the books in the keeping of the various officers of the different Courts, and have found them to be correct, and kept in a business-like manner.

I beg leave to report of the very successful opening of Court Pride of Dover, who started their first meeting with 39 charter members, and now have 75 financial members on their roll. Since their opening they have built a commodious lodge room, which property they own at a cost of \$500.00, and furniture \$125.00, and have \$207.88 cash to their credit, making a total in all of \$832.88.

I also take pleasure in reporting the re-opening of Court Euclid by myself and Bro. W. H. Benson, on May 18, 1899, which was started with nine members, since which time they have steadily increased, and now have 33 good standing members,

On four different times during my term of office I have visited Court Northwood, and found them to be prospering, and although not increasing much in membership, owing to strong competition, are still holding their own. The amount of funds they have on hand is about \$164.00, with a membership of 44.

I have paid official visits to Court Unity, No. 6900, from time to time, and found them working in a satisfactory manner. They have been visited with very heavy sick rates for some time, but now are recovering very rapidly, and expect a large increase in membership in the near future. Their membership is 77, and the amount of funds \$399.87.

Court Hope of Ontario, No. 6244, of which I have been a member for the past 19 years, I am glad to say, although having passed through a heavy siege of sickness, is still pulling along in good shape. The membership is about 203, and amount of funds, \$1,050.00.

Last, but not least, is the Juvenile Branch which I resurrected on March 12, 1899, with a membership of 8, and now numbers 15, with cash to their credit of \$119.00. By the interest that is taken in the meetings by the boys we expect big things from them in future.

In conclusion, Brethren, I wish to take this means of thanking the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Snelgrove, and Bro. Williams, Permanent Secretary, and the rest of the High Court Officers for their kindly assistance and advice which I have received during my term of office, and leave the duties I have tried to perform during my term of office to my successor, trusting he will continue the good work.

With my best wishes.

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN CAPE, D.C.R.

Kent.

## MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

In making out my report I would say that we are getting along nicely up here. Very few complaints have been made or come before me, and any that has come up, I have been able to settle without any trouble.

All the Courts are in good financial standing. I have made fifty-one visits during my term of office, to some Courts I paid more visits than to others, and find they are all a good-hearted, good-natured lot of fellows.

You requested me to state any grievances we had, well, Bro. Boyd and I had a talk, and he said he would make everything known down there.

I hope you will have a good meeting, and that good results will come of it.

I have kept down expenses as low as I could, owing to so many visits to London from Strathroy.

With best wishes and hopes for the Order, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. W. SCOTT, D.C.R.  
Middlesex.

## NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

Another term of office is fast coming to a close, and as I look back over these last two years, over all difficulty and trouble, I cannot but report as a whole "Prosperity." With the exception of Court "Sunbeam," we are doing well, although some of our Courts may find it hard through the summer months to get a large meeting, yet there are some that stick to it like bricks. I am sorry to report that I have not visited the different Courts in my District as I should, but, when we consider the distance our Courts extend here (somewhere about 300 miles), it can hardly be expected that the District Chief Ranger could spend a large amount in visiting, but I have written every Court in my District, and, I wish them every encouragement.

Now, I must begin by saying that about the middle of '98, I went with Bro. Ward to Prince Edward Island. He was successful in establishing two Courts there, Courts "Gladstone" and "Prince Edward." We worked hard there and found that we could not succeed to our wish, so we came back to Nova Scotia, and at Windsor we organized, by the help of Bro. Peel, of Court "Concord," a court in that place, Court "Evangeline." Bro. Ward was then called to New Brunswick, and I started with a full spirit to try it myself. In December, 1898, I went to Lunenburg, N.S., and there I organized Court "Leading Star." Then up La Have River I organized Court "Toilers of the Deep," "La Have Light," "Good Cheer," "Conquerall" and "Homeward Bound," which you all no doubt saw of in our *Ancient Forester*. I must say that all our Foresters of these Courts are real men, and the best of the different places. Right here I must thank Bro. Dr. S. S. Slanenwhite, of Rose Bay, for his kind help, and but for him I could not have planted our noble Order so strongly in that Country. My next place was to St. Croix, where I was successful in establishing Court "St. Croix," and then Court "Bedford." All the men in all my Courts are good honest workers, and no doubt by the report of next District Chief Ranger, they will have doubled their numbers.

I was sent by our High Chief Ranger to Prince Edward Island to help out the Courts there, and found them in a very poor condition, but succeeded in putting new life into Court "Gladstone," and giving it a proper start, but without the aid of Bro. Geo. Oland, it would have been a failure. Then, Court Prince Edward, I could do nothing for them. They were started with a small

number and never increased since they were organized. It being an unfavourable time of the season, I could have only heaped up a large account by staying, so I thought to visit them, or come on in the fall. I was then sent to Windsor, "Cour Evangeline." I worked hard to get this Court booming, but was not as successful as I had wished, but saved them from completely giving up by taking in a few new members.

I must say that our different Courts have had some very enjoyable meetings and drives, and I have heard well of our Society from the outsiders. I may say that under the circumstances I could not attend many of those meetings, and I felt that I have missed great encouragement derived from these social gatherings.

There is every prospect for next year, and I hope the High Court will look after our Nova Scotia Brethren and Courts.

We held our District meeting at Dartmouth on the 3rd of June. Bro. Ward was elected as delegate to High Court Meeting. Bro. Con. Oland was elected to the Chair of District Chief Ranger, and there is no doubt but he shall fill the office superior to myself.

I trust that our grand Order shall go on to victory.

We hope in the near future to have a meeting and organize into a Provincial District.

I trust that the High Court Meeting will look in a helping manner on our Province, for we have just begun the work and it should be kept up.

I must thank the members of my District for the kindness bestowed on me during my term of office.

Yours fraternally,

L. B. FOOTE, D.C.R.  
Nova Scotia.

#### OXFORD AND NORFOLK DISTRICT.

In submitting my report to you as District Chief Ranger of Oxford and Norfolk District, I am pleased to report that all the Courts are in a prosperous condition. On assuming the office of District Chief Ranger, my first duty was to find out the difficulty in Court Norfolk, No. 7821, as this Court was almost gone to the wall, and they had lost all their members but eight. The difficulty seemed to be that they had never had but one visit from any District Chief Ranger since the Court was organized, and never had any encouragement to work up the Court, nor any one to help them; so, after reporting the state of this Court to the High Chief Ranger, he instructed me to go and see what could be done to increase their membership. This I did with very fair success, as it was but a short time when they numbered up to forty good on books, all good healthy members. I am pleased to report that they now stand in a very fair condition, with a membership of about sixty-five, and with finances in a fair condition.

During my term of office I have made a number of visits to each Court in my District, and have always endeavoured to assist them as much as possible in every way that I could. I have always found their books in a very fair condition. I have always noticed that the Courts that are in the poorest condition financially, that the difficulty has been they are not strict enough with their members in allowing them to draw on the Sick Funds of the Court when they are not entitled to it, as it seems a very difficult matter to get some of our Courts to carry out the General Laws. They are also a little too slack in allowing the members to run in arrears for their dues, and then the members drop out and leave the Court in the hole.

I am pleased to see the active interest that has been taken by the members of Court Marquis of Lorne, No. 6157, Ingersoll, by organizing a Degree team, as they have worked hard in order to make it a success, which it is without a doubt, a great credit to their Court.

During my term I have organized one new Court, Court Royal, No. 8757, Gobles. This Court is now in a very fair condition.

Court Oxford, No. 7328, Sweaborg, is also in a flourishing condition. They have added a number of new members to their role during the past two years, and have also increased their funds very nicely. They now have their hall about paid for, which has cost them \$750.00. This is a great credit to their Court, and it ought to be encouragement for the members to add to their numbers.

Court Fidelity, No. 7820, Tilsonburg, have had some up-hill work during the past year and a half, but they are now gaining ground again. They have a Degree Team that is a credit to their Court, and has been a big help to them in adding new members to their Court.

Court Norfolk, No. 7821, has also made great progress during the past year and a half, as they have increased their membership about 60, with their funds in a fair condition.

Court Stanley, No. 7675, Woodstock, is in a better condition than it has been for some time before and great credit is due its members for the careful management of their funds.

Court Myrtle, No. 6570, is also in a flourishing condition, having organized a Degree Team that is a credit to their Court, and will be a great help to them in increasing their membership.

Court Marquis of Lorne, No. 6157, Ingersoll is one of the most flourishing Courts in my District, as they have scarcely a meeting without an initiation. This goes to prove that a Degree Team is a good drawing card to the Court, as they are now in a fair way of reaching two-hundred members by the end of the year.

During my term of office this District has increased about 200 members, of which I have had the pleasure of proposing over 100. I have found that if there was some provision made whereby a District Chief Ranger, or a special Organizer, could spend two or three weeks at each Court once a year, it would be a great benefit to the Order at large, as there are so many Courts that never get any assistance from one year to another. I hope some provision will be made at the coming High Court Meeting to enable the District Chief Rangers to visit the Courts oftener than they have done in the past.

I may also state that the Juveniles and Companions of the Forest in this District are in a very fair condition, so I have been informed.

My term of office having been one of great pleasure to me. There has been but few cases referred to my decision, but those that have, I hope my decision has been satisfactory.

My sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members throughout the District for their courtesy and kindness to me whenever I visited their Courts, everything they could do being done to make my visit both pleasant and profitable.

I trust my successor will meet with as hearty a reception and Forestric spirit as has been my lot.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN FOSTER, D.C.R.  
Oxford and Norfolk.

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## PERTH DISTRICT.

As District Chief Ranger for Perth District, I beg to report as follows :

During my term of office I have endeavoured to promote the interests of Forestry as much as possible by visiting the different Courts in the District with a view to stimulating them to greater activity, and everywhere I was received heartily by the brethren. My term has been marked by the very harmonious feeling that existed in the District, every Court doing its best to further the interests of Forestry in a brotherly way, and thus carrying out the true principles of our Order.

At the instance of our High Chief Ranger, I visited Court Maitland Valley, No. 8403, Listowel, with a view to stirring up Forestry in that part of the District; but am sorry to say I found the Court in a deplorable condition, so much so that we found it necessary to withdraw the charter, and once more Listowel is without a Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, which fact is to be regretted.

Court Dominion, No. 6483, St. Marys, is in a flourishing condition, and a credit to the Order. The Court is composed of a lot of young material, and bids fair to become the banner Court of the District. I find that the Ancient Order of Foresters is the leading Society in St. Marys, and the members of Court Dominion are to be congratulated on the high position they occupy among the numerous societies of the "Stone Town," and it is to be hoped that they will always retain that position.

Court Beaver, No. 6191, Mitchell, is alive and up to the times, and giving a good account of itself.

Court Good Intent, No. 5588, Stratford, has been doing a hustling business for Forestry, and has succeeded in reaching the 200 mark, a much coveted goal.

Court Pride of Perth, No. 5835, Stratford, the oldest Court in the District, is doing good work for the Order, and is a live and up-to-date Court.

Juvenile Branch Excelsior, No. 2, Stratford, the pride of the Foresters of the Classic City, and the envy of all the other societies, is in a most flourishing condition. Its funds and membership have increased ten and fifty per cent. respectively, and the Management Committee are to be complimented on the good work done by them.

In conclusion I must compliment our High Chief Ranger, Bro. Snelgrove, on the good work he has done for the Order during his term of Office, and in doing so I am but expressing the sentiments of all the members in the District, for everywhere he is spoken of as "the right man in the right place."

Trusting the next two years will be even more prosperous for Forestry,

I remain, yours fraternally,

S. J. MALLION, D.C.R.

Perth.

## SELKIRK DISTRICT.

In submitting my report from this district I have to report no progress in members, but a steady increase of funds.

But, taking the value of the district as compared with two years ago, we would have appeared to have gone behind in this respect, but such is not the case, as the present standing of the finances of the Order here is a correct one, while the one of two years ago was not on a sound basis, as the Sherwood Hall investment was not worth anything like what it was reported to be, as on closing up the affairs we only realized about 20% of the money invested.



In Court Excelsior there is an increase of about three members during two years, and a very material increase of funds. This is one of the best Courts in the district, and the success of this Court, in my opinion, is due to the large amount of its members holding a certificate in the beneficiary fund, thereby causing a much stronger interest in the Order.

Court Robin Hood has made no headway during my term of office more than to pay off very heavy liabilities, principally to the Executive Council. This Court has some of the very best workers in the district, and in the near future hopes to build up a good bank account to meet increasing liabilities which are bound to accrue as the Court grows older.

Court Onward has made very good progress during my term of office, and has nearly doubled its membership during the last two years. Its finances, too, are in a very good shape, and the Court is blessed with a lot of hard-working, energetic Foresters. This Court has a good worker in their Secretary, Bro. G. F. Ludlow.

Court Albert, reported by Bro. Piper, P.D.C.R., to be in a flourishing condition, is again in a very unsatisfactory condition, owing to a misunderstanding as to arrangements made with Bro. Pyne, P.H.C.J.W. and Bro. Piper, P.D.C.R., re the re-organizing of Court Albert, they claiming that an old debt of \$90.00 was to be struck off entirely, while Bro. Piper says the debt was to lay in abeyance and be paid by Court Albert when its finances would admit of paying its liabilities to Executive Council. Some arrangement will have to be made at the High Court Meeting on behalf of this Court, or it will have to be closed up.

Court Britannia, Stonewall, has no increase of members to report, but a very satisfactory increase of funds. Their funds will be worth about \$17.00 per head as against \$10.00 per head at last High Court Meeting. This Court is situated in a small town 22 miles north of Winnipeg, and outside of farming, they have extensive stone quarries and lime kilns. The town is growing steadily, and the Court bids fair to become a good, strong one in time. They have also a very pushing set of officers, who are genuine Foresters.

We have also a Branch of the Juvenile Federation in this District. They have no increase of members, but a good increase in funds. The Branch depends on Bro. Ludlow entirely, as he is the only adult member who takes any interest in its success.

This comprises all the Courts in my district, but there is room for more. If we had a small amount of funds on hand to place a man in the field at the proper time. In my opinion a regular organizer would not be a success in this country, as there is a large part of the year that no success would attend his work. It needs a local man who could take the field for a short time, and I believe that with the right man much headway will be made.

In closing my report I wish to make the following recommendation; that section 3, Rule 117, be amended or modified so as to provide a lighter punishment for violation of said rule, and that said rule as amended be strictly enforced. Violation of this rule has been detrimental to the advancement of the Order in this district, and I have no doubt to the Order in general,

All of which is respectfully submitted in U. B. & C.,

I am yours fraternally,

M. McINNES, D.C.R.

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## TORONTO DISTRICT (EAST).

I have the honor to submit my report as District Chief Ranger of the above district.

Upon receipt of my commission I made an official visit to several Courts in the district, and found everything working harmoniously, thanks to the untiring efforts of my predecessor, (Bro. C. A. Fitch), in that direction.

Taking the district as a whole I cannot report a very great increase in membership, some Courts have added considerable to their numbers, while others remain about the same as two years ago.

I regret very much the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues experienced by some Courts. This problem has been a very difficult one to solve: various means have been taken to prevent this state of affairs, but, to my mind, the most successful has been the appointment of a good live brother as a suspension officer, whose duty it is to look after those in arrears and visit them personally; by this means many a deserving brother has been kept within the fold.

Shortly after my assuming office, Court Clinton, at that time rather weak in numbers and finances, thought it wise to remove their place of meeting to the west end of the city, and they then came under the jurisdiction of my colleague, Bro. Dr. Buck, who, I have every reason to believe, has taken a warm interest in the Court.

The old Courts, viz., Hope, Cosmopolitan, Yorkville and Star of the East are doing very well, and are experiencing a very healthy growth in finances.

Court Harmony has made a very decided increase in membership, largely owing to the fact that they make their meetings very enjoyable, and have a perfect organization of Committees for the several branches of the work connected with the Court. They are to be congratulated.

Court Toronto has, during the past year, passed through a severe crisis, but everything is now going on harmoniously, and the future is looking very bright. The members now have every confidence in those officers who have charge of the affairs of the Court.

Court Chester at the beginning of my term was very weak numerically and financially, but at the present time they are full of hopes for the future; Bro. J. Langstone, a member of Court Hope, being untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the Court, and I owe him my best thanks for the help he has given me in that direction.

Court York has been very unfortunate in having all their funds invested in the defunct "Farmers Loan Company," but the majority of the brethren, with that pluck characteristic of railway men, have stood by the Court and kept it afloat, and they are now cheered with the news that they are likely to receive a substantial dividend in the near future.

I have had the pleasure of attending the 25th anniversary of two of the Courts, viz., Yorkville and Star of the East; in each case they were celebrated in a way highly creditable to the Courts and beneficial to the Order.

I have been called upon to render several decisions on points of law, which I believe has given satisfaction; to my knowledge there has been no appeals made from my ruling.

The Juvenile Courts under my jurisdiction are doing fairly well. This Branch of the Order, to my mind, ought to receive a little more support from the members at large than it does. I would also suggest that the incoming Executive Council take up the question of "How to add to the membership of our Branches," and thus partly relieve the Management Committee, who at the present time, give their time and also their money for the advancement of this Branch of our Order.

During my term of office, I have visited and paid particular attention to the weakest Courts in the district, and, if I have seemingly neglected the stronger Courts, I must apologize, as I have not been able to give the time to visiting these Courts as I would have wished.

I cannot conclude this report without thanking those brethren who have assisted me in various ways for the advancement of our Order; more especially do I thank Bro. W. H. Goddard Chief Ranger of Court Cosmopolitan, who was always ready to accompany me at all times,

I remain, fraternally yours,

HENRY CHICK, D.C.R.  
Toronto East.

#### TORONTO DISTRICT (WEST)

I have the honor of submitting my report as District Chief Ranger for the years 1898-9.

I am pleased to state that six of the eight Courts in my district are in a prosperous condition. The other two Courts, 7581, 7676 on account of excessive sickness, are not so sound financially, but, I believe with a little indulgence from the High Court, will yet bring credit on themselves and on the Order.

Court Clinton, No. 7676, removed its place of meeting during the year from Toronto East to Toronto West.

I have visited each Court in my district a number of times and have endeavored to help them to the best of my ability, ever pressing on the members the advantage of increasing the membership, and upon Court Physicians the importance of close examination.

I am pleased to state that the membership in my district has increased during the last two years  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ , being at the present time nearly 900, and the finances about 20%, there being at the present time to the credit of the different Courts in this district nearly \$7,000.00.

I can also state that all questions submitted to me have been amicably settled, in no case has an appeal been taken from my decision.

I would recommend that District Chief Rangers be given more power over Subordinate Courts, as at the present time it is often a difficult matter for the District Chief Ranger to obtain the books of a Court for the purpose of examination.

I would also recommend that special auditors be appointed to audit the Courts' books, as on the correctness of the audit largely depend the stability of the Courts.

Yours in U.B. & C.,

R. A. BUCK, D.C.R.,  
Toronto, West.

#### WATERLOO DISTRICT.

In submitting my report for Waterloo District, of which I have the honor of representing as District Chief Ranger, it is with considerable pleasure, mingled with regret, that I report as follows:

I regret to report the loss of one Court to the District, Court Hand-in-Hand, No. 8406, Waterloo, a Court that I found in very bad shape on my assuming

office, and which I tried to help to the best of my ability, but through lack of interest on the part of the members, could not accomplish anything, and was compelled to close it.

With regard to Court Mayflower, No. 7774, Berlin, they have not made much progress. They have increased their finances \$140.00, having now \$343.00 to their credit; their membership at the present time is 29, a decrease of 5 in two years.

Court Benevolence, No. 8407, Hespeler, is going along steadily, having now 31 members and \$120.00 to their credit.

Court Queen, No. 8573, has made no progress, I am sorry to state, having now about 20 members, but no finances on account of excessive sickness, which has been very heavy for a young Court; the members seem to have got discouraged, but hope for a large increase as soon as the organizer gets there.

Court Grand River, No. 5962, I am pleased to state has made good progress both numerically and financially, having now 272 financial members, and 5 honorary, and \$3,000.00 to their credit.

Juvenile Branch, Pride of Galt, No. 35, I am also pleased to state has done well under a very energetic committee, having at the present time 47 members, and \$80.00 to the credit of the Branch. On my several visits to this Branch I was well pleased with the manner business was conducted.

In conclusion, I thank the officers and members of the various Courts, which it has been my pleasure to visit, and for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which I have been treated. I have also to thank Bro. Baird, H. S.C.R., for his wise counsel and kindly advice, which at all times he has been willing to give.

May peace, prosperity and progress mark the career of our grand and noble Order for all time.

Yours fraternally,

WM. MCGREGOR, D.C.R.  
Waterloo.

#### WENTWORTH DISTRICT.

In submitting my report to you for this District, I desire to give a short resume of my work during my term of office, also to thank the members with whom I have come in contact for their forbearance, and also for the many acts of kindness which they have extended to me in my official capacity.

My District being compact, I have had an opportunity of visiting each of the Courts on many occasions, and found them all working in harmony with the General Laws, which, with very few exceptions, have been found to be satisfactory to the membership.

I have attended the audit meetings of each of the Courts, and found the books in a very satisfactory state.

I have always met with a hearty reception when on my official visits, and desire to thank the officers and members who so generously accompanied me.

The Court Meetings, I regret to state, have not been well attended, whether from inactivity of our members, or other attractions, it is difficult to ascertain, still the fact remains that our meetings are not attended as they ought to be.

The District comprises the following Courts, Circles and Juvenile Branches, with the following amounts credited to them:—

	Members.	Amount.
Court No. 5640.....	380.....	\$5,506 34
" 5690.....	275.....	4,650 00
" 5743.....	122.....	2,035 64
" 6243.....	47.....	800 00
" 6490.....	132.....	2,211 36
" 7582.....	56.....	1,116 87
" 7817.....	44.....	839 45
Circle No. 54.....	90.....	300 00
" 115.....	49.....	298 09
Juvenile Court Pride.....	180.....	1,034 57
" Maple Leaf.....	90.....	500 00
" Oriental.....	29.....	36 05
" Marquis of Lorne.....	65.....	52 05
Juvenile Circle.....	40.....	200 00
	1,599	Total..\$19,580 42

While this appears somewhat creditable, yet I hope the members will make an extra effort to still increase our membership, and always keep our good old Society in the front.

On January 5th, 1899, we had a joint installation of officers, and a banquet, which was a grand success. Our Executive Officers were present, and High Chief Ranger Snelgrove, Dr. Secord and others gave rousing addresses.

In April of this year we had a joint supper, when we had another jolly night, with Bro. Walter, Past High Junior Woodward, in the chair.

#### OUR HALLS.

Court Oriental Hall, in the East end of the city, is being well looked after by the committee in charge, and it will not be long before it will be clear from any encumbrance.

Ancient Order of Foresters' Hall, on James Street, built in 1883, by Courts No. 5640, 5690, 5743, and 6490, investing about \$9,500, during the first few years was not the success that they anticipated it would be, but during the past two years a change has taken place. A mortgage of \$5,000, at 5½ per cent, has been replaced by a similar mortgage at 4½ per cent. The insurance rate has been reduced considerably, a number of back accounts, amounting to nearly \$100, have been paid, and a note of \$150 due the Juvenile Branch has been discharged, while at the present time there is upwards of \$200 in the treasury, and the Company expect to declare a dividend at the end of the year. These Courts should give Bro. J. B. Buckingham, and Bro. A. Dynes, great credit for the way they have, and are working to clear off the debt.

The Hamilton Courts, jointly, own eight lots in the Cemetery, which are kept in a creditable manner, and the display of flowers in the summer time is magnificent. During my term three brothers have been interred in the Foresters' plot.

Now, a few words about our Courts, etc.,

I would like to see our members turn out to our Juvenile meetings. Do not forget Brothers, that they are our coming officers, so let us all help to make their meetings interesting.

Court Pride's Branch is in a good condition, although it has big opposition, but it, and all of the Branches, have good officers.

Maple Leaf's Branch is moving to the front.

Oriental's Branch is just beginning to transfer members to the adult Court.

Court Marquis of Lorne's Branch started, October 26th, 1898, with 26 members, to-day it has 56, which speaks for itself.



The two Circles are getting along finely, they have better meetings than the men have.

The Girls' Juvenile membership is increasing, and their meetings are well attended.

The Courts are doing a good work, only it is being done by the faithful few.

I take this opportunity of thanking our High Chief Ranger, Bro. Snelgrove, and Past High Chief Ranger, Bro. J. B. Buckingham, for the kindness and very valuable assistance they both have given me during my term of office.

#### APPEALS.

I had several appeals during my term, two of which were appealed to and sustained by our High Chief Ranger.

Wishing the Order at large, along with our District, every success,

I remain, yours in U. B. & C.,

E. A. ISARD, D.C.R.

Wentworth.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

I have the honor of submitting my report as District Chief Ranger of the Wellington District. The several Courts of the District which I have visited during my term of office have been doing very good work, being managed by first class officers, which ensures proper care of the books and moneys, with the exception of Court Vigilance, of Fergus, which failed about the commencement of my term of office. As it was never a very strong Court, it was hard to stand against so many so called cheap societies.

I trust the coming High Court Meeting will show a great strengthening of the Order under the new Insurance scheme; although we have not done much yet, I hope the time is not far distant when Wellington will show its appreciation of the scheme.

The greatest drawback we have in most of the Courts is the small attendance at the regular meetings.

Trusting my successor may have a pleasant term of office, and that the coming High Court meeting will be a continued benefit to our noble Order,

I remain, fraternally yours,

W. A. DICKENSON, D.C.R.

Wellington.

#### YORK DISTRICT.

In submitting my report as District Chief Ranger for York, I cannot point to the establishment of any new Courts during my term of office, nor to a rapid increase in the membership of the existing Courts of the District, but it is gratifying to be able to state that none of the Courts have receded in any way, while one, in particular, has made substantial progress. When Courts have held their own during years of financial depression, future prospects for satisfactory results should be bright, now that general prosperity seems to prevail throughout the country.

I paid annual visits to each of the Courts, and in every place did I find the Brethren imbued with the true spirit of Forestry, and anxious and hopeful for the future success of the Order. The books shew that every Court has an



efficient Secretary, and I have reason to believe that the various Treasurers are responsible and trustworthy officers.

In Courts Rescue and Union, the membership is not as large as could be desired, but the Brethren are working in perfect harmony, and appreciate the advantages to be derived from their connection with the Order. Court Richmond is more than holding its own, having initiated seventeen candidates during the past 18 months. The best of feeling also rules here, the least trace of any evidence of an element of discord being unknown among the members.

Court Laurel stands high, both financially and numerically, and the officers are intelligent and well-skilled.

I have witnessed the initiation of candidates in each of the Courts, and can testify to the good work done by the officers. Two of the Courts initiate under the amplified form and perform the ceremony very creditably.

I have never been called upon to decide any question of any vital importance in the District, and the performance of my duties has been pleasant in every particular. My reception in every Court visited has been so cordial that I cannot close my report without expressing my thanks to the Brethren of the District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on every hand. I also wish to thank our esteemed Permanent Secretary, Bro. Williams, for the valuable assistance given me during my term of office.

With best wishes for the future prosperity of Our Order,

I am, fraternally yours,

T. F. McMAHON, D.C.R.

York.

## Companions of the Forest.

### REPORTS OF DISTRICT D. C. COMPANIONS.

#### ELGIN DISTRICT.

*To the High Chief Companion, Officers and Delegates.*

The time for our High Circle Meeting will soon be here, so I thought I had better send in a report from Elgin.

My duties since I have been District Deputy Chief Companion have been very light, and I may say very pleasant. We have a good Circle here, and we have good officers, officers who I think have taken great interest in our Circle; particularly our Secretary, W. E. Youmans, he is the right man in the right place—a perfect gentleman.

I am glad to be able to tell you our Circle is in a better financial position than it has ever been, which is all owing to the stand we took in 1898, reducing our sick pay for one year.

We have been trying hard to reach the 100 mark, but we have not got there yet. Quarter ending June 30th, 1899, there were 94 members in good standing. When I was appointed District Deputy Chief Companion, there were about 87 members. Our funds now are: In bank, \$145.22; in Treasurer's hands, \$61.35; total, \$206.57.

When I made my report last September, the funds altogether were \$72.61; there has not been much sickness in our Circle lately, which accounts for our prosperous condition.

We are sending down a good delegate to represent us, in our Chief Companion, Mrs. Pearson.

There is one thing I would like to have altered, and it will have to be before long, I think; that is, that no officer can be an auditor. We often have election nights when no one but the officers were present and the officers elect, so what are you to do, we appointed a Committee to see if our last auditors would act again, but that clause will certainly have to be changed. I will close now with wishing our Order every success, and hoping you will have a good time at the High Circle Meeting,

I remain, yours in S.S. & C.,

F. A. HOLLAND, D.D.C.C.,  
St. Thomas.

#### MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

*To Permanent Secretary, W. Williams, of the High Circle Companions of the Forest, A.O.F.*

As the District Deputy Chief Companion, I beg leave to report that I have visited the various Circles in Middlesex District, during my term of office, and I have found the Companions of the various Circles working in harmony with each other. I have had access to their books, and they seem to me to be very well kept; and as far as I could see and ascertain the rules governing the Circles were strictly carried out. I regret to say that I have not been able to institute a new Circle during my term of office.

I trust that the coming High Circle Meeting will be a very prosperous one.

Fraternally yours,

ELIZABETH MARR, D.D.C.C.  
Middlesex.

#### OXFORD DISTRICT.

*To Permanent Secretary, Companions of the Forest.*

In making my report to the Supreme Circle, as District Deputy Chief Companion for the past two years that I have had the honor to hold the office, would say:—

That I have not had the shadow of a dispute to consider or settle, but that all my relations with my Companions have been of the most pleasant and cordial nature, and in the performance of my official duties I have uniformly received the kindly consideration and generous help from the Officers and Companions in my District, that has made my duties very light and pleasant indeed, and for this I feel grateful, and would thank the Companions for making my term so easy.

As to my duties, I might say that I visited Lady Stanley Circle, No. 103, Woodstock, on January 7th and July 4th, 1898, January 6th and July 6th, 1899, and duly installed the officers; I also performed the same duty for my own Circle, Princess Louise, No 106, Ingersoll, on January 6th and July 7th, 1898, and on January 7th and July 19th, 1899.

I have nothing to add except that Companion Mrs. McKinnon is delegate from my Circle, and that Companion Mrs. F. S. Johnson, of Lady Stanley, Woodstock, is the proposed District Deputy Chief Companion for the coming term.

With best wishes to the Companions about to meet in Toronto, and to the Companions generally,

I am in S.S. & C.,

M. A. BEAVERS, D.D.C.C.  
Oxford.

## YORK.

*To the High Chief Companion, Officers and Delegates.*

I have the honor to present my report for the two years that I have occupied the office, to which you, in your kindness, saw fit to elect me.

I have had during my term of office, a very pleasant time with the seven Circles, in the city of Toronto, under my jurisdiction. I have visited the several Circles about 44 times, and have also paid several official visits, in the course of which I have examined their books, and I am pleased to say that I have found them in good order.

I have had also several complicated cases to decide, but in each case my decision has always been sustained by the High Chief Companion.

It is my painful duty to report the deaths of two of our prominent Companions—Companion Cleland, of Pride of Toronto Circle, who died on the 11th of March, 1899; and Companion Christian, of Lady Dufferin Circle, whose death occurred on the 9th of February, 1899. By the death of Companion Cleland, our Order has sustained the loss of one of our most active workers, whose place will be very difficult to fill. As Companion Christian was Secretary at the time of his death, no meeting was called until the 5th of May. Very few members attended this meeting, but the few that did attend were, on payment of their dues, placed on the High Circle by the Permanent Secretary.

To give you an idea of what the Toronto Circles are doing for the benefit of the Order, I might state that they have paid out in Sick Benefits during the last six months the sum of \$385, and have now on hand something over \$900, with a membership of about 550, a state of affairs which, considering everything, should be very satisfactory.

It would be very ungrateful on my part were I to close this report without referring to my pleasant intercourse with the Companions of the High Circle, and I tender to them my thanks for the kind assistance that they have rendered me, on all occasions, in the performance of my duty as High District Deputy of the District of York, the duties of which important office I have endeavoured to discharge to the best of my ability, and trust that my many imperfections will be generously overlooked.

Hoping that peace and prosperity will continue in our noble Order,

I have the honor to remain,

Yours in S. S. & C.

W. J. STEVENS, D.D.C.C.

York.







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