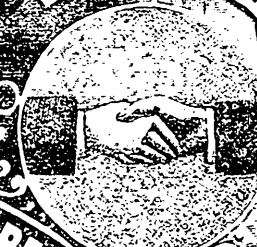


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Editorial.

Notes.

September is the month to resume active work. **

The summer is past; now for the fall campaign. **

Hard times do not affect the growth of the I.O.F. **

Push things. The best machinery accomplishes nothing without motive power. **

Don't wait for better times. The best time to join the Order is now. Bring in your friends. **

For a new year's gift to the membership, we want to announce a surplus on the 1st of January, 1897, of \$2,000,000. **

Look out for the announcement that the membership is 100,000. Do your part, and by next month the coveted figure will not only be reached, but passed. **

Quite a number of High Courts have recently held their annual meetings. Proceedings are reported elsewhere. The new officers will doubtless strive not only to equal but surpass the record of their predecessors. **

Now for a "bonnie" race between Quebec and Michigan. At last account Quebec had 10,298 members, and Michigan, 10,070—a difference of only 228 in favor of Quebec. The western rival has of late been gaining on Quebec. **

The I.O.F. is known among fraternal societies as a "young men's Order." It may well claim the title. The average age of the membership is less than 35 years, and has been so for several years. It has been kept

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

so by the large infusion of young blood. Our members will see the advantage of bringing in young men.

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The Editor-in-Chief has been attending meetings of High Courts almost continuously for the past two months. The "working editor" has just returned from Washington and the Northwest Territories. This will explain any imperfections in THE FORESTER that may possibly have been noticed by any of our readers.

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Illinois shows the highest percentage of gain among the *thirty-three* High Courts. Twelve months ago the membership was not *one-third* the number that it is to-day. A like increase for the coming twelve months will place Illinois away up among the leaders. Go on and prosper.

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The surplus, Sept. 1st, stands at \$1,848.-021.13. A net gain for the month of August of \$53,713. Looks very much like prosperity,

High Court Meetings.

The meetings of the High Courts are still the order of the day.

The High Court of New York meets on the 8th Sept. at Albany. Among the distinguished visitors expected are Dr. Oronhyatekha and Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., of Ireland.

The High Court of Ohio meets at Sandusky, on the 15th September.

That of California at San Jose on the 13th Oct. The Supreme Chief Ranger is announced to be present.

The High Court of Ireland meets at Belfast on the 23rd inst. Rev. W. J. McCaughan expects to be home and take his place as presiding officer.

Ontario's three High Courts.

By a very pronounced majority the High Court of Ontario, at its recent meeting in Ottawa, decided to divide the jurisdiction into three. This became necessary through the rapid growth of the Order. The High Court had a membership of 800 representatives, altogether too large a body for legislative purposes. For some time back the High Court experienced some difficulty in getting a hall sufficiently large and otherwise adapted to its meetings. The work of supervising upwards of 700 Subordinate Courts had quite outgrown the ability of the most zealous High Standing Committee. After division,

the High Courts of Ontario take their place in the front rank with Quebec and Michigan. We believe that one of them still leads in membership. With three sets of experienced and capable officers, where formerly there was but one, we may reasonably look for three times the work. The more compact area in which they will work will enable them to economize in the time and money spent in travelling, and will allow them still to do great work for the Order. By a proper division of the work, each court in each jurisdiction can be visited by some officer during the year, and the organization of the Subordinate courts perfected. We expect a great impetus will be given to FORESTRY in Ontario. The new officers are admitted by all to be capable men. They have a splendid opportunity to show their mettle. The members will note with interest their work.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H. C. R. of Ireland.

After a pleasant and busy visit on this side of the Atlantic, Bro. McCaughan, expects to sail for the Green Isle on the 12th inst. His eloquent voice has been heard in many Forestry centres and the charm of his address and earnestness of his appeals will not soon be forgotten. He has visited and addressed a number of the High Courts of Canada and the United States. His services on Sunday have been in great demand and he has been obliged to decline many flattering invitations to preach. We hear it rumored that more than one large and influential congregation would like him to transfer his citizenship to this side of the water.

The distinguished brother has made many warm friends this side of the herring pond. We wish him and his amiable wife a safe and pleasant voyage home. We assure them a warm welcome whenever they find an opportunity to revisit our shores.

The Supreme Chief Ranger.

As will be learned from announcement, elsewhere, the "Chief" is booked for a series of meetings in California, towards the close of September and the beginning of October. It will be observed that excepting Sundays every day is occupied.

We have some experience of meetings and know a little of what a tax they are on time and energy, especially when continuous. It means late and early travelling in order to make the connection. In addition to the ad-

dress there is the answering of questions relevant and irrelevant. The social functions that not unfrequently follow public meetings, while pleasant, are a tax on time and nerve force. Dr. Oronhyatekha has put in an extremely busy summer. We suggest that the California trip should combine some rest with business, and the programme should be arranged to admit of this. With the Chief's great capacity for work, there is a limit nevertheless to endurance, and the Order's best interests will be served by keeping unimpaired as long as possible his great ability and energy.

New and Distinguished Members.

One of the features of the High Court meeting at Ottawa on the 18th and 19th August, was the additions to our ranks from among the M.P.'s that were in attendance on their parliamentary duties at the capital. In addition to Mayor Borthwick of Ottawa, the Supreme Chief had the pleasure and honor of admitting into the Order, Hugh John Macdonald, M.P., Winnipeg; J. A. Popore, M.P., Pon'iac; A. F. McLaren, M.P., Perth; J. Kendrick, M.P., Peterborough; Major Sam Hughes, M.P., Victoria; Sir James Grant, M.D., ex-M.P., Ottawa; Julius Scriver, M.P., Hemmingford; and Hon. Robt. Watson, Portage la Prairie.

These distinguished brethren in company with Bro. Erb, M.P. for Perth, visited the High Court on Wednesday evening. They were accorded a most enthusiastic reception. The High Court degree was conferred on them by Bro. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R. The address of Bro. Sir James Grant was eloquent and patriotic and evoked hearty cheers from the High Court. THE FORESTER bids our brothers welcome.

The more they know of our noble Order the better they will like it.

The Carrying of Members.

One of the oft recurring questions in Subordinate Courts is "what shall we do with members in arrears?" The Constitution says "suspend them." To the credit of the fraternal spirit it must be said that courts are very reluctant to do this. Time and again the assessment for the delinquent brother has been paid out of the funds of the court, or from the private purse of the Financial Secretary. In the great majority of instances the tardy member pays up. In some cases the payment is not made, the unworthy member is ulti-

mately suspended and the court is "out" the amount advanced. The more strict business principles are adhered to, the better for the court and the members. If a brother is in hard luck and cannot pay his assessment and dues he can at least make a request in writing to the court to do it for him. The request we are sure will not be denied. To neglect payment, and then without saying about it, to expect the court to carry the delinquent brother is putting fraternity to too great a strain. The Order is having the ill-will of some individuals who lost their membership through their neglect. True fraternity implies mutual obligation. Brotherhood means giving help and not trouble, and receiving help only when it is absolutely needed.

Supreme Chief Ranger's California Appointments.

The Supreme Chief Ranger intends visiting the courts and holding public meetings, if desired by the brethren, in the following places in California:—

Sacramento	- - -	Wednesday, 30th Sept.
Marysville	- - -	Thursday, 1st October.
Colusa	- - -	Friday, 2nd "
Stockton	- - -	Saturday, 3rd "
Elmira	- - -	Monday, 5th "
Vallejo	- - -	Tuesday, 6th "
Santa Rosa	- - -	Wednesday, 7th "
S. Francisco	- - -	Thursday, 8th "
Oakland	- - -	Friday, 9th "
Alameda	- - -	Saturday, 10th "
San Jose High Court		
Meeting	- - -	13th and 14th "
Los Angeles	- - -	Saturday, 17th "

A Well Merited Honor for Bro. Atwell Fleming.

One of the last acts of the veteran High Court of Ontario before dividing, was to recommend by unanimous standing vote Bro. Atwell Fleming for the Grand Cross of Merit, the highest decoration in the gift of the Supreme Council. The recommendation has been cordially acquiesced in. We extend our congratulations to our esteemed brother. Atwell Fleming has served the Order long, faithfully and well. When this journal was published in London he was our business manager. There was a period in our history when we did not enjoy, as we do now, the prosperity that we deserved. Then, as now, Bro. Fleming was the same true, plodding,

reliable friend and advocate of the Order. As High Treasurer of Ontario for five years, he has had the rare fortune of making hosts of friends for himself and the Order. He has administered the affairs of his department with marked efficiency. He made every dollar go as far as possible. When the treasury was exhausted he advanced his own money, when he had lent all, he borrowed from others. It is gratifying to know that no one lost a dollar. Bro. Fleming is still High Treasurer. The High Court of Central Ontario enjoys his services. As a member of our publishing firm we enjoy his co-operation. That he may long enjoy the handsome decoration is the wish of every Forester.

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 Rev. J. M. Courtney.

It gives us extreme satisfaction and pleasure to be able to say that we have received such explanations with regard to the controversy we had some time ago with Bro. Courtney, as lead us to the belief that the Brother was quite sincere in all the statements he made in such controversy and further that he believed them to be true. We, therefore, without reservation, withdraw any observations we may have made at the time, reflecting in any way upon our good Brother. That we should be able to do this just at this time is the more satisfactory to us by reason of the deserved promotion of Bro. Courtney to the important position of High Chaplain of the venerable High Court of Ontario.

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 The Great World's Fair.

This year the Great World's Fair comes a trifle earlier than usual, but it is fitting that it should be so, as the Toronto Exhibition is the forerunner, and distributing point for all exhibitions in this northern domain of ours. After showing here, exhibits and special attractions alike become distributed to all parts of Ontario and Quebec. And that is something to remember, for at Toronto more novelties can be seen than on any other fair ground at one time in all America, and this is a fact. Nor is that all, for the price of admission is lower here than at any place in the States and as low as at any place in Canada. Then again with a single fare for the round trip on all railways during both weeks from Aug. 31st to Sept. 12th, and special excursions both by boat and rail the facilities for reaching the exhibition are unexcelled and when it is reached the attractions are more than equal to the facilities.

Members of the I. O. F. will find a comfortable resting place in Society Row, where Bros. Whale, Capt. Parkinson and Gilmour will look after our visitors. We trust also that our brother Foresters' will visit the site of the new "Forester's Temple," on the corner of Bay and Richmond-streets and take home with them a mental photograph of one of the best and most substantial buildings now in process of erect'on in the whole Dominion.

We understand that Manager Hill has excelled all his former efforts in the direction of providing healthful recreation and amusements for the patrons of the Great Industrial Fair of Toronto.

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 A FORESTERS' RECEPTION

To Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Belfast,
 Last Evening.

An Address Presented to Him and an Interesting Programme Carried Out.

(From the St. John Sun.)

The reception to Rev. W. J. McCaughan, high chief ranger of the I. O. F. in Ireland, given in Foresters' hall, Charlotte street, last evening, Aug. 10th, was a very pleasant social affair. Members of the order, accompanied by ladies, turned out to welcome the eloquent Irish divine, and it was a representative Forestric assembly.

Rev. Mr. McCaughan was accompanied by Mrs. McCaughan.

The meeting was called to order by Wm. Kinghorn, high chief ranger of New Brunswick, with whom on the platform, besides the guest of the evening, were E. R. Chapman, A. W. Macrae, H. C. Creed of Fredericton and Chas. E. V. Cowan of Fairville, S. H. Morrell, Robert Maxwell, J. W. Vanwart, and Frank Fales of the reception committee. In the audience were Rev. Thos. Marshall, Dr. Gray of Fairville, Dr. J. W. Daniel, J. J. Kupkey of A. dover, and other well known members of the order. Le Baron Coleman, through whose efforts Rev. Mr. McCaughan was led to visit St. John, was unavoidably absent.

Frank Fales, on behalf of the reception committee, expressed regret that his honor Judge Wedderburn was unable to be present, and read the following telegram from J. H. Lindsay of Woodstock: "Foresters of Carleton county join St. John in welcome to Rev. W. J. McCaughan." Mr. Fales then read the following address:

Rev. W. J. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the Foresters of St. John, we bid you a hearty welcome to our city and courts. It affords us great pleasure to have you in our midst on the occasion of your visit to Canada, the home of our beloved Order, and to welcome you as an honored representative from the brethren in the mother land. The large and representative gathering

that has come up here to-night is a token of the cordiality with which we receive you. We were privileged in being able to listen to you yesterday as you preached to us touching the great things which make for the spreading of the principles of our Order—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Let us assure you that we feel grateful to you for these two eloquent discourses, and that we join with you in the prayer that God's richest blessing may attend our effort as we labor together for the Order which we so much love. We rejoice with you in the marvellous progress which the I.O.F. is making, as evidenced by the constant and steady increase of the membership and surplus fund; and we note with pleasure the success which is being achieved in the British Isles, especially in the jurisdiction over which you so ably preside. The thousand Foresters of St. John greet you. We bid you welcome, and through you send fraternal greetings to the thousands of brethren across the Atlantic. We hope that you may enjoy your sojourn among the brethren here, and return to your home and friends invigorated in health and stimulated with a livelier zeal in the interests of the Order.

The address was signed by the chief rang-ers of the St. John courts, as follows: E. R. Chapman, La Tour; S. A. Thorne, Loyalist; S. H. Morrell, Frederick; A. G. Fenety, Wygoody; Chas. E. V. Cowan, Lancaster; W. H. Chambers, Intercolonial; Frank Fales, Rockwood; D. G. Lingley, Ouangondy; John R. Dunn, Martello; J. W. Vanwart, Epping Forest; Robert Maxwell, Log Cabin.

In reply, Rev. Mr. McCaughan expressed his thanks, and extended fraternal greeting on behalf of the Foresters of Ireland. He had greatly enjoyed the sessions of the high court of New Brunswick. Forestry had been but three years in Ireland, yet it had more members than New Brunswick had at the end of three years. The constituency in Ireland was small, as the bulk of the people were Roman Catholics, and while there were members of that church in the order in Belfast and Dublin, yet that church was not strongly favorable to such societies; and in other ways the country was behind the rest of the world in the general development of fraternal societies. There was a national prejudice to be overcome. For himself, believing that for the vast majority of men there was no other way so good to make provision for the proverbial rainy day that must come, he had thrown himself heartily into every movement of the beneficial brotherhood class. The Independent Order of Foresters was but one of several with which he was identified. Another difficulty in Ireland was that many young Foresters emigrated. As a result the death rate might be higher, but that was provided for by the members there paying a rate 15 per cent. higher than in this country. But in that dense population recruiting would go on quickly, and from those islands would soon come the larger portion of the profits of the Order. Already the receipts had paid all the heavy cost of introducing the Order, and left a handsome profit, and each year, now that the initial expense was over with, would show a larger increase. He predicted a great development of the Order on the other side. He believed that no other fraternal benefit society on either side of the ocean combined all the benefits derived from Independent Forestry. It was an ideal organization, with a promise of greater welfare to the member in time of need than any other. They had secured the endorsement of promi-

ent men on the other side, and let their record be the answer to all criticism. The system of insurance had three striking features, simplicity, stability and success. The speaker discussed these features in a very clear manner, pointing out that the membership is now nearing 100,000, and the surplus nearing \$2,000,000. In conclusion he expressed the hope that the members here would be inspired to greater efforts, and that in this province and every province in this broad Dominion the Order would take the lead of all others as the premier fraternity. (Applause.)

Following this address there was a short intermission, during which the ladies and gentlemen present were afforded an opportunity to get acquainted with the reverend gentleman and his charming wife.

The meeting being again called to order, Dr. J. W. Daniel sang as a solo The Toilers.

Then followed a recitation, Annie Laurie, by Miss Mary Baillie, delivered with such dramatic power and skill that the young lady was compelled to respond to an encore.

A. W. Macrae, in a brief address, paid a tribute to Judge Wedderburn, whose absence was much regretted, and in eloquent words welcomed the distinguished guest of the evening, as a Forester, as a fellow subject from over the sea, and as an eloquent preacher whose words from the pulpit on Sunday had been heard with so much pleasure. Mr. Macrae also referred to the benefits of membership in the order of Forestry, and observed that if Mr. McCaughan was a type of the kind of young Foresters who emigrated from Ireland, he hoped they would all come to Canada. (Hear, hear.) He could assure the reverend gentleman that if ever he should come this way again he would receive a warm welcome from St. John Foresters. (Cheers.)

H. C. Creed, P.S.V.C.R. and P.H.C.R. of New Brunswick, delivered a neat address, in which he observed that the letters I. O. F. should be interpreted by the guest of the evening and his friends at home as meaning "Ireland Our Field," and if it were permissible to drop the Mac from a man's name, the letters L B C might be interpreted "Led By Caughan." (Laughter.) Mr. Creed referred to his own connection with the order, and its wonderful growth in the last ten years. He expressed great pleasure in the opportunity to meet and listen to the distinguished brother from the Emerald Isle.

Rev. Thomas Marshall President of the Methodist Conference, joined in a word of welcome to the visitor, and declared that on his next voyage across the ocean he would certainly endeavor before returning to kiss the Blarney Stone, that he might be able off-hand on an occasion of this kind to speak in the manner becoming to its requirements. (Laughter.)

The pleasant evening closed with the national anthem.

Yesterday afternoon Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McCaughan were taken for a drive to points of interest around the city.

Rev. Mr. McCaughan and Mrs. McCaughan will leave this morning in the Clifton for

Hampton, the guests for some days of Judge and Mrs. Wedderburn, and will proceed thence, by invitation, to visit the high court of Ontario, I. O. F., which will meet at Ottawa next week.

Demonstration at Summerside, P. E. I.

THE SUPREME CHIEF AND COLLEAGUES WELCOMED.

Town Hall Packed to the Doors.

A PROFITABLE AND ENJOYABLE MEETING.

(From the Summerside Pioneer.)

The public meeting held under the auspices of the Foresters in Market Hall here, on Friday evening, 7th August, and addressed by Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Ireland, Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Ontario, and Judge Wedderburn, of New Brunswick, was all that could be desired. The hall was filled, chairs being required up the aisles to accommodate the late comers. In addition, a considerable number of prominent gentlemen occupied seats on the platform, while many had to stand at the door. Rev. Mr. McCaughan and Judge Wedderburn came over to the Island on Thursday evening, and on the following day these gentlemen were driven out to the country and enjoyed a sight of our green fields and pastoral scenery. On Friday evening Oronhyatekha landed, the steamer being fortunately on time. He was met and welcomed by a number of the brethren connected with the Order, and driven to the Russ Hotel. Prior to the meeting the Summerside band played some choice selections outside the hall door, as well as a number inside between the speeches. The speakers of the evening were gorgeously arrayed in the uniforms of their high offices, the ladies, whose good opinions were thus won, remarking on the splendid specimens of manhood before them. Stipendiary McQuarrie, a member of the fraternal organization, occupied the chair, and introduced the speakers of the evening. Rev. Mr. McCaughan came first, and before he had proceeded very far he had ingratiated himself into the hearts of the large audience. His tongue has upon it very considerable of the North of Ireland brogue, while the wit for which the sons of Hibernia are noted, sparkles throughout his addresses. Withal, while a distinct, he is also a rapid speaker. In his opening words he paid a graceful compliment to his two colleagues, styling the doctor the Cicero, and the judge the Demosthenes of the group. He then took up the benefits the Order of Foresters confers on its members, its social advantages, its simple methods of working, the good security offered for prompt payments of death and other claims, the success the society has attained during its comparatively short career, and its rapid growth on the other side of the Atlantic, dealing with each in a clear, convincing, and easily-understood manner.

The next speaker was the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order. After some good-natured pleasantries at the expense of the other two gentlemen, and himself as well, he gave a short history of the society, showing that since the transference of its headquarters from United States to Canadian soil, in 1881, when it was in debt and almost bankrupt, it has by careful management grown to have about 100,000 members, and a surplus of over one and three-quarter million dollars, and that it has extended its borders until now it embraces the countries of Canada, nearly all the United States, the United Kingdom and Ireland. He also pointed out that the death rate had been reduced from 10 per 1000 in 1881 to 5½ in 1894. He also pointed out many other of the benefits the Order confers on its members. Judge Wedderburn was the next speaker, and he was truly the orator of the trio. He dealt chiefly with the security which the Order affords to its members, pointing out that having run the gauntlet of the House of Commons banking and commerce committee last session in the amendments asked for, having passed parliament itself, and having received the signature of the Governor-General, that re-endorsement is a certificate of character which cannot be surpassed. The judge ended with an eloquent appeal for all to make provision for their helpless ones, so that the death of the husband and father may not throw them on the street to the mercy of a cold grudging charity. High Sheriff Gaffney, in a pleasant speech, moved a vote of thanks to the distinguished visitors, which was seconded by Mr. R. H. McDonald, and to which Rev. Mr. McCaughan wittily replied. The gentlemen left in the *Northumberland* next morning for St. John, where Mr. McCaughan was announced to hold service morning and evening.

Another Letter from the Working Editor.

RAT PORTAGE, August 15th, 1896.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Editor-in-Chief.

MY DEAR CHIEF,—It may be provincial, but I confess to a feeling of considerable satisfaction at being within the bounds of my native province again. At a point some 30 miles west of here, at Cross Lake, one leaves the Prairie Province and enters old Ontario. Experience of other provinces, states, and territories does not make one less satisfied with his own. I know no fairer land than the premier province of Canada.

At last writing I was at Regina on the eve of starting for Washington state. On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 22nd, after a rail journey of 58 hours I arrived at SEATTLE on the exact minute set down in the time table. I realized more than ever the cosmopolitan nature of the I. O. F. and the strength of the fraternal tie. Before I reached the platform my hand was grasped by Dr. Newlands, H. P., a Kingston, Ontario boy, and a fellow-student of good old Queen's,

Bros. Oliver Crase, H. S., McLaren, H. T., Gregg, D. S. C. R., Dodds, H. A., and several others were present to bid me welcome, and to cause me to forget at once that I was thousands of miles from home, a stranger in a strange land. Fraternity more than any other agency is doing a great work in making one people of two nations. At the Butler House I was the guest of the brethren during my stay in Seattle. In the evening at an informal, but extremely pleasant reception, I had an opportunity of meeting a large number of the brethren of this growing city of the far West, and of discussing with them the bright prospects of the Order in the State. Next morning I had the pleasure, under the guidance of Dr. Newlands, of seeing a little of what its citizens claim as the commercial metropolis of the State. The claim, I understand, is disputed by Tacoma and one or two other places. The city is beautifully situated on a number of natural terraces, and commands a fine view of Puget Sound. Just now it is like all western cities passing through a period of depression. All whom I met are sanguine as to its great future. One of the marked characteristics of the West is its splendid optimism.

At TACOMA, on the 23rd inst., the second communication of the High Court was opened in due form in Foresters' Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Bro. Dr. Davies, H. C. R., presided with dignity, fairness, and I might add, imperturbable good nature. The attendance of delegates was good, only a few of the more distant courts being unrepresented. The reception accorded your representative was most cordial. A very gratifying interest was manifested in the proceedings, and the way in which the business was conducted highly creditable, especially when it is remembered that the High Court was only organized a little over a year.

On the evening of the first day of meeting a public meeting of a social nature was held. The Hall was too small to accommodate the large number that attended. A select musical and literary programme was rendered in the early part of the evening, and I gave a short talk on the fraternal aspect of the I. O. F. Ice cream, fruit, cake, etc., were served in great abundance. This was followed by a function for which I did not wait, but where my kinsman, the S. S., would be quite in his element, and where indeed you might yourself tread a stately measure. The business was concluded the second day at six o'clock. Assisted by Bro. Gregg, I duly installed the officers for the current year. They enter on their duties enjoying the thorough confidence of the High Court. I am very much mistaken if they do not make for themselves a record that will be highly advantageous to the Order and creditable to themselves. The receipt of a fraternal message from the High Court of North Dakota in answer to one sent created great enthusiasm, and the allusion to yourself in it was greeted with hearty cheers. After the adjournment of the High Court I met in conference with the High Standing Committee; gave them such hints as I could from my ex-

perience of the work in Ontario, and noted some suggestions for your consideration.

On the evening of the second day I addressed a public meeting. The attendance was fair, and the sympathetic attention with which I was heard was all that I could desire. The press of Tacoma gave considerable space to our proceedings, and my address was very fully reported in the *Ledger*. Pressure of work and limited time prevented me from seeing much of the city. I was assured that Seattle was not in it compared with Tacoma, but on that point it is fair to state that Seattle holds an entirely different opinion. I will not undertake to judge between them. As far as hospitality is concerned they are "both in it." I was well used, and when I left on Saturday for Victoria, having been escorted to the boat by Bros. Forsyth, H. V. C. R., and Wannacott, H. M. I carried with me very pleasant memories of my brief sojourn with my brethren of Washington State.

Unfortunately the prevalence of forest fires obscured the beauty of what the brethren assured me is the most picturesque State in the Union. The glories of Mount Baker and the varied beauties of the Olympic Range, I was told, cannot be imagined, and must needs be seen to be appreciated. The wealth of the state is great, and its development is only in its infancy. I must believe that the people so quick to see the great possibilities of the state only need to know INDEPENDENT FORESTRY to place it in the very front of fraternalism.

The steamer *City of Kingston*, that plies on Puget Sound, between Tacoma and Victoria, had for me a pleasantly familiar name. At Seattle I had a short interview at the dock with High Secretary Cruse and High Treasurer Doods and an afflicted brother who is a "fit candidate for the ranks of the disabled." My sail through "the finest salt water inlet in the world" resulted in the destruction of another of my ideals. In fancy I always saw the Pacific, as a sunny sea, canopied by a soft, blue sky; the breezes were always balmy and the prospect ever changing but ever pleasing. Alas for my ideal. In the atmosphere fog and smoke struggled for the supremacy, both so utterly bad that you did not care which won, and instead of the spicy breeze you had an ill-tempered north-west wind that made an over-coat welcome.

VICTORIA, the capital of British Columbia, was reached at six p.m. At the dock I had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Dr. Campbell, an old Ontario friend, and like myself a native of the county of Simcoe. Bro. King and two or three others were there to bid me welcome on behalf of the Foresters of the most English city out of England. Victoria is "beautiful for situation," and if not the joy of the whole earth, the legitimate pride of every citizen. On the evening of Saturday I met the two courts in their beautiful hall. The attendance was not large, but thoroughly representative. Many of the brethren are away from the city. Some in South Africa, some in Alaska, Rossland, etc. The possibilities for rapid growth in British Columbia

are not at present great owing to the lack of population. The brethren who are thoroughly alive to the interests of the Order went carefully over the situation with me and suggested some fifteen places where courts might be established. A competent Organizer will find a year's work in the Pacific Province, and I will be surprised if the Executive with characteristic enterprise do not fully possess the land.

Sunday morning I occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Campbell is the faithful and popular Pastor. In the audience were a considerable number of Foresters. At the close of the service I met several "Macs" from Glengarry, that fruitful mother of sons of brain and brawn, whose enterprise is contributing to the development of the provinces and states of the west. The Chinaman and the Jap are very much in evidence in Victoria. The Asiatic and the European are not going to blend. The British Columbian is quite willing that the Chinese and he should "dwell together on the earth," but he is anxious to draw the line at British Columbia, and I sympathize with my western brother. The Sunday car, restaurant, fruit-store, cigar shop, and "heathen Chinese," with his bundle of "washee" give a Toronto man an uncomfortable feeling on the first day of the week. The calm and repose that we enjoy on Sunday in Ontario was wanting in Victoria, and it seems to me to be the moral and physical disadvantage of the fair city of the coast. Sunday evening I preached to a fair-sized congregation in St. Andrew's Church. Under the pastorate of Mr. Clay, this beautiful and commodious church is rapidly filling up. As a follower of John Knox, the strength of Presbyterianism in the west was gratifying to my denominational preference.

The next stage of the journey was commenced in the night-time. The *Rilhet* is the Monday boat between Victoria and New Westminster. She is not of the same class as the *Manitoba* or the *Empresses*, but she brought us there all the same. In the grey dawn of the morning we found ourselves sailing up the delta of the mighty Fraser. The fishermen were out literally in thousands, drawing in their nets. The catch was poor, in many cases *nil*, and as one watched yard after yard of empty net drawn in, he realized how much discouragement there has ever been in the confession "We have toiled all night and caught nothing." The catch since has been very abundant, and fishermen, cannerymen, and Columbians generally, are rejoicing together and "nights of anxiety have been followed by morns of song." The sea and rivers is one of the assured sources of wealth of the Pacific provinces. From NEW WESTMINSTER, where we have a good Court, to VANCOUVER is a journey of eight miles by electric train. Midway is Collingwood—magnificent as yet in promise only. A stay of a day and a night does not warrant a very positive opinion, as it did not afford ample opportunities for judging, but I agree with the opinion of Vancouverites that they have a "coming" city, indeed it is already there, to stay and prosper. The development

of the fisheries, mines, and trans-Pacific trade are sure to build up the city. We have three strong courts in Vancouver. The fraternal spirit is strong in the place. They told me in Vancouver what I have been told in every city, town, and village since I left home. "This is the greatest place for societies in the West." Societies certainly have kept pace with the development of the West.

In Vancouver I met Bro. Tryon, whose interest in Forestry is abiding, from him I learned that the three courts "of the coming city of the West are prospering, and that the I. O. F. leads all kindred organizations. The visit of the S. S., a few years ago, gave an impulse to the work, the good effects of which are still felt.

On the afternoon of July 28th I took the C. P. R. for the East, the first objective point being Banff, in Alberta. The fact that I was facing homeward I felt to be more exhilarating than the air of the coast. Experience of other places rather deepened my attachment to my own. From the moment one leaves Vancouver he is surrounded by the unparalleled scenery of the Pacific Province I fancy the average traveller has to correct his ideas concerning the physical features of this great and wonderful province of snow-crowned mountain ranges, mighty rivers, extensive table lands, and valleys of great fertility. From your car-window, before you leave Vancouver, you can see the snow-capped hills. In the valleys you can see nearly all the fruits, in great abundance, of the Niagara Peninsula. For miles up the salmon is followed by the fisherman. The mountain slopes are clothed with great pines. The height and girth of them may be somewhat magnified in the guide books, but they are lordly trees nevertheless. A regrettable fact is that fires every summer prevail in some of the great pineries—and one of the chief sources of wealth to the province is being impaired, and to a considerable extent destroyed. The same thing prevails in Washington. The authorities do not seem to be fully alive to the great waste of the natural patrimony of the people. Surely the most stringent precautions should be taken to prevent forest fires.

For a considerable distance eastward the railway follows the bank of the Fraser. The liability of the river to overflow at certain seasons is a standing menace to the road. Two years ago traffic was interrupted for some days, as you doubtless remember, and as the brethren at many places in the west regret, as on account of it they missed the pleasure of a visit from you to which they had been long looking forward. I felt free to assure them that you shared their regret, and that the visit would yet be paid. At Mission City there is a young and active court. The term city, in the west, does not always imply a population of thousands. Mission as yet does not count many hundreds. While waiting here on my journey west for the train for Seattle, I heard a good story. The draw bridge on the Fraser River was pointed out, and the information gravely given that one season the salmon came up

in such numbers that the bridge had to be opened in order to let them through. Choice is permitted as to whether one believes the story or not. They, however, expect you to believe that at times the water rises owing to the enormous number of fish in the river. And a Presbyterian clergyman, whose veracity admits of no discount, assured me that he saw them so thick in one of the coast streams as to impede each others progress, and that he caught them easily with his hands. The wickedness of the mosquito in the Fraser Valley one is apt to remember. I was not surprised to read a few days ago that a settlement of some twenty families was literally driven out of Chilliwack by the vicious little creatures that swarmed in millions, and stung, till life there became intolerable.

The journey across British Columbia takes some 32 hours. To get a fair idea of the country and its varied scenery one should take the journey in stages. The splendid courage of those who designed and undertook the construction of the railroad can only be appreciated after one has seen the difficulties with which they had to contend. The work was well done, and the road is maintained in splendid condition. The train employees are picked men, their evident efficiency gives confidence to the timid traveller and their attention and courtesy should satisfy the most exacting. At such points along the road as Ashcroft, where one disembarks for the Cariboo country, Revelstoke and Golden, that are the gateways, to the Kootenay, Donald a divisional point and Kamloops the largest town in Central British Columbia, courts might be established, and although the population is of a floating character members of the Order would, while changing their habitations, retain their connection with the I. O. F. and in all probability be the means of introducing it in other places. The number heading for the gold regions was considerable and increasing. Every person you meet in British Columbia is ready to discuss mining, and I surprised some old acquaintances when I told them I did not invest in any mining stock. The desire to invest is assumed to be present with every visitor—the ability to do so is not to be taken for granted so readily, especially if one is on the home journey; I may say that I was eastward bound when the golden possibilities of the country were presented to me. British Columbia must indeed be rich if all the promises made by mining speculators are even partially fulfilled.

BANFF.—The Dominion National Park is gaining a deserved reputation for its famous hot sulphur springs of great curative qualities, magnificent climate, and grand scenery.

There are well made roads and many delightful drives; and the C. P. R. Hotel and Sanitarium afford excellent accommodation. Some day when the population of the Dominion and North-western States is many millions more than it is; when wealth is greater and more generally distributed, and travel less expensive, thousands will frequent this park with its snow-crowned

mountains, great rivers, mineral springs, pine forests, and fertile valleys. I spent the 30th July in Banff; saw all the members of the Court—the number is not large. They have a fine hall, with the name in good clear letters over the door. Dr. Brett, C.P., Bros. Woodworth, C.D., and Paris, F.S. are zealous officers, and with the growth of the place the court is sure to grow.

CANMORE is some miles east of Banff. It is a mining and lumbering town of considerable promise. The Court, I am told is doing well, and as my time was limited I kept on, reaching CALGARY, the chief town of Alberta early on the morning of the 31st July. The town is prettily situated on the Bow River. It is well built, many of the houses are of stone, easily procured from quarries in the neighborhood. Calgary is the centre of the ranching country, on every side are large herds of several thousand heads. Some of the ranchers are making wealth. Like every other business, it requires knowledge and care, and those who counted on success without either, learned them by a somewhat expensive experience, those unwilling to learn have gone out, or are going out of the business. Ranching on an extensive scale will not build up a country as it implies a sparse population.

The people of Calgary are interested in irrigation to compensate for rain and make agriculture a success. It is being tried on a small scale and with encouraging success. The court in Calgary is the strongest in the territories. The membership is upwards of 100 and includes many of the leading men of the place. Bro. Daughy, F.S. "took me round"—and it seemed to me that every other man was a brother Forester.

In the course of the day Bro. McGregor, of Molson's Bank and Bro. Myers, Q.C., F.H.C. R. drove me round, and I got a fair idea, not only of the town, but of the rich country surrounding it. In the evening we had a well attended meeting. At its close I gave the High Court degree to the members of the High Court present, among whom were Bros. Linton, H.T., Van-Wort, H.V.R., and Bro. Riddle.

The I.O.F. is to the front in Calgary. To the north lies Edmonton and Red Deer where we have courts. The long distance and the limited train service forbade a visit.

MACLEOD lies over 100 miles to the south of Calgary. I reached it by a branch line of the C.P.R. about noon, Aug. 1st. A deputation from the court and the Rev. Mr. Hamilton met me at the station some two miles from the town. In the manse I found Mrs. Hamilton, a former member of my congregation in Toronto, presiding with hospitable grace. In the evening there was a well attended meeting of the court. The business was carried on in an admirable manner. The officers appear to take pride and pleasure in their duties, and I do not know that I ever met a court better up in the work than Court Chinook. The Secretary Bro. Bryan keeps a letter book, the Treasurer, Mr. Gardner, duplicates of his deposit slips, the Chief Ranger Bro. Saunders, Inspector Mounted Police, knows his ritual better than

"a book." Bro. Miller, C.D., Bro. Grady a member of Supreme Court that I met at Toronto a year ago, all take a lively interest in the court, and as you might expect, the Order is popular—the court is growing steadily—and "bucking," (a western synonym for kicking) is rare.

Sunday morning I had the privilege of conducting service in the Methodist church, and in the evening in the Presbyterian church to the brethren, who with their friends and the regular congregation filled the church to overflowing. South-west from MacLeod is Pincher Creek, a place of some size and promise, and the centre of a splendid grazing country. The brethren of MacLeod think a court can be instituted. I left some literature with them, and I have no doubt we will have a good account from them.

LETHBRIDGE, 35 miles east of MacLeod, was my next point. I started for it Monday noon. Commissioner Herchmer kindly invited me to drive with him. He was on a tour of inspection of the mounted police forts. The ride behind his four-in-hand across the prairie was very enjoyable.

The fording of the Ox river was a new feature in my travels. The thirty-five miles were covered in less than three hours.

Our court in Lethbridge is numerically weak, owing to frequent removals. Business in the town is somewhat depressed. The coal mines are not operated as much as they were some years ago. Better times are, however, expected to be near at hand. In company with Bro. Cottingham, C.D., I called on several of the members. To my regret, I found I had to cancel my engagement for a public meeting the following evening, as the train connections would not enable me to keep my appointments for the rest of the week, so I left at midnight. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Rev. Chas. McKillop, Presbyterian minister and an old class mate at Queen's. He ministers with acceptance and success to a large and influential congregation.

MEDICINE HAT WAS reached on the morning of August 4th, after a night journey from Lethbridge, the connection is every alternate day. Before parting with Col. Herchmer, I had the pleasure of conferring honorary membership on him. Quite a number of the admirable force that he commands are members of the I.O.F. Everywhere I heard the efficiency of the mounted police commended. They are always to be found when needed, and the red coat inspires respect for law and order and property all through the territories. Our court at the "Hat" is fairly prosperous. The quality of the membership is excellent. The leading citizens of the place belong to the I.O.F. The public meeting on the evening of the 5th August made up in attention what it lacked in numbers. Dr. Smythe, C.R., made an admirable chairman. The prospects for an increase in membership are good. Medicine Hat is a divisional point on the C.P.R., and is well situated on the Saskatchewan. It has one of the best equipped hospitals I have seen anywhere, and in it the citizens take a pardonable pride. There is an excellent High School, presided

over by D. M. Perrin. Ranching is followed in the vicinity, and with success.

MAPLE CREEK, some 60 miles east, is the next point where a court of the Order exists. The place is small, and the difficulties in the way of building up a strong court are considerable. A number of the charter applicants failed to pass the Medical Board. Bro. Dixon, C.D., has worked hard in the face of discouragements. The public meeting in the evening was fairly well attended. I had a long conference with the brethren, and when I left them next morning, I was assured by them that they were determined to build up the court. I have no doubt it will be done.

Between Maple Creek and MOOSE JAW, a distance of 200 miles, there is but one place, Swift Current, where possibly a court might be instituted. The court at Moose Jaw is fairly strong. The town is well built, and gives evidence of prosperity. There is a capital High School, the efficient principal of which is Mr. Fenwick, a graduate of Queen's, Kingston. Here I met an old Ontario friend, Mr. J. G. Gordon, barrister, an ex-mayor of the burgh, a man with abounding faith in the place, and with no desire to change his habitation. Quite a number of railway men reside in the town. Farming is followed with considerable success, though ranching is still the chief industry. The public meeting on the 7th August, which was well advertised, was largely attended, the hall had been neatly decorated for the occasion. I found the members hopeful for the future of the Order, and I have no doubt but that the court here will go on prosperously.

Sunday, August 9th, I spent at Cottonwood, some 10 miles north of Pense station. The district is settled almost entirely by people from Bruce County, Ontario. Many of them I knew some twenty-three years ago. It was among them I first made trial of my gifts, a very young and inexperienced student. Their great kindness and helpfulness are among the pleasantest of my memories, and I welcomed the privilege, after the lapse of so many years, of meeting so many of them once more. They have prospered in their western home. Those I knew as children over 20 years ago, are now men and women settled in homes of their own. I attended S.S. in the morning. The children came by waggon, spring board, cart, and on horseback, considerable distances. They were all in their places at 10 a.m. The order was perfect, and their knowledge of the lesson considerable. In the afternoon I preached in their bright little church, opened a few Sundays previously. The notice of my coming was short, their religious services are on alternate Sundays, and this was the off day, but the place was full, the majority being my old friends, their children, and grand children. There is capital material for a court here, and I have sent some literature of the Order to a young friend, a namesake of mine, who will see what can be done. The splendid wheat fields were ripening for the harvest, the people were contented and hopeful, and the success of this part of the North-West seems assured.

My next appointment was at KENLIS for Monday evening. I took the train at Pense, for Indian Head. Arriving there at 10 p.m., I was met by Bro. Wright, C.D., who came 12 miles to bring me to my destination. On the way I had an experience of the suddenness with which a thunder storm comes up on the prairie, and the intense darkness that accompanied it reminded me of the prolonged night that was sent as a judgment on the land of the Pharaohs, when "the darkness could be felt." By the aid of a borrowed lantern, and under the skilful guidance of Bro. Wright we reached his hospitable home at 1 a.m. The membership of the Court at Kenlis is made up entirely of farmers. At the meeting 24 out of the 25 were present, many of them coming several miles. The public meeting was one of the very best I addressed in my tour. I am quite prepared to learn that the promise of the court will be carried out, and the membership doubled, that is, if the necessary number of eligible men can be found within reach. The officers do their work well. Bro. Graham, C.R., was quite independent of the ritual in the meeting of the court that follow the public meeting.

The plains around Kenlis is the finest part of the Northwest that I have seen. The immense wheat fields were truly magnificent, and if they escape the August frosts the farmers will reap a bountiful harvest. Near by is the famous Bell Farm of which your old Comrade in Arms on the first Wimbledon team Major Bell, has been for many years the manager.

An experimental farm of the Dominion Government is also in the locality, and is proving of considerable help to the farmers. I spent Monday night with Bro. Ferguson, his well appointed farm of over 600 acres shows what enterprise and a careful study of conditions can accomplish.

Tuesday morning I started for GRENFELL, some 40 miles distant. "Uncle Ned" Garret who drove me is too old to become a beneficiary member of the I.O.F. He commends it to every one, however. His son-in-law, Bro. Ferguson, and his nephew, Bro. Garret, of Court Wooler, Ontario, are members. The drive was delightful, over one half was through the beautiful valley of the Qu'Appelle valley, every point of which Mr. Garret knew like a book. Grenfell was reached at 5 o'clock. I called on Bro. F. N. Davis, who has done good work for us in the North-west and who despite failing health is still warmly interested in the prosperity of the I.O.F. A meeting of the Court was held in the evening. My meeting at another point, could not, for local reasons, be held. So a public meeting for Grenfell for the 12th was decided on, the brethren undertaking to see that it was fully advertised. Our meeting was called for half past eight so as not to interfere with the mid-week services of the church. I took part in the service of the Presbyterian church and they reciprocated by coming in a body to our meeting. We had a capital attendance. My address, of which the *Grenfell Sun* gives a three-column report, was somewhat hurried as my train was due shortly after

ten. The spirit of the Grenfell brethren is admirable and I have no fear but that they will, as they promised, place the I.O.F. in the very front rank. At Grenfell I met some old and esteemed friends—McDonalds from Glengarry. To mine host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Copeland of the Granite house I am indebted for kind hospitality.

At Grenfell my tour of the west practically ended. I spent a day pleasantly in Winnipeg, compared notes and ways of working with Bro. Waddell, H.C.R. and Pettigrew, H.S. They are alive to the interests of the Order and the responsibilities of their important positions. They will keep Forestry in the fore-front in their jurisdiction.

My Sunday in Rat Portage was very pleasant. In the morning I occupied the pulpit of my old friend and fellow-student Rev. Bro. Nairn. In the congregation were some old Collingwood and Glengarry friends that I was delighted to meet.

The service for the Foresters at 4 p.m. was well attended. The court headed by the Citizen's band, made up largely of members of the Order, made a fine appearance. The brethren are always at their best at a Sunday service. I am never more anxious to claim them as brothers than when I meet them in a place of public worship. The members of Court Keewatin are typical Foresters. A fine manly set of stalwart fellows of which any organization might be proud. Manitoba gains by the transference of this fine court to its jurisdiction. Having received the cordial thanks of the brethren for my sermon, I was escorted by a number of the brethren to the station where I took the train for Ottawa, to attend the meeting of the High Court of Ontario.

The future of Forestry in the west is assured. Great though the merits of the Order are, it will need to be pushed. The public are not seeking insurance or investigating the merits of competing companies and orders. The average man yields to the first persuasive canvasser that comes along. We must keep our men in the field and with the best Order in the world—we can easily secure the best share of the business.

Of the possibilities of the great west a few weeks' experience hardly entitles one to speak authoritatively. The country has suffered from two causes and these extreme and opposite. Its advantages have been painted in too glowing colors. It is not always summer. "Tickle it with a spade and it laughs with flowers," is meant to indicate that once you "break" the prairie, the golden harvest 30, 60, and 100 fold is assured—not always—The frost has to be taken into account. In a night the rich promise may be turned into desolation and sorrow. Careful cultivation and early sowing minimize the danger, however, and, taking one year with another, an average crop can be reckoned on. The ranching country is extensive, well watered, in every way well adapted for grazing. But care is needed, as some careless ones have found out to their cost. Snow storms do prevail sometimes, and the ranchmen realize the need of making some provision for feeding in an emergency. Some ranchmen are

making money—that proves what can be done.

The country has been unduly discredited by those who have tried it and failed—more through their own fault, than the country's. They expected "to reap where they bestowed no labor."—they did—but it was disappointment. Even on the fertile prairie the old condition holds, "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread."

The Northwest is not the place for the indolent or thriftless, or the failures of other places—what place is?

For the young, who are willing to work and wait, who refuse to be discouraged by one or two disappointments, and who combine economy with enterprise, the west is a fine field.

Those past middle life, and enjoying average comfort and success in the east, should be content "to do well," and abide where they are.

The frank, unconventional ways of the west are quite refreshing. They look with a mild compassion on a wayfarer from the east, whom they designate as a "tenderfoot" and "pilgrim." The former appellation was addressed to me once by an onlooker, as he watched me pick a rubber half a size too large out of their clinging mud.

Once I was warned at the beginning of a Sunday service, to say my say, "and have the service over inside of an hour. After an hour they leave, whether you are through or not." I took awful chances and overran the limit some ten minutes—no one left—but there is no telling what they might have done again.

I dropped in at a Sunday-School unaccompanied and unvouched for one day; the superintendent eyed me and then remarked, "you seem to be a minister of some sort, we are short of hands; take a class," and I did. At the close he asked me to say a word to the school, remarking, "we don't have many visitors, any kind of a preacher is welcome here, and we will be glad to have you speak to us." They heard me with attention and, I hope, with some little profit.

Uniformly the brethren have been unflinching in their courtesy and attention to me, and my trip throughout has been an extremely pleasant one.

Ever yours in L. B. & C.

A. MACGILLIVRAY.

Toronto, Aug. 25th.

N.B.—Since writing the above, I have attended the High Court meeting at Ottawa, paid a visit to Williamstown visiting old friends, and renewing old associations, and speaking a word for the I.O.F. at a public meeting in St. Andrew's hall on the evening of Aug. 21st. Since I left home on July 9th, I have travelled about 6 000 miles by rail, 500 by steamer, and some 200 by conveyance. I have addressed 21 religious meetings, five of them Forestric services, and 20 Forestric gatherings. Of the cities I have seen Toronto is easily the "Queen City," and notwithstanding the many and varied attractions of other places, "There is no place like HOME."

A. M.

Thos. J. McDermott.

HIGH COUNSELLOR, I. O. F., MINNESOTA.

The subject of this sketch was born in Kasota, Minnesota, in 1861, his parents being among the early settlers of the territory that now comprises the state. He was reared on a farm, attended a country school during his boyhood, and at the age of eighteen entered college, where he was graduated in 1883. He then taught school for a period of two years and at that time began the study of law. Was admitted to the bar before the State Board of Examiners, and afterwards attended the University of Minnesota, where he graduated receiving two degrees, and is now practising his profession in St. Paul, the capital of Minnesota.



BRO. THOS. J. MCDERMOTT.

In 1894 Mr. McDermott was elected a member of the Democratic State Central Committee to represent the party in the city of St. Paul, and subsequently at the organization of that committee, was elected chairman, thus becoming the official head of the party organization in this state. His term of office having recently expired, he was unanimously re-elected as a member of the committee to represent the Second Judicial District of Minnesota.

He became a member of the Foresters some two years ago and rapidly rose to prominence in the fraternity. Shortly after his initiation he was elected Treasurer of Court Minnesota, No. 453, and has since continued to hold that position. In July 1895, at the seventh Annual Session of the High Court of Minnesota, he was elected High Counsellor of the Order in this state, which position he still holds.

He is a good public speaker and has a very extensive acquaintance throughout the North-West.

W. H. Wardrope, Esq.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF ONTARIO.

We have much pleasure in giving our readers a portrait and brief sketch of Bro. Wardrope, the "Chief" elect of the mother High Court. The highest office in the gift of his brethren has been bestowed on the worthy brother at a comparatively early age. We have no fear but that his administration of the affairs of the High Court will fully justify the confidence of his brethren. We heartily congratulate him on the high honor to which he has attained.

William Hugh Wardrope was born in Ottawa the 13th of August, 1860. In 1869 his father, the Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., removed to Guelph, where the subject of our sketch was educated at the Collegiate Insti-



BRO. W. H. WARDROPE.

tute. He afterwards entered the law office of Messrs. Guthrie, Watt & Cutton, and was called to the bar of Ontario in 1884. Mr. Wardrope practised his profession in Guelph till 1890, when he removed to Hamilton and opened an office there. He still lives in Hamilton, and is the senior member of the well-known firm of Wardrope & Carpenter. Mr. Wardrope always took a very active interest in politics, and has done not a little to advance the liberal interests in Hamilton. In 1894 he was elected secretary of the Reform Association of Hamilton. In the autumn of the same year he was appointed assistant law clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and secretary of the private bills committee. On the 26th day of May, 1887, Mr. Wardrope was married to the eldest daughter of Dr. Macdonald, one of the most successful practitioners in Hamilton, and the senior medical adviser of the Canada Life Assurance Co.

In November, 1893, Mr. Wardrope was initiated into Court Amity, No. 39. At the next meeting of the court he was elected Chief Ranger, and a delegate to the High Court, which met in Peterborough. At that High Court he was elected a delegate to the Supreme Court, which met in London, England, in 1895. The same year he was elected High Vice-Chief Ranger of the High Court of Ontario, at London, Ontario.

At Ottawa Bro. Wardrope was elected by a unanimous vote to the chair. We predict for him a successful year. His pleasing manner and witty and persuasive elocquence will make him welcome in the subordinate courts. And we wish him, in the Order and in his profession, the success that ability, merit and industry deserve.

Personal Mention.

Bros. Whale, Parkinson and Gilmour will keep "open house" in "Foresters' Tent" Society Row, Toronto, during the two weeks of Canada's greatest fair.

Bro. Thos. Lawless, H.S.C.R., left for a brief business trip to the old land. Bro. Lawless is a hard worker, and has earned the rest and change that his trip enables him to have. He will be absent some six weeks.

Bro. Waddell, of Winnipeg, has been for the fourth time elected High Chief Ranger of Manitoba. The honor is deserved. The brother has been a first-class presiding officer and a zealous and successful worker for the Order.

Our old friend A. L. Chandler, of Deseronto, is now manager of the "Enterprise Printing Company," Lancaster, N.Y. His interest in Forestry has not diminished. He assisted at the organization of a court at Lancaster recently.

To our list of Forester M. P's. for the Dominion, we are delighted to add the name of Bro. H. J. Logan, of Amherst, N.S., who is a charter member of Court Amherst, No. 3153. Bro. Logan is one of the youngest members in the House of Commons at Ottawa.

Bro. the Hon. E. J. Davis, M.P.P. of North York, and a member of Court King City, has been appointed Provincial Secretary of the Ontario Government. Bro. Davis brings to the duties of his high position, wide municipal and legislative experience. We heartily congratulate our brother on his promotion.

Some time ago, we said that our Reverend Bro. Gilfillan, of Court Dalruid, Ireland, was the tallest man in the Order. We have since "looked up" to a brother who tops the Irish divine by half an inch. Bro. Riddle, D.S.C.R. of Calgary, Alberta, is the modest height of 6 ft. 6½ inches. And he is every half inch a Forester.

Bro. G. W. Strickland, H.C.R., of Pennsylvania, visited "headquarters" the other day. He reports Forestry as making steady progress in the Key Stone State.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of July, 1896.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their July Assessments.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Court, No. of Court, Name of Court, No. of Court. Lists delinquent courts like Key City, Cooksville, Woodman, etc.

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Court, No. of Court, Name of Court, No. of Court. Lists reinstated courts like Hemlock, Maplewood, etc.

RECEIPTS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Table with 6 columns: No. of Members, Name of Court, No. of Court, Mort. B. Assn't, S. and F. Benefit, General Fund. Lists courts like Burrard, Cariboo, Nelson, etc.

CALIFORNIA.

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COLORADO.

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ILLINOIS.

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INDIANA.

Table with 6 columns: No. of Members, Name of Court, No. of Court, Mort. B. Assn't, S. and F. Benefit, General Fund. Lists courts like Manhattan, Lake City, Miami, etc.

IOWA.

Table with 6 columns: No. of Members, Name of Court, No. of Court, Mort. B. Assn't, S. and F. Benefit, General Fund. Lists courts like Greene County, Des Moines, Evans City, etc.

MAINE.

Table with 6 columns: No. of Members, Name of Court, No. of Court, Mort. B. Assn't, S. and F. Benefit, General Fund. Lists courts like Chekawaukie, Mars, Ebenezer, etc.

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

No. of Members.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Mort. B. Ass'n.	S. and F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Mort. B. Ass'n.	S. and F. Benefit.	General Fund.
15	Rumford Falls	1861	450 48	78	30	819	75	11	Unison	416	121 12
60	Dirego	1876	42 78	6	42	41 23	12	Peck	411	11 10	4 90
19	Moose Island	1930	12 76	1	69	4 76	16	Sanitas Centre	414	14 16	12 36
26	Lakewood	1932	14 06	7	1 59	5 75	70	Lake View	418	55 19	8 11
24	Dobels	1933	16 91	10	07	6 00	25	Applegate	426	23 07	5 66
30	Machias	1971					29	Minden	430	31 91	3 05
16	Quaddy	1982	55 38	1	75	3 69	21	Montfort	433	26 53	2 45
19	East Machias	3010	12 80	9	03	4 75	43	Imbury	430	78 97	21 02
27	Magdaraivanka	3013	30 47	2	69	8 00	182	Kent	441	173 14	21 72
13	Nashlock	3035	4 43	2	67	3 23	104	Rescue	445	101 19	10 80
21	Cohocook	3038	6 48	2	29	3 10	90	Lyon	445	93 88	12 18
52	Sylvan Dale	3037	42 18	1	19	20 75	7	Tyro	448	4 83	1 75
14	Sylvan Lake	3087	28 51	5	61	3 50	58	Anadore	457	45 91	7 39
35	Ambsch	3083	45 87	26	60	23 75	35	Leonard	477	28 15	10 57
57	Lewtown	3114	40 67	24	76	57 25	81	Sagunaw	494	95 77	1 04
64	Adria	3139	16 85	14	76	57 25	161	Caro	506	171 68	39 67
17	Alamosook	3141	29 33	4	23	4 25	179	Bagle	517	157 53	61 91
25	Watlo	3170	9 50		3 25		58	Mnyville	522	63 74	6 95
17	Dowrite Costine	3221	14 91	6	93	3 25	47	Elsworth	528	64 29	4 45
6	Pasagaway	3243	5 46	6	11	1 40	123	Waldome	529	157 41	14 23
28	Waukegan	3251	12 64	10	10	3 50	14	Acme	551	37 29	3 50
28	Tugawassh	3255	9 60	10	29	5 75	7	Isabella	552	6 35	1 75
25	Pleasant River	3259					19	Warren	556	17 66	4 70
17	Elen	3257	6 65	5	16	8 59	21	Kalkaska	564	37 09	5 75
23	Phillis	3298					12	Eton Allen	579	12 39	3 00
23	Madsen	3371	12 11	10	40	5 75	111	Watchful	572	61 47	19 59

MANITOBA

59	Windpeg	13 12	74	10	19	60
17	Birdie	129	15 77	1 33		
119	Manitou	135	133 23	6 93	51	75
79	Rudson	409	157 14	1 26	59	
1	Brandon	427	27 67	4 45	5 25	
65	Marquette	429	199 31	6 22	23 25	
20	Kildonan	456	20 41	3 77	6 00	
23	Glendora	607	21 40	4 19	5 75	
36	Douglas	655	32 89		25	
21	Forest	753	16 21	3 51		
51	Bosserain	772	48 39	4 45	7 75	
16	Morden Valley	782	5 46	1 11	1 40	
26	Carman	918	32 37	2 16	4 50	
27	Balmoral West	948	20 26		6 75	
29	High Bluff	965	85 58		7 25	
71	North Star	989	95 11	3 93	8 30	
35	Pt. Douglas	1016	32 64	10 10	3 75	
34	Isaford	1237	45 52	7 02	12 40	
25	Charter	1550	72 91		9 50	
22	Stonewall	1666	24 60		5 50	
19	Foxton	1692	24 69		2 00	
49	West Selkirk	1123	44 25	3 75	2 00	
11	Krismore	1178	9 32	8 26	2 75	
62	Flam Creek	1192	48 61	19 81	5 00	
36	Greta	1217	14 72	2 81	5 00	
43	Carberry	1218	48 12	3 52	32 00	
52	Hartney	1233	45 11	1 83	8 00	
22	Napinka	1261	24 42	3 63	6 50	
11	Gemli	1488	10 84	8 26	2 75	
47	Green Rapids	1633	40 03	1 34		
15	Dominion City	1624	16 31	1 00	6 25	
69	Kernan	1637	72 46	8 16	14 75	
33	Brandon Hills	1660	24 42		4 75	
26	Delorshe	3623	33 61	2 22	9 25	
16	Killarney	3640	32 26	6 04		
17	Winkler	3650	21 97	2 25	12 00	
23	Neepawa	3651	12 46	4 45		
25	McDonald	3629	29 19	1 01	1 40	
21	Shoal Lake	3115	21 77	5 1	5 25	
11	Hwyfield	3172	11 65			
19	Nesbitt	3175	7 66	1 81	3 75	
22	Reston	3151	21 00		4 50	
22	Pipestone	3201	37 29	6 53	9 50	

MICHIGAN

78	Bad Axe	117	76 57	15 33	2 00
37	Tunnel	159	56 53		
176	Desnoine	157	189 79	9 39	61 50
25	Clare	210	27 43	8 86	6 00
259	Valley	232	147 31	12 85	78 50
121	Filint	239	131 64	6 45	34 25
44	Hastings	246	63 09	1 61	11 00
110	Leaning	247	162 21	1 03	31 50
50	Earle	250	56 46	18 36	12 50
46	Michigan	261	39 13	2 64	11 50
52	St. of Mackinaw	262	52 79	40 37	50 00
77	Marion	267	62 91	7 17	24 25
43	Harbor	268	43 94		10 75
62	Croswell	273	52 63	15 77	25 00
50	Cedar	275	131 86		12 50
88	Isoco	278	91 62	17 86	
121	Oscoda	285	117 36	22 60	46 25
44	Au Sable	285	42 63	13 05	19 25
91	Alpena	283	91 77	6 20	24 00
29	Maple Ridge	300	37 81	2 49	7 25
79	Bay City	306	65 55	16 20	4 00
72	Liberty	313	124 75	20 14	21 00
48	Presque Isle	325	63 67	4 7	12 00
242	Siradua	326	28 31	7 52	74 00
90	Vassar	349	124 58	6 35	6 50
146	Riverdale	349	92 71	32 49	35 50
76	Nitabassawa	353	62 66	26 91	9 00
150	Mason	354	147 77	2 16	53 25
44	Oscoda	357	50 62		
67	Franklin	369	73 68	4 60	20 25
65	Evart	379	72 68	13 08	19 25
81	Grafton	379	77 64	21 78	23 00
17	Grant	386	16 54	6 53	4 25
21	Lee	389	16 88	3 33	5 25
86	Logan	390	83 14	6 01	42 25
20	Anchor	393	22 41	4 64	4 75
48	Yala	399	29 23	10 75	11 60
96	Custar	402	19 18	8 21	
17	Sanilac	405	14 97		4 36

MINNESOTA

103	Minnesota	453	128 07	4 06	56 00
48	Fairview	518	77 73		6 00
37	Farlington	547	57 00		10 00
66	Winnona	558	60 69		27 75
11	Northfield	554	123 60		2 75
41	Long Beach	593	49 41		10 25
46	Volney	604	32 00		11 10
44	Capital City	614	84 31		17 00
20	Duluth	724	23 62	62 13	21 10
43	West Duluth	797	33 12	8 05	17 40
64	Minneapolis	805	81 21	82	16 00
126	Red Wing	890	118 44		38 50
18	Fraubault	890	19 53		4 50
112	Silverwater	1035	133 41	2 21	84 00
41	Lone Star	1036	41 37		13 25
42	Lake Pepin	1036	41 59		92 10 20
43	Albany	1127	43 26	1 53	6 00
23	Convention City	1137	40 31		15 75
29	Rosemont	1135	29 03		16 00
48	St. Anthony	1136	43 78		
48	Five Points	1163	63 87	44	15 00
51	Ramsay	1164	73 31		3 00
39	Salmon	1163	39 26		9 75
103	Gilbert	1239	81 28		4 50
17	Owatonna	1238	19 48		4 25
76	Century	1257	87 36	85	21 75
25	Hendrum	1326	33 45	43	5 25
41	Nicollet	1329	39 64		10 00
24	Campus	1454	23 47		6 00
44	Albany	1527	43 26		16 00
60	Transier	1577	83 71		13 50
80	Belle Plaine	1605	40 47		5 25
4	La Snee	1644	15 61		5 25
85	Northoo	1683	29 43	1 33	9 25
83	Central Duluth	1731	24 14	12 29	15 75
67	St. Vincent	1736	45 79	44	6 00
60	Farar City	1790	35 24		8 00
80	Minnehaha	1823	86 80		1 00

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Table listing members of various courts with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details like S. and F. Assmt., Benefit, and General Fund.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Table listing members of various courts in North Dakota with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Table listing members of various courts in North-West Territories with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

Table listing members of various courts in Nova Scotia with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details.

ONTARIO.

Large table listing members of various courts in Ontario with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details.

OHIO.

Table listing members of various courts in Ohio with columns for Name of Court, No. of Court, No. of Members, and financial details.

No. of Members.	Name of Count.	No. of Court.	Mort. B. Assmt.	S. and F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Name of Count.	No. of Court.	Mort. B. Assmt.	S. and F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Name of Count.	No. of Court.	Mort. B. Assmt.	S. and F. Benefit.	General Fund.			
67	Euroka	65	850	56	810	75	91 Rimpruss	230	880	20	4 4 17	63 Milford	460	870	69	4	38	14 00		
64	Queen City	66	280	91	23	16	10 Dunvilla	231	20	89	1 01	4 4 00	68 Chandaboye	461	59	74	2	85	12 00	
65	Alvinton	67	31	1 37	11 00	40	40 Bolham	232	34	39	1 31	10 35	69 Appen	462	74	64	1	00	11 00	
66	Thiuseford	68	68	61	12 50	11 00	41 Solm	233	83	40	3 85	84 75	70 Goodwood	463	25	95	1	00	11 00	
68	Woodstock	69	76	98	29	57	42 Raynaud	236	33	64	12 50	3 00	71 Clinton	470	59	84	14	33	11 00	
70	Concord	70	7	66	1 28	3 50	13 Otter Valley	237	20	50	2 70	3 25	82 Parliament	472	33	25	12	23	11 00	
72	Rosewood	72	50	74	47	14 25	5 Monck	238	3	31	1 71	1 25	10 Dunsford	473	18	30	.....	5 00	
136	Valley City	73	127	17	44	50	16 St. James	240	31	51	41	.....	17 Priceville	476	12	93	.....	2 72
69	Southampton	74	65	65	1 37	17 25	43 Spaulm	241	50	22	6 71	.....	20 Anson	484	20	74	2 77	5 00	
8	Credit Valley	75	6	49	.....	1 75	79 Brook	242	82	54	8 17	19 75	27 Western	486	28	1 70	7 50	6 00	
32	Sylvia	76	29	39	2 39	8 00	60 Bracebridge	243	60	61	17	16	3 00	70 Ripple	487	78	19	1 40	17 00	
21	Oil City	77	15	72	9	19	6 Gravenhurst	244	10	72	1 10	3 00	83 Dryad	488	98	92	20	51	21 00	
161	Mississippi	78	185	38	49	85	43 Tamarac Grove	245	43	06	13	18	10 75	31 Forfar	495	35	59	1 10	
100	Excelsior	79	134	38	13	95	23 Allenford	249	10	14	10	11	6 00	100 Branford	503	95	59	33	95	3 00
47	Beaconsfield	80	64	65	15 75	77 Argyle	251	01	68	9	60	19 50	21 Black Creek	504	15	55	3 07	5 25	
67	Madawaska	81	87	23	3 92	1 75	29 Brock	252	54	8	17	19 75	82 Western	505	63	35	0 16	19 00		
69	Davenport	82	69	07	17	09	30 Woodham	255	56	68	1 90	7 50	10 Hazeldean	507	35	76	83	15	60	
61	Sidney	83	78	13	1 62	15 25	82 Caladonia	256	84	37	9 39	.....	20 Woodbridge	516	20	92	94	5 00	
87	Robin Hood	84	98	17	27	40	20 Greenwood	257	92	35	2 50	5 00	39 Liatowel	519	49	90	3 85	9 15		
69	Ontario	85	157	12	.....	14 50	24 Exlinton	258	31	88	1 73	6 00	29 Walkerton	521	29	88	6 27	7 25	
62	Union	86	90	09	5 80	16 75	28 Mystic	259	38	80	6 88	.....	116 Winchester	524	117	66	5 61	38 00	
73	Middletown	87	70	83	10	84	21 Pleasant	260	10	84	4 78	.....	43 Crosby	525	13	3	1 00	10 75	
26	Rosedale	88	25	45	6 33	6 50	30 Pleasant	264	10	81	9 00	41 Chempup	530	118	38	11	19	83 50	
59	Bonhechora	89	35	90	92	7 95	163 Pembroke	265	177	54	30	40	38 50	11 Elmvalley	531	31	67	2 90	10 50	
61	Olive Branch	90	60	25	10	09	26 Prospect	270	21	31	.....	6 50	32 Vars.	535	63	40	4 13	8 00	
37	Hazel	92	31	25	1 36	9 25	11 Pontiac	271	21	10	18	.....	35 Jolly	539	32	18	8 74	10 75	
128	Deseronto	93	1 89	41	60	38	27 Bellevue	272	21	96	4 92	6 75	95 Silver Leaf	540	77	37	27	01	3 00	
73	Collingswood	95	20	01	8	28	43 Espanville	279	57	95	2 05	14 25	43 Rivervalley	541	53	16	.....	6 00	
22	Lornie	96	20	01	7	45	30 St. Marks	280	64	66	5 35	17 25	25 Red Pine	542	13	16	51	6 00		
29	Lisgar	97	21	94	10	98	31 Cayuga	284	60	13	2 10	8 75	20 Palgrave	551	22	66	1 35	5 00		
128	Harwich	98	103	46	48	10	51 Mount McKay	287	101	84	16	16	7 50	26 Calcasieu City	559	35	74	9	6 50	
42	Tyrconnell	99	43	86	8 00	43 Britannia	288	59	66	93	10 75	60 Lanark	562	93	78	12	16	13 00	
32	Albert	100	33	79	5 79	8 00	62 Brookdale	291	60	52	4 48	.....	65 Ivy Leaf	565	90	74	5 32	13 75	
76	Haldimand	106	71	09	8 23	19 50	38 Oshawa	294	95	60	5 30	11 50	53 Woodon	561	51	09	7 77	13 25		
7	Sequin	107	7	1	32	06	43 Aberfoyle	296	41	73	2 05	14 00	55 Kirkcubright Hill	561	172	13	7 90	29 25		
12	Stanley	110	50 Rock	301	34	69	6 13	8 50	33 Kincaidine	578	25	46	10	64	10 00	
119	Durham	111	106	68	27	54	45 Burns	302	47	05	1 93	11 75	27 Newbury	580	21	66	2 11	5 50		
44	Equity	112	49	50	5 23	11 75	91 Eden Mills	305	79	24	17	63	23 75	59 Bridgen	581	46	77	11	47
34	Pearl	113	23	73	7 85	9 60	9 Willowdale	307	8	31	2 25	17 Braeside	588	
31	Wolland	116	32	27	2 95	9 75	74 Bolton	308	83	03	5 18	20 50	31 Port Elgin	587	53	06	2 71	7 25		
20	York	120	64	20	14	20	46 Aberfoyle	311	39	26	10	83	17 50	63 Mattawa	587	63	31	7 00	10 75	
95	Exeter	123	119	75	1 06	.....	44 Mad River	314	63	32	3 58	8 00	24 Elmwood	594	17	41	4 10	6 00	
38	Muskoka Forest	126	31	97	8 3	9 50	32 Queen Victoria	314	63	32	3 58	8 00	62 Metcalfe	609	57	15	46	16	50	
218	Northern Light	127	2 24	24	97	56 50	16 Swelmote	315	13	36	4 00	109 Osmabruck	610	107	11	47	29	25	
26	Mizpah	120	22	55	91	6 50	12 Meadowvale	316	17	56	2 60	3 00	75 Orillia	615	83	23	5 31	34 00		
32	Jewel	131	32	45	9 13	8 00	88 Resort	318	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 Clidwater	616	30	22	.....	8 25
32	Middleton	133	92	78	1 26	12 00	23 Valens	319	20	93	9 88	.....	72 Pantanquisbene	623	60	29	8 61	23 75	
32	Credit	133	92	78	1 26	12 00	32 Lathrup	320	20	93	15	50	.....	623	60	29	.....	.....
55	Puel	136	41	71	12	28	40 Brucefield	321	31	42	8 78	10 50	18 Septemley	629	18	56	43	9 50		
33	Milton	137	56	19	90	8 25	22 Lenaskdale	322	21	70	44	5 00	36 Langton	631	39	17	94	9 00		
49	Jarvis	138	49	73	12	19	66 Ivanhoe	327	78	73	88	16 50	49 Zorra	639	36	35	15	14	12 25	
40	Algoma	140	45	28	94	14 25	83 Dover	328	78	03	5 18	22 75	38 Justico	644	29	35	4 98	9 00		
58	Carp	142	89	63	43 50	38 Stouffville	329	42	58	96	9 50	34 Huntsville	646	30	80	12	65	50 00	
120	Lambton	143	99	33	29	72	43 Markham	331	36	89	1 91	6 00	42 Hunter Star	647	18	46	4 11	15 50		
114	Nantokic	144	98	92	.....	.....	33 Trent	333	56	81	4 66	13 25	18 Granite	651	15	10	2 40	4 50
58	Saugeen	148	61	95	16	62	36 Warkworth	334	80	84	.....	8 75	22 Maple Grove	658	17	83	7 70	13 50	
49	Gen. Gordon	152	45	79	15	91	23 Bonnie Doon	335	24	16	6 14	11 75	46 Evening Star	662	45	06	.....	11 50	
63	Belmont	153	72	37	6 66	16 75	57 Charlotteville	338	62	80	4 27	14 25	44 Green Bank	664	80	04	92	
72	Berlin	154	62	82	18	60	38 Unity	339	18	52	1 92	2 00	42 Prosperity	668	103	18	14	24	25 00	
155	Maple	155	177	43	63	41 75	29 Godfrich	342	16	02	1 69	6 00	33 Woodville	670	49	73	4 6	8 50		
101	Parkhill	156	100	07	17	91	44 Waverley	345	26	58	16	61	7 50	39 Sundridge	671	104	30	47	04	15 75
85	Ivy	157	171	39	3 42	21 25	40 Zephyr	346	37	87	93	13 25	39 Delaware Valley	672	34	99	11	86	10 75	
93	Forest Queen	158	77	36	31	84	48 Leisur Hour	348	44	83	5 28	17 50	67 Novar	673	46	31	17	79	2 50	
41	Putnam	160	37	27	13	49	33 Weldman	350	30	60	12	13	7 50	58 Rouillo	674	50	77	17	96	22 50
40	Burnswalve	161	32	39	14	59	45 Gannington	352	25	46	.....	6 00	33 Cambridge	675	23	44	5 36	10 50	
103	Huron	163	169	19	43	58	33 Signet	353	16	02	7 01	.....	52 Byron Current	676	63	31	7 00	10 75	
79	Dresden	164	88	01	11	62	35 Fenwick	359	69	06	10 50	62 Hyron	683	48	28	18	50	10 00	
110	Simcoe	166	110	35	11	87	15 Schomberg	361	15	40	3 75	20 Himsworth	686	
86	Toronto	167	116	00	12	23	30 Osroode	362	27	78	2 67	7 50	19 Teeswater	690	18	90	2 89	4 75		
29	Brant	168	40	51	4 26	7 25	31 King's City	363	35	31	.....	7 75	24 Quinte	691	37	29	2 50	6 00	
91	River Speed	169	78	75	4 68	22 75	51 Oakwood	364	68	83	.....	.....	10 Live For Ever	692	15	78	5 32	2 50
33	Hamilton	170	117	40	12	59	60 Star	365	64	54	3 33	15 00	38 St. Geo.	695	47	82	1 80	
45	Garden City	173	43	2	4 75	11 50	56 Terra	367	47	13	1 27	6 00	38 Ottawa	696	37	49	
34	Black Knight	173	43	2	4 75	11 50	66 Maple City	370	56	95	10 45	14 00	39 Mattawa West	702	37	82	
37	Neison	174	41	18	2 75	.....	34 Gananoque	371	35	68	1 49	9 50	37 Kinnouit	703	30	90	4 81	7 75	
15	Eibel	175	18	57	3 75	26 Glen Payne	373	19	64	3 09	6 50	20 Golden Rule	704	19	41	7 13	5 00		
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41	Glenmorris	1																		

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7	Atlantic.....	862	68 27	\$9 81	\$19 50	3	Nobo.....	1816	44 84	4 25	8 75	35	Sequanah.....	1905	16 67	3 62	5 00
29	Hickson.....	867	82 19	5 66	7 25	52	Ontonabow.....	1819	85 33	4 88	15 00	11	Maripea.....	1906	23 24	9 4	12 00
30	Sherrwood.....	868	61 36	11 28	9 25	65	Falbot.....	1823	42 03	21 65	4 00	12	Clarendon.....	1917	9 66	1 07	3 00
29	Kemmore.....	869	64 31	9 4	7 25	17	Dovercourt.....	1829	18 33	1 58	2 00	13	Chaverson.....	1921	14 26	1 09	3 00
34	Cumberland.....	870	28 01	3 88	8 50	26	Sr Oliver.....	1837	44 53	4 3	6 00	20	Paolo.....	1923	24 02	6 5	5 00
45	Prescott.....	871	129 30	14 14	11 25	21	Hawksburg.....	1840				11	Hopewille.....	1931	14 19	4 36	5 00
37	Ashton.....	872	66 24	3 32		27	Austlaw.....	1854	24 01			22	Leoma.....	1934	12 95	7 68	5 25
16	Hobcaygreen.....	876	15 80		4 00	17	Amestor.....	1856				23	Rowan Tree.....	1938	16 51	9 34	5 00
29	Glen Buell.....	878	33 31	1 83	7 25	43	Consworth.....	1857	13 66	5 67		10	Olgha.....	1942	6 18	3 48	5 00
22	Springdale.....	882	19 19	4 83	5 50	43	Wilburn.....	1863	37 36	9 2	10 75	24	Mt. Carmel.....	1946	17 42	4 83	2 00
21	Centralia.....	889	21 17	1 77	5 25	37	Lake Side.....	1866	32 69	2 41	9 25	16	Pine Hill.....	1949	30 46	7 22	4 00
50	Fairfield.....	890	47 15	3 25	14 00	34	Kurus.....	1868	31 06	5 4	8 10	22	Elite.....	1952	31 54	5 6	6 60
28	Burr.....	898	28 31	1 69	7 00	49	Sunderland.....	1873	54 71	8 5	12 25	12	McKellar.....	1967	9 51	1 22	3 00
32	Pleasant Hour.....	904	28 26		8 00	20	Dalketh.....	1877	29 10	9 5	6 75	16	Crystal.....	1972	13 01	5 96	9 50
18	Boston.....	906	17 10	1 33	4 50	25	Hallville.....	1879	21 85	4 2	14 25	26	Ella.....	1973	23 54	6 07	6 10
3	Pleasant Ridge.....	912	50 24	7 62	9 75	26	Lanes.....	1881	22 23	8 7	6 50	29	Pigeon Bay.....	1978	19 90	6 93	2 25
41	Cookstown.....	914	60 42	1 13	10 25	7	Sydenham Centro.....	1884	2 99	2 63	1 75	14	Parklake.....	1987			
71	Willow.....	919	73 45	6 6	17 75	9	Hyptis.....	1887	12 22	1 65		32	Middlesex.....	1990			
83	North Dawn.....	924	60 28	12 56	8 25	32	Bonded.....	1891	42 14	4 01		31	King Arthur.....	1997	20 79	1 52	5 75
50	Klamon.....	928	28 26	2 96	6 50	18	Dorset.....	1892	10 17	7 07	8 75	18	King Arthur.....	1997	20 79	1 52	5 75
54	Howard.....	927	41 79	10 85	13 75	38	Cobocok.....	1405	12 17	1 37	4 50	16	Moonstone.....	3004	3 02	4 62	6 60
13	Equal Rights.....	934	19 96		3 25	33	Pride of Scotland.....	1409	17 60	12 99	8 25	17	Lambton.....	3005	9 48	7 18	12 50
24	Bowmore.....	941	40 18	1 33	9 50	41	Middleville.....	1410	62 88	3 54	10 25	22	McWay.....	3019	21 67		6 00
16	Maxville.....	943	19 13	9 8	4 00	23	Kendall.....	1416	15 24	6 35		14	Lithos.....	3030			5 00
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35	Dunegan.....	955	60 11	2 42		12	South Mountain.....	1431	33 64		3 10	13	Toussaint.....	3042	10 26	5 32	8 00
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31	Angus.....	968	39 41	11 25		16	Kelshy.....	1448	15 09	8 3	6 25	15	Glenmuck.....	3083	58	64	6 75
28	Gladstone.....	969	31 96	9 3	7 00	23	Lake Rideau.....	1460	18 47	2 35	5 75	19	Corden.....	3090	17 73		4 75
29	Calabogie.....	973	23 76	1 75	9 75	21	Lawn.....	1461	17 58	4 7	5 25	25	Canan.....	3102	25 88	11 18	2 00
15	Meaford.....	976	72 00	7 20		19	Conanoro.....	1462	22 53	1 39	4 25	28	Widley.....	3103	31 18	1 29	7 00
33	Hartley.....	979	32 66	1 76		33	Agathas.....	1461	45 96	5 66	8 75	20	Shirwood Forest.....	3105	54 82	3 31	8 00
47	Clarence.....	982	42 25	11 39	11 75	15	London.....	1465	11 27		8 75	17	Military.....	3116	25	3 84	
22	Sumidale.....	985	43 15	5 98	13 75	47	Byon.....	1466	11 49	8 5	10 75	14	Middlemuck.....	3125	12 23	5 5	5 00
33	View.....	987	33 15	2 55	8 25	49	Non-Accord.....	1467	17 06	5 89	4 25	34	Galo.....	3127	36 95	9 16	10 75
31	Markdale.....	991	30 69	9 4	9 75	26	Comet.....	1478	21 48	1 83	6 00	13	Kirkfield.....	3131	11 02	44	5 75
14	Plesherton.....	995	11 49	3 29		29	Beckwith.....	1480	24 77		7 25	23	Transvaal.....	3143	20 10	1 81	5 75
5	Everett.....	997	4 21		1 00	23	Clarendon.....	1483	17 00		5 75	7	Char.....	3145	5 27	3 25	
27	Thistle.....	1002	57 60	8 6	6 75	30	Osse.....	1485	23 55		2 50	10	Athlette.....	3154	7 33		2 50
39	Ermline.....	1003	32 41	9 6		32	Stn Station.....	1487	17 83	1 66	5 50	9	Senoz.....	3173	9 48		
9	Vespra.....	1003	37 55		2 5	32	Senefield.....	1490	63 66		8 60	19	Dealton.....	3180	16 80	6 69	4 75
36	Cascade.....	1011	25 49	4 37	9 00	31	Poland.....	1494	62 34	24 69	11 75	17	Cowal.....	3193	14 21	9 7	
19	Cedar Grove.....	1014	21 75	8 6	6 75	15	Burwick.....	1506	10 66	2 37		14	Mildmay.....	3198	12 10		
43	Tam o' Shanter.....	1022	44 94	1 25	10 75	12	Plantagenet.....	1507	16 13		5 25	39	Mountain.....	3200	25 25	2 18	22 50
32	Bond Head.....	1025	33 33		8 00	21	Clay Forks.....	1508	31 50		5 25	24	Indian Land.....	3202	26	83	8 00
48	Alvina.....	1026	52 32		16 00	133	Gougas.....	1516	293 12	7 16	61 25	18	Westward Ho.....	3210	14 65		4 00
37	Moore Creek.....	1032	147 83	18 93	41 50	21	Thorne.....	1522	18 86	6 8	4 25	22	Newash.....	3213	18 51	1 34	14 50
11	Burwell.....	1033	8 06	1 30		75	Hallowell.....	1523	66 73	21 42	28 75	8	High Park.....	3227	45 24	2 28	
36	Oro.....	1034	8 52	1 46	12 50	27	Wales.....	1524	23 14	4 5	1 00	30	Mountain Queen.....	3229	27 50	12 8	
35	Luxley.....	1040	26 62	2 64	10 25	9	Rvansville.....	1525	6 85	2 53	2 75	25	Engle's Nest.....	3241	18 31	3 58	5 25
17	Penelon.....	1045	20 07	4 0	4 25	47	Bat.....	1528	40 84		3 25	13	Providence Bay.....	3270	8 69		
48	Echo.....	1047	48 79	4 40	12 00	13	Dunchurch.....	1588	25 77	5 77	6 00	63	Pennsylvania.....	768	22 65	3 32	23 25
5	Ethoboc.....	1062	18 62		4 75	14	Cedar Lake.....	1547	9 09	3 11	3 50	33	North East.....	918	39 87	5 8	8 25
29	Conqueror.....	1073	29 83	1 75	7 25	49	Saulter.....	1565	46 41	7 65	19 00	65	South Erie.....	1122	63 36	2 03	21 25
20	Harlem.....	1082	19 18	1 89	5 00	27	Brownsville.....	1581	27 46		6 75	25	South Erie.....	1225	50 11		4 50
40	Highland Creek.....	1089	78 84	8 76	10 00	25	Sprague.....	1582	18 67	8 49	12 25	18	Deu Bole.....	1208	11		2 50
47	Heachwood.....	1093	116 52	9 10	21 75	26	Rollance.....	1603	8 7		6 00	8	Lewisdown.....	1508	6 11		4 00
24	Tranfar.....	1098	6 25		6 25	52	Rossau.....	1114	33 85	3 82	12 00	48	Mountain City.....	1879	68 12	49	21 00
26	Rollance.....	1103	27 03		6 00	19	Homo Ollico.....	1590	62 6		14 00	18	McKean.....	1916	20 81	43	21 00
40	Rossau.....	1114	33 85	3 82	12 00	19	Bayham.....	1600	18 77	4 8	7 5	15	Pennland.....	1953	23 35	84	1 75
109	Capital.....	1116	134 68	8 74	35 25	21	Severn Bridge.....	1608	16 86	4 81	5 25	30	Quaker City.....	1980		12 47	31 5
21	Alberton.....	1116	11 13		9 25	23	Albany.....	1613	45 11	4 8	5 50	8	Junetta.....	2002	22 29		3 25
37	Liby.....	1129	26 62	5 02		16	Katrine.....	1618	5 24		3 25	13	Eik.....	3015	17 29		3 25
24	Meadors.....	1132	19 51	7 09	7 50	16	White River.....	1641	10 02	4 36	4 00	16	Red Bank.....	3066	19 53		
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48	Chatsworth.....	1174	37 64	4 6	2 50	17	Clement.....	1663	19 17		7 25	21	Union Traction.....	3209	31 84		9 00
39	Dover Centre.....	1177	26 69	6 88	11 75	6	Cameron.....	1674	15 75		4 25	26	Titusville.....	3230	27 59		8 75
47	Dromore.....	1180	37 78	3 44	11 75	26	Dwight.....	1679	11 78	4 84		95	Chautauqua.....	202	107 19		23 75
38	Morlin.....	1181	30 76	12 84	9 50	17	Delight.....	1693	10 93	1 97	4 00	48	Onaway.....	206	46 34	1 46	12 00
48	Paisley.....	1183	38 22	6 30	12 00	30											

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Submitted in L. B. and C. JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Supreme Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of
July, 1896.

No. 2102. Brother J. E. Croly, aged 55 years, of Court Dunville, No. 231, died of *Bright's Disease* on the 3rd June, 1896. Initiated 3rd May, 1890. Beneficiaries, Lillian, Edgar Herbert and Margaret Edith Croly, children. \$1,000.

No. 2103. Brother Thomas Whiting aged 49 years, of Court Petrolia, No. 42, died of *Tuberculosis* on the 10th June, 1896. Initiated 19th September, 1890. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Whiting, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2104. Brother Geo. Jansen, aged 17 years, of Court Banner, No. 360, died of *Injury to Spine and Paralysis* on the 4th June, 1896. Initiated 6th June, 1889. Beneficiary, Anna Jansen, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2105. Brother L. T. Menkey, aged 33 years, of Court St. Croix, No. 408, died of *Septic Fever from Injury* on the 1st June, 1896. Initiated 23rd February, 1892. Beneficiary, C. S. Menkey, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2106. Brother George Teare, aged 33 years, of Court Lepreau, No. 1089, was *Accidentally Drowned* the 19th May, 1896. Initiated 11th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Margaret Teare, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2107. Brother Pierre Caisse, aged 42 years, of Court Jeanne D'Arc, No. 1650, died of *Intestinal Inflammation* on the 8th June, 1896. Initiated 13th March, 1888. Beneficiary, Amanda Pelland Caisse, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2108. Brother John Lester, aged 32 years, of Court Murray, No. 1561, died of *Peritonitis* on the 17th June, 1896. Initiated 12th January, 1895. Beneficiary, Sarah Jane Lester sister. \$500.

No. 2109. Brother G. H. Bloomer, aged 78 years, of Court Seely, No. 555, died of *Consumption* on the 7th June, 1896. Initiated 25th July, 1895. Beneficiary, Lizzie Bloom, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2110. Brother Thos. L. Hough aged 68 years of Court Elizabeth, No. 1, died of *Apoplexy* on the 12th June 1896. Initiated 24th August, 1877. Beneficiary, Amelia E. Hough, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2111. Brother T. W. Cannon, aged 51 years, of Court Victoria, No. 10, died of *Fibroid Phthisis* on the 11th June, 1896. Initiated 18th December, 1886. Beneficiary, Elsie Cannon, wife. \$500.

No. 2112. Brother John W. Jones, aged 66 years, of Court Whitestone, No. 1139, was *Accidentally Drowned* on the 22nd June, 1896. Initiated 1st April, 1885. Beneficiary, Euphemia Jones, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2113. Brother Martin Lavelle, aged 44 years, of Court Pocahontas, No. 1474, died of *Phthisis* on the 3rd June 1896. Initiated 22nd June, 1895. Beneficiary, Nellie and Mary Lavelle, daughters. \$1,000.

No. 2114. Brother Peter Giese, aged 31 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, died of *Cirrhosis of Liver* on the 19th June, 1896. Initiated 2nd June, 1892. Beneficiary, Belle H. Giese, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2115. Brother Aaron Skinner, aged 49 years, of Court Charing Cross, No. 1302, died of *Apoplexy* on the 24th June, 1896. Initiated 7th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Hannah Skinner, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2116. Brother R. G. Stewart, aged 36 years, of Court Queen City, No. 86, died of *Acute Phthisis* on the 4th June, 1896. Initiated 23rd October, 1895. Beneficiary, Lizzie Stewart, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2117. Brother John H. Mellon, aged 41 years, of Court Maryland, No. 1991, died of *Pneumonia and Peritonitis* on the 13th April, 1896. Initiated 21st March, 1896. Beneficiary, Kate Mellon, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2118. Brother Sperry L. Shea, aged 48 years, of Court Regina, No. 652, was *Accidentally Drowned* on the 31st March, 1896. Initiated 23rd June 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$5,000.

No. 2119. Brother Jas. C. Ratray, aged 44 years, of Court Prospect, No. 270, died of *Cancer of Bowels* on the 12th November, 1895. Initiated 1st October, 1887. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.

No. 2120. Brother Robert McGee, aged 33 years, of Court Midland, No. 87, died of *Tubercular Laryngitis* on the 7th April, 1896. Initiated 20th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Jane McGee, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2121. Brother Louis Jetrault, aged 19 years, of Court St. Helene, No. 1019, died of *Cirrhosis of Liver* on the 21st June, 1896. Initiated 1st May, 1893. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.

No. 2122. Brother J. W. Newham aged 18 years, of Court Laion, No. 1461, was *Accidentally Killed by Saw* on the 5th March, 1896. Initiated 22nd November, 1895. Beneficiaries, Maggie and Annie Newham, sisters. \$1,000.

No. 2123. Brother John McKenna aged 43 years, of Court Rifee, No. 714, died from *Injuries received by*

Falling from a Building on the 26th June, 1896. Initiated 12th August, 1891. Beneficiary, C. A. McKenna, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2124. Brother John J. Hasfurten, aged 38 years, of Court Lehigh, No. 711, died of *Apoplexy result from injury* on the 15th June, 1896. Initiated 22nd February, 1891. Beneficiary, Eva E. Hasfurten, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2125. Brother Andrew Douglass, aged 52 years, of Court Stanley Banrer, No. 721, died of *Carbuncle* on the 19th June, 1896. Initiated 2nd January, 1891. Beneficiary, Martha P. Douglass, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2126. Brother R. McNaughton, aged 33 years, of Court Sauble, No. 196, was *Killed by Explosion of Boiler* on the 2nd May, 1896. Initiated 6th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Jas. McNaughton, brother. \$1,000.

No. 2127. Brother John S. Brooks, aged 48 years, of Court Sissiboo, No. 172, died of *Yellow Fever* on the 26th March, 1896. Initiated 27th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Georgia Brooks, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2128. Brother Sidney W. Dinsmore, aged 26 years, of Court La Tour, No. 125, died of *Consumption* on the 29th June, 1896. Initiated 16th April, 1896. Beneficiary, Eliza J. Dinsmore, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2129. Brother W. M. Perry, aged 58 years, of Court Losco, No. 278, died of *Neuralgia of Heart* on the 4th July, 1896. Initiated 4th April, 1892. Beneficiary, Phillander H. Perry, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2130. Brother Henry Rehlow, aged 39 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, died of *Acute Phthisis* on the 5th June, 1896. Initiated 26th August, 1890. Beneficiary, Ida M. Rehlow sister, \$3,000.

No. 2131. Brother N. Laporte, aged 50 years, of Court Wolverine, No. 666, died of *Gastritis and Abscess of Lung* on the 17th June, 1896. Initiated 6th February, 1892. Beneficiary, F. Laporte, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2132. Brother Eugene B. Sharp, aged 35 years, of Court De-he-wa-mis, No. 1456, died of *Cancer of Pancreas* on the 8th July, 1896. Initiated 24th October, 1894. Beneficiary, Jennie M. Sharp, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2133. Brother Nicholas E. Brown, aged 47 years, of Court Glen Buel, No. 378, died of *Apoplexy* on the 31st March, 1896. Initiated 15th January, 1891. Beneficiaries, Fredericka M., Jenny A. B., Eva R. and Inez M. Brown, daughters. \$3,000.

No. 2134. Brother Clifford B. Peck, aged 21 years, of Court Waldone, No. 529, died of *Intestinal Obstruction* on the 14th July, 1896. Initiated 12th December, 1883. Beneficiary, Emma Peck, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2135. Brother O. H. Bacon, aged 42 years, of Court Four Leaf, No. 3023, died of *Rheumatic Fever* on the 29th June, 1896. Initiated 15th November, 1895. Beneficiaries, Florence A., Jas. C., Jesse I., Ethel G., Docia E., Orpha F. Bacon, wife and children. \$2,000.

No. 2136. Brother F. L. Scott, aged 51 years, of Court Forest Home, No. 431, died of *Pleurisy* on the 12th July, 1896. Initiated 9th October, 1891. Beneficiary, Lydia B. Scott, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2137. Brother John Chisholm, aged 34 years, of Court Vivian, No. 1254, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 11th July 1896. Initiated 5th November, 1894. Beneficiaries, Vernon and Earl Chisholm, sons. \$1,000.

No. 2138. Brother John R. Miller, aged 54 years, of Court Eglinton, No. 258, died of *Cancer of Rectum*, on the 2nd July, 1896. Initiated 7th February, 1890. Beneficiary, Mary A. Miller, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2139. Brother Harry Perlett, aged 32 years, of Court Pueblo, No. 1479, died of *Hepatitis and Jaundice* on the 5th July, 1895. Initiated 15th June, 1891. Beneficiary, Henrietta Perlett, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2140. Brother Arthur Boivin, aged 42 years, of Court St. Hubert, No. 647, died of *Consumption* on the 11th July, 1896. Initiated 20th December, 1885. Beneficiary, Mary E. M. Boivin, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2141. Brother John Hardy, aged 93 years, of Court Meadowdale, No. 316, died of *Phthisis* on the 1st June, 1896. Initiated 11th April, 1888. Beneficiary, Isabella Hardy mother. \$1,000.

No. 2142. Brother Harvey M. Louckes, aged 44 years, of Court Union, No. 410, died of *Cystitis* on the 3rd July, 1896. Initiated 21st October, 1890. Beneficiary, Maggie Louckes, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2143. Brother John Keeley, aged 50 years, of Court Stillwater, No. 1035, was *Killed by Falling from a Building* on the 3rd July, 1896. Initiated 16th July, 1895. Beneficiary, Augusta Keeley, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2144. Brother Henry A. Heinbach, aged 38 years, of Court Missoula, No. 1519, died of *Acute Nephritis* on the 11th July, 1896. Initiated 26th March, 1896. Beneficiary, Mary C. Heinbach, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2145. Brother Geo. Evans, aged 54 years, of Court Myrtle, No. 5, died of *Ulceration of Stomach* on the 12th July, 1896. Initiated 11th May, 1891. Beneficiary, Jane Evans, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2146. Brother Joseph Coogan, aged 42 years, of Court St. Michael, No. 1193, died of *Phthisis*, on the 7th July, 1896. Initiated 14th November, 1892. Beneficiary, Michael Coogan, father. \$2,000.

No. 2147. Brother C. E. Bickford, aged 48 years, of Court Mt. Washington, No. 1448, died of *Apoplexy* on the 17th July, 1896. Initiated 24th October, 1895. Beneficiary, Francis L. Bickford, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2148. Brother Jas. White, aged 39 years, of Court DeKalb, No. 1276, died of *Bright's Disease* on the 16th July, 1896. Initiated 17th October, 1893. Beneficiary, Alice White, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2149. Brother Wm. Coffey, aged 50 years, of Court Lafayette, No. 314, died of *Diabetes* on the 9th July, 1896. Initiated 25th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Coffey, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2150. Brother James Delo, aged 41 years, of Court Mt. Royal, No. 7, died of *Heart Disease* on the 17th July, 1896. Initiated 20th April, 1834. Beneficiary, Sarah A. Delo, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2151. Brother Wm. Stewart, aged 61 years, of Court Moncton, No. 71, died of *Ulceration of Stomach* on the 22nd July, 1896. Initiated 24th November, 1836. Beneficiary, Margaret Stewart, wife. \$1,000.

R. G. Stewart	Court	Queen City, 66	\$1,000 00
John Henry Mollon	"	Maryland, 1991	1,000 00
Sperry J. Shea	"	Begma, 652	3,000 00
James C. Kattray	"	Prospect, 270	3,000 00
Robert McGee	"	Midland, 87	1,000 00
W. C. Gibsons	"	Stadacona, 221	3,000 00
H. S. McNab	"	Desboro, 1530	500 00
John S. Brooks	"	Sissiboo, 192	1,000 00
Sid. W. Dinsmore	"	La Tour, 125	1,000 00
W. W. Perry	"	Iosco, 278	2,000 00
Henry Rehlow	"	Los Angeles, 422	3,000 00
V. B. Giddings	"	Knox, 1432	2,000 00
Joseph B. Davis	"	Kekeonga, 1539	2,000 00
Francis Ray	"	Oshawa, 291	1,000 00
F. Cruickshank	"	Clyde, 2019	978 83
John L. McCurdy	"	Wa-Wa-Sum, 1000	2,000 00
Narcisse Laporte	"	Wolverine, 666	1,000 00
Harry Perlett	"	Pueblo, 1479	1,000 00
Martin Lavelle	"	Pocahontas, 1474	1,000 00
Arthur Bowen	"	St. Hubert, 637	1,000 00
John J. Hasfurter	"	Lehigh, 741	1,000 00
John McKenna	"	Riffo, 714	1,000 00
John Hardy	"	Meadovale, 316	500 00
Harvey M. Louckes	"	Unison, 410	1,000 00
Frangelisto Nantel	"	New Glasgow, 1130	2,000 00
F. L. Scott	"	Forest Home, 431	1,000 00
John Keeley	"	Stillwater, 1635	1,000 00
Arnold Heimbach	"	Missoula, 1439	2,000 00
C. B. Peck	"	Waldone, 519	1,000 00
Robt. McNaughton	"	Saubie, 196	1,000 00
C. E. Bickford	"	Mt. Washington, 1448	1,000 00
George Evans	"	Myrtle, 5	1,000 00
James White	"	De Kalb, 1276	1,000 00
Joseph P. Coogan	"	St. Michael's, 1193	2,000 00
William Coffey	"	Lafayette, 314	1,000 00
James Delo	"	Mount Royal, 7	1,000 00
William Stewart	"	Moncton, 71	1,000 00
Wm. Phehar	"	Raleigh, 1299	500 00
John C. F. Voight	"	Gretna, 1217	1,000 00

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

During the month of July the Medical Board reviewed 1,728 medical examination papers, of which 1,563 were accepted and 165 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.
British Columbia	1	2	North Dakota	34	2
California	120	12	N. W. Territories	4	1
Illinois	118	8	Nova Scotia	8	1
Indiana	23	1	Ohio	63	11
Iowa	16	1	Ontario	178	25
Maine	35	6	Oregon	4	1
Manitoba	27	4	Pennsylvania	42	1
Massachusetts	1	1	P. E. Island	5	1
Michigan	221	23	Quebec	113	17
Minnesota	97	6	Vermont	10	1
Missouri	8	2	Washington	5	1
Montana	7	1	Wisconsin	16	2
Nebraska	3	3	England	63	6
New Brunswick	59	10	Ireland	5	1
New Hampshire	10	1	Scotland	3	1
New Jersey	25	4	Wales	1	1
New York	200	16			
			Total	1563	165

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

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

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$1,682,272 95
" Supreme Secretary	108,263 41
" Rec'd on account of Insurance	549 14
	\$1,791,090 50

CONTRA—CR.

By claims paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

John R. Miller	Court Eglington, 233	\$2,000 00
J. E. Croly	" Dunnville, 231	665 66
Thomas Whiting	" Petrolia, 42	1,000 00
George Jansen	" Banner, 350	1,000 00
L. T. Menkey	" St. Croix, 403	3,000 00
George Teare	" Leprean, 3083	1,000 00
Pierre Caisso	" Jenn D'Arc, 1650	1,000 00
John Lester	" Murray, 1571	500 00
George H. Bloom	" Shelby, 555	1,000 00
Thomas L. Hough	" Elizabeth, 1	2,000 00
Thos. W. Cannon	" Victoria, 10	500 00
Jabez Dann	" Hampton, 429	1,000 00
Peter Giesco	" Los Angeles, 422	2,000 00
Arrow Skinner	" Charing Cross, 1802	1,000 00

Paid Total and Permanent Disability Benefits to

Brothers—	
Andrew Ellison, Court Gridley, 706	\$1,500 00
Alderic Lauzon, Court St. Roch, 701	1,000 00
Robert Irwin, Court Alliston, 50	500 00
J. E. Bowley, Court Ewart, 372	1,000 00
James Lyle, Court Morrisburg, 1288	1,500 00
Silas Davis, Court Scabright, 373	500 00
N. F. Roberts, M.D., exam. fees of J. A. Holder	5 00
Theo. Cypriot, M.D., exam. fees of A. Lauzon	5 00
J. W. Lalonde, M.D., exam. fees of A. Lauzon	5 00
Dr. Drummond, exam. fees of A. Lauzon	5 00
Wm. Griffith, exam. fees of Bro. Bolton	5 00
Costs re settlement sundry claims	146 00
Balance of costs re Foresters' Assessment Association	250 00
Amt. of insurance on Mortgages	163 05
	\$ 6,583 05

5 per cent. to General Account	\$ 5,413 41
Balance	1,708,948 49
	\$1,791,090 50

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$ 82,875 83
" Supremo Secretary	13,113 21
	\$ 94,989 04

CONTRA—CR.

Paid Sick Benefit Claims	\$ 8,374 14
" Funeral Claims	650 00
" Five per cent. to General Fund	675 65
Balance	85,359 25
	\$ 94,989 04

General Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Supremo Secretary	\$ 26,376 30
" " on act. of Supplies	1,101 81
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit receipts	6,413 41
" Five per cent. S. and F.	605 05
	\$ 33,499 97

CONTRA—CR.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 3,499 99
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	7,854 28
Wages of Employees.....	2,681 10
General Management Expenses.....	5,577 49
Expenses Supreme Court Meeting.....	3,213 49
Furniture.....	69 44
Fees refunded to Courts and Members.....	98 00
Accident Insurance.....	50 00
License Fees.....	14 40
Disbursements on account of Forester and Supplies.....	6,978 73
Balance.....	3,541 05
	<u>\$ 33,499 97</u>

Surplus.

Deposit Insurance Department Canada..	\$ 100,000 00
“ “ “ Gt. Britain & Irel'd	97,353 23
“ “ “ United States	54,090 00
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Mortgages.....	1,306,427 60
Debitures.....	96,743 61
Total Invested Surplus.....	\$1,670,019 44
Current Account Surplus.....	38,939 05
Total Mortuary Surplus.....	\$1,708,918 49
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	85,359 25
Grand Total Surplus.....	<u>\$1,794,317 74</u>

Yours in L. B. and C.,
H. A. COLLINS,
Sup. Treasurer.

New Courts.

COURT STOCKTON, No. 3264, STOCKTON, MAN.
Instituted on the 2nd day of July, 1896, by Thos. Waddell.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. J. Millar; Chaplain, Wm. Crake; Physician, Dr. Cartmell. 26 members.

COURT NEAHTAWANTA, No. 3263, OSWEGO, N.Y.
Instituted on the 3rd day of June, 1896, by Elmer L. Hinman.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Chas. Boyle; Chaplain, Olin B. Cort; Physician, Elmer L. Hinman. 55 members.

COURT ANTIGO, No. 3265, ANTIGO, WISCONSIN.
Instituted on the 1st day of July, 1896, by Pliny R. Green.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. W. Carrier; Chaplain, Clinton F. Cook; Physician, M. E. Williams. 15 members.

COURT LODI, No. 3267, MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 7th day of July, 1896, by A. J. Messenger.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Frank Thatcher; Chaplain, H. S. Ramer; Physician, W. G. Morgan. 31 members.

COURT CHEROKEE, No. 3268, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 10th day of July, 1896, by William White.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Robert Morey; Chaplain, E. Holman; Physician, Dwight J. Roberts. 15 members.

COURT PORTLAND, No. 3275, PORTLAND, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 16th day of July, 1896, by J. V. Van Sickle.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. J. Green; Chaplain, F. E. Doramus; Physician, Geo. D. Allen and Robt. W. Alton. 23 members.

COURT BONAHEZEN, No. 3271, MADISON, MAINE.
Instituted on the 4th day of June, 1896, by Frank F. Flagg.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Granville D. Perkins; Chaplain, Eugene B. Williams. 23 members.

COURT EL DORADO, No. 3266, SACRAMENTO, CAL.
Instituted on the 1st day of July, 1896, by E. A. Mack and Frank H. Wing.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Fred. W. Day; Chaplain, James F. Landis; Physician, G. M. Dixon. 20 members.

COURT MINERAL CITY, No. 3269, MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 2nd day of July, 1896, by Davey and Donovan.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. S. Jenney; Chaplain, F. W. Rutter; Physician, A. H. Paresot. 51 members.

COURT SUNSWICK, No. 3272, ASTORIA, LONG I. CITY, NEW YORK.
Instituted on the 17th day of July, 1896, by Dr. C. L. Coulter.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Samuel A. Matthews; Chaplain, Christopher Stockton; Physician, George Forbes. 23 members.

COURT GOLDEN FEATHER, No. 3273, OROVILLE, CAL.
Instituted on the 13th day of July, 1896, by A. A. Campbell.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., D. H. Murray; Chaplain, W. M. Reagan; Physician, T. B. Reardan. 21 members.

COURT MONTMORENCY No. 3274, MONTMORENCY FALLS, QUE.
Instituted on the 18th day of July, 1896, by James Ellis.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. Bellefleur; Chaplain, W. St. Pierre; Physician, C. E. Elliott. 24 members.

COURT ATHENRY, No. 3276, HAMILTON STATION, MINN.
Instituted on the 20th day of July, 1896, by J. C. O'Keefe.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., M. H. Allen; Chaplain, John Connolly; Physician, E. W. Buckley. 12 members.

COURT DETROIT, No. 3279, DETROIT, MICH.
Instituted on the 7th day of July, 1896, by Davey and Donovan.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., E. P. Andrews; Chaplain, Chas. H. Simpsen; Physicians, Wm. M. Harvey and John A. Beall. 56 members.

COURT RUSH, No. 3277, HENDERSON, MICH.
Instituted on the 24th day of July, 1896, by J. A. Chappell.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., S. S. Ludlum; Chaplain, Wm. H. Mandner; Physician, S. S. Ludlum. 14 members.

COURT COMMERCE, No. 3283, DULUTH, MINN.
Instituted on the 25th day of July, 1896, by Oronhyatekha, S. C. R.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. R. Laybourn; Chaplain, W. C. McCarter; Physicians, W. W. Routh and Wm. E. Salter. 125 members.

COURT EFFINGHAM, No. 3284, EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 25th day of July, 1896, by J. M. Fletcher.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Orrison T. Kimmel; Chaplain, Theo. Lange; Physician, J. B. Walker. 18 members.

COURT FULLERTON, No. 3286, CHICAGO ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 7th day of July, 1896, by John Bickley and Ed. T. Richards.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., George Hagan; Chaplain, Wm. Bickley; Physician, Nathan Abell. 7 members.

COURT —, No. 3270, PROVIDENCE BAY, ONT.
Instituted on the 5th day of June, 1896, by E. W. Misener.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., George Anderson; Chaplain, C. Monk Smith; Physician, Jos. Johnston. 14 members.

COURT —, No. 3278, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Instituted on the 1st day of July, 1896, by Davey and Donovan.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Charles Walmoth; Chaplain, C. D. Childs; Physician, Jos. Shellfish. 66 members.

COURT BOREALIS, No. 3262, MENOMINEE, MICH.
Instituted on the 1st day of July, 1896, by A. A. Weeks.
Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Charles Lino; Chaplain, August F. Berg; Physician, Robert A. Walker. 44 members.

COURT COLEMAN, No. 3280, AVONDALE, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Instituted on the 22nd day of July, 1896, by Le Baron Coleman and D. W. Kyle.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., James A. Barker; Chaplain, Stephen A. Sherwood; Physician, James Bearisto. 13 members.

COURT GRAND FALLS, No. 3251, GRAND FALLS, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Instituted on the 21st day of July, 1896, by Le Baron Coloman.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., H. W. Taylor; Chaplain, G. A. Smith; Physician, J. K. Wade. 21 members.

COURT JOHN CAHOT, No. 3255, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 11th day of July, 1896, by A. J. Kniffen.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Clarence M. McCott; Chaplain, Henry Brown; Physician, Geo. Laidlaw and Chas. I. McIntyre. 21 members.

COURT COLEROUR, No. 3267, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Instituted on the 17th day of July, 1896, by D. M. Card.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., J. B. Dreesen; Chaplain, T. T. Sullivan; Physician, W. R. Tetzell. 19 members.

ENGLISH COURTS.

COURT TEST, No. 2012, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.

Instituted on the 30th day of June, 1896, by A. T. Blamey.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., F. A. Lisle; Chaplain, A. Wilkins; Physician, W. R. J. Ives. 17 members.

COURT FULHAM, I.O. 2188, FULHAM, ENGLAND.

Instituted on the 25th day of June, 1896, by C. W. Holmes.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., ———; Chaplain, Rev. Phipps; Physician, John Fletcher. 20 members.

Among the Courts.

HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

Nineteenth Annual Session.

DIVISION CARRIED AT LAST.

(Extract from the Daily Press.)

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Three or four hundred enthusiastic Foresters are in attendance at the annual meeting of the High Court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters now being held here. The officers who filled the chairs at the opening of the High Court this morning were:—The Rev. R. McNair, H.C.R.; W. H. Wardrope, H.V.C.R.; R. J. Niddrie, M.D.H.S.; Atwell Fleming, H.T.; A. H. Backus, H.C.; W. F. Milne, H.A.; the Rev. Robert Kerr, H.C.; C. C. Whale, H.I.; Thomas Lawless, H.J.S.; W. L. Wilkinson, H.J.W.; W. B. Sanders, H.S.B.; C. H. Merryfield, H.J.B.; J. B. Halkett, H.A.M.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The High Court of New York sent the congratulations of 7,500 brethren of the State of New York to the members of the mother High Court. A reply was immediately forwarded.

Fraternal greetings were also received from the High Courts of Pennsylvania and Ohio and duly responded to.

Bro. A. W. Fraser, on behalf of the local courts of the Order in the city, and district of Ottawa, read an address of welcome to the members of the High Court of Ontario, during the course of which he referred to the progress of the Order since the High Court held its session in Ottawa eleven years ago. From a comparatively few members the Order in this jurisdiction had reached a membership of 30,000, and within the city of Ottawa itself they had a membership of about 1,200, and ten courts, including court No. 41, which had a membership of some 500 members. The local courts had pleasure in giving the members of the High Court an invitation to a trip around the city in the electric cars.

The invitation was accepted for 2 to 4 p.m.

Mayor Borthwick and a civic deputation presented an address of welcome on behalf of the city of Ottawa. After extending a welcome to the visitors the address continued:—

"I congratulate you upon the marvellous stride you have made in such a short period of time. When we consider that your Order has enrolled under its banner more than thirty thousand members in the Province of Ontario, and that there is a reserve fund to the credit of the Order of something in the neighborhood of one and three-quarter millions of dollars, it is the best evidence that can be offered of its popularity and the secure financial basis on which it is conducted. Such results must be gratifying to the officers who have the management of its affairs, and it is gratifying to me to know that our city has contributed its share, and is entitled to some of the honor. I understand that there are in the city and immediate vicinity ten courts, having a membership of more than twelve hundred. I sincerely trust that prosperity may be vouchsafed to the Order, and its membership increased, as those who are good Foresters will be good citizens. It is also gratifying to know that your Order is not restricted to any class or creed, for in a mixed community like our own, I know of no influence that has a greater tendency to harmonize our people than by teaching brotherly love, and to respect not merely the rights, but the prejudices of others. Your Order also inculcates the principles of thrift and economy, and teaches its members man's duty to self as well as to his family, besides which there is that stronger bond of friendship and mutual benefit which makes men brothers here, and raises them to a higher plane intellectually and socially, and by following the three cardinal virtues of the Order—Liberty, Benevolence, and Concord—elevates them morally, and helps to kindle in their breasts that love that is stronger than death."

The address was replied to in fitting terms by the High Chief Ranger and also by Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland, after which the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, at the request of the High Chief Ranger conferred honorary membership upon the Mayor.

The reports of the various officers were presented.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

The High Chief Ranger, in his report said:—

"It is just eleven years since the High Court of Ontario convened before in the capital city of our great Dominion. These eleven years that have elapsed have been eventful in the history of Forestry; they tell the story of wonderful success; they bear witness to the brotherly fulfillment of sacred pledges, they hold up for our encouragement great promises for the future. Eleven years ago the jurisdiction of the I.O.F. was comparatively circumscribed, but since then we have invaded other empires and continents with our blessings. Eleven years ago 3,046 men subscribed to the membership roll; to-day we boast of a muster roll 97,000 strong. Eleven years ago the High Court of Ontario numbered 2,034; the delegates now assembled in this city represent a membership of nearly 30,000. Eleven years ago our Order was complimented for having on

hand the respectable sum of \$28,036 as a surplus fund; to-day, let it be known to all who can appreciate its value to the individual member, that there are \$1,791-30.61 back of all promises to pay. Eleven years ago we had distributed to the beneficiaries of deceased brothers the sum of \$541,219.76; to-day it can be told that \$3,400,000 have gone from our treasury upon the blessed mission for which we exist.

During the year 2,887 names were added to the roll of members in Ontario. Although this may not quite equal the best record of former years, yet when we consider that the staff of inspectors was one-half less, the competition of kindred organizations was more persistent, the time for work was shortened by the late date of our last High Court meeting, the general depression in trade, felt in all parts of the province, and the excitement that continued throughout the year over elections, and that we have spent less money, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we are able to report such a substantial increase. Had more money been placed at the disposal of your High Standing Committee, a much better record could have been made; but they felt it incumbent upon them to curtail expenses wherever possible, in order to apply every available dollar to the liquidation of the High Court debt.

It appears to me that more special workers, who shall be under the direct control of the High Standing Committee, are needed to satisfactorily accomplish the work in a field extending, as it does, from the Ottawa River to Lake Superior. An inspector requires to remain a week, and sometimes more, in a locality before the High Court can receive a proper return for his services. Instead of one man, we should have four, and I have no hesitancy in saying that if other suitable men can be obtained to augment our present staff the outlay required for their maintenance would be money judiciously expended by this High Court.

The main question coming up for the consideration of the High Court is the division of the High Court jurisdiction. Though this was a live question your High Chief Ranger refrained from taking any active part in the controversy, inasmuch as this High Court has twice already pronounced against division. The matter will come up in the ordinary routine of business in the form of a petition, and I have but to bespeak that you devote to it that calm and deliberate discussion which should characterize all the proceedings of this dignified body that the best interests of the Order may be conserved.

It affords me great satisfaction to report a considerable improvement in the financial position of the High Court. We have paid the outstanding debt of \$6,393 on account of loan and interest incurred in former years to pay mileage and per diem of delegates. We have also paid sundry other debts contracted in past years. Besides, since the 30th of June we have applied \$3,000 towards wiping out the indebtedness. There still remains a debt to the Supreme Court on account of supplies of \$7,253.07 to be provided for. It will be your duty to consider the best means of meeting the remaining liability without allowing the work of the High Court to suffer. It seems to me that one of two courses is open:—First, to make it a by-law that in future we have biennial sessions. Were this accepted and a policy of strict economy continued, the High Court of Ontario could meet at its next session, two years hence, free from every encumbrance. Or, secondly, continue for at least two years more the by-law now in force, and pay no mileage and per diem. Economy and biennial sessions are the recommendation of your committee in order to meet the present requirements of this High Court.

During the year the death roll of the High Court of Ontario has been increased by the addition of 162 names."

HIGH SECRETARY.

The following appeared in the report of the High Secretary:—

"It is a genuine pleasure to me to report a gratifying and substantial increase in our membership during the forestry year just closed. I may mention just here that owing to a typographical error in the last report the membership on 30th June, 1895, was in error given as 28,632. The report should have read 27,794.

Membership on 31st July, 1885, 27,796; initiate 1 from July 1st, 1885, to July 1st, 1896, 2,867; total 30,663; suspended during the year, 1,536; deaths, 162; total, 1,748; membership on 30th June, 1896, 29,915.

The organizing work of the High Court has received the careful attendance of your High Standing Commit-

tee. Sixty-one new courts have been organized during the year, including twenty-five by officers of the Supreme Court.

It is my pleasure to be able to report that through adherence to a policy of the strictest economy, consistent with the advancement and prosperity of the Order, we have been enabled to pay not only all our own current expenses for the year, but to have made, as the reports of my colleagues will demonstrate, a very substantial reduction in the old liabilities outstanding against the High Court."

HIGH TREASURER.

In the report submitted by the High Treasurer it was stated that since the close of the year there had been paid on account of supplies \$3,000, and there was still owing on this account \$7,253.07. At present there is a balance in the treasury of \$1,285.76. The total receipts for the year were \$16,928.74, and the disbursements \$16,304.09, leaving a balance on hand of \$624.65.

On motion of the Supreme Chief Ranger the consideration of the question of dividing the High Court jurisdiction was made the special order of business when the High Court re-assembled at 4 p.m.

Bros. Archdeacon Evans Davis, Rev. J. M. Courtney, R. Mathison, Dr. S. V. Thompson, Major W. M. Drenman, A. W. Fraser and Dr. J. Baugh were appointed a special committee on division of the High Court with instructions to report at 4 p.m.

In the afternoon the delegates were given a drive around the city in the electric cars.

DIVISION OF JURISDICTION.

When the High Court resumed the Rev. Archdeacon Davis read the report of the Committee on Division of the Jurisdiction. It was as follows:—

(1) We beg to report that in our opinion the High Court should be divided. (2) We recommend that the same be divided into three High Courts, Eastern, Central, and Western. (3) The eastern to consist of territory assigned to it as mentioned in the Supreme Chief Ranger's letter, with the addition of Nipissing. The central, as in said letter, excepting Nipissing, and adding Wellington and Grey. The western taking all the remainder of the province including Manitoba Island.

The report was taken up clause by clause and upon clause (1) an earnest and brilliant debate ensued taking up all the time to six o'clock, when recess was taken for dinner. Bros. Gibson, Dr. Thompson, Turnbull, Dr. Cameron of Galt and Cameron of Lucknow opposed division in able speeches, while Bros. W. T. R. Preston, Mills and Payne spoke for division. The address of Bro. Preston was particularly strong as well as eloquent. As Bro. A. W. Fraser rose to speak the High Chief Ranger announced it to be six o'clock and the High Court took a recess accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

After the opening exercises and the confirmation of the afternoon's proceedings, the debate on division was continued. To Mr. A. W. Fraser, of Ottawa, fell the opportunity of advocating a division of the High Court in a speech which contained many points of desirability why Ontario should divide. The tenor of his speech showed excellent study of the question. The conditions of the order demanded a change. It was unwieldy for the High Standing Committee to handle, with any due care.

Bro. W. M. Drennan, of Kingston, reported that communications had been received from sixty-five eastern subordinate courts, sanctioning division.

The Rev. W. Kerr, of St. Catharines, was another advocate for division.

An amusing speech, and one that won many an admirer, was that of Bro. Hunter of Toronto. His wit and humour, while closely keeping to the question on debate, was applauded continually. His speech throughout was earnestly in favor of division.

Bro. Monroe Grier, of Toronto followed in an able and eloquent speech in favor of division. He was followed on the same side by Bro. Murton of Oshawa, McCormack of St. Thomas and Courtney of Port Stanley, while Bros. Aytton of Clayton, Zimmerman of Preston, Collins of Toronto and others opposed division. The debate throughout was a very spirited one and served to show that the High Courts at present constituted possess many bright and talented speakers. At 10 o'clock a vote was reached and the yeas and nays taken, which stood 241 for, 135 against, giving a majority for division of 106 votes.

The division as finally settled will divide the High Court into three High Courts as follows:—The Central High Court of Ontario will be composed of the Counties of Peel, Halton, Cardwell, Dufferin, Simcoe, York, Wellington, Grey, Ontario, Durham, Victoria, Muskoka, Parry Sound and Algoma. All east of the said counties, including Nipissing to form the High Court of eastern Ontario, and the remaining counties be continued as the western High Court, including the Manitoulin Island.

Clause 2 was unanimously adopted.

Clause 3 was carried on a division. The venerable Archdeacon Davis then moved the adoption of the report as a whole, which was also carried after which the High Court adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's session of the High Court was opened at 9.30 a.m., with the usual formalities, and the High Chaplain offered prayer.

After opening, a telegram was read from the council, citizens and Foresters of Collingwood, inviting the High Court of Ontario to hold its next session in that town. Owing to the division of the High Court, this could not be considered by the whole.

P. H. C. R. Rev. A. Macgillivray, who has been attending the High Court of Washington, carried the fraternal greetings and best wishes of that body to the High Court of Ontario, and the H. C. R. appointed that brother and Bro. G. F. Marter. M. P. P., a committee to draft a suitable reply.

Bro. B. Cumberland presented and moved the adoption of the first report of the Finance Committee which commended the High Standing Committee for using the greatest possible economy consistent with the good of an extensive order such as the I. O. F. It showed that the committee had kept the expenditure well within the estimates of last year.

Bro. W. B. Carey seconded the motion for adoption and complimented the High Stand-

ing Committee on its economy and the Finance Committee for the able report brought in.

This report showed that many courts were in arrears to the High Courts to the extent of \$2,015, while, on the other hand, Subordinate Courts had paid in advance to the extent of \$904.

The High Standing Committee had paid off a debt of \$6,303.10 during the year, and after writing off all old stock the total excess of liability over assets of the High Court has been reduced to \$6,278.05.

The Credential Committee presented their supplementary report, which recommended that P. H. C. R. Bro. Harper, be accorded the full privileges of the High Court as a Past Executive Officer, which was adopted.

Many questions of a constitutional character were presented by the members and answered by the S. C. R. Dr. Cronhyatekha, who is a veritable walking cyclopaedia in all lines of Forestry.

The newly constituted central district will contain 11,000 members and the Eastern and Western 5,000 each.

The S. C. R., Dr. Cronhyatekha, moved that the western section of Ontario receive the charter of the High Court of Ontario, owing to the origin of the Order of Forestry in Ontario being in Court Hope, London, Ontario. The H. C. R. vacated the chair, being succeeded by H. C. R. Rev. Bro. McCaughan, and seconded the motion. Bro. Pratt of London, spoke feelingly of the honor conferred on the west, and claimed the honor of being the oldest Forester in the room, being a charter member of Court Hope, No. 1. Some opposition was presented to this, not from jealousy, but for fear that confusion would result from it, and Bro. Cook, of Ottawa, moved in amendment, seconded by Bro. Canon Carey, to the effect that the High Court to the west be officially designated as the High Court of Western Ontario. On vote being taken, the original motion was declared carried.

Bro. W. M. Drennan, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order then brought in most favorable report which was adopted, after which the High Court took a recess till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

No committee being ready to report at the opening of the afternoon session, the time was profitably employed by the Supreme Chief in giving his rulings on certain sections of the constitution. He informed the High Court that the western part retaining the name of the former High Court would have the privilege of electing their own officers, while the officers of the Central and Eastern High Courts would be appointed by the Supreme Executive the same as on the institution of new High Courts.

Bro. Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, P. H. C. R., seconded by High Counsellor Bachus, moved that the Grand Cross of Merit be conferred upon Bro. Atwell Fleming, who has served the High Court for many years in the capacity of High Treasurer, and who, by his untiring, active and faithful services, had won

the esteem and respect of all. The motion carried with applause.

Bro. Fleming replied, and feelingly thanked the High Court for the honor conferred upon him.

Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha then took the chair. The members composing the new High Court of Ontario were then requested to locate themselves on one side of the hall and were informed to go on with election of their officers or appoint a Finance Committee to recommend salaries.

On motion it was decided to follow out the latter line of action, and the presiding officer named Bros. Rev. Ker, of St. Catharines; Wardrope, of Hamilton; Gerrie, of London; Rev. J. M. Courtenay, of Port Stanley, to suggest proper salaries.

PLACES OF MEETING.

This committee having retired it was decided to arrange for the next place of meeting for the Central High Court. Owen Sound, Barrie, Collingwood and Toronto were named. The latter city got the majority vote.

For the Eastern section, Foresters' Island Park, Kingston, Smith's Falls and Pembroke were named. First named point was the place selected.

Bro. W. H. Godwin, of Kingston, moved that the High Standing Committee of Eastern Division be instructed to arrange for the annual meeting of that body in August; and Bro. Kee, of Guelph, moved that the time of the meeting of the Central High Court be left to the High Standing Committee. Both motions were carried.

The place of meeting for the Western Division was then taken up. Chatham, Woodstock, Brantford, Simcoe and St. Thomas were named. Brantford got it amidst much enthusiasm. The time was left to the High Standing Committee of that body.

Bro. Barlow Cumberland, submitted the supplementary report of the Finance Committee of the original High Court of Ontario. After a long discussion, during which several amendments were proposed and considered, the following grants to the officers of the past year and others were passed:—High Chief Ranger, \$500; High Vice Chief Ranger, \$100; Press Committee, \$10 each; High Journal Secretary, \$15; High Messenger, \$5.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Election of officers for the Western section was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

H.C.R., Wm. H. Wardrope, Hamilton.
 P.H.C.R., Rev. Archdeacon Davis, London.
 H.V.C.R., A. H. Bachus, Aylmer.
 H. Sec., F. E. McCormick, St. Thomas, (acclamation).
 H.T., Frank Adams, London.
 H. Coun., J. A. Davidson, Stratford.
 H. Chap., Rev. J. H. Courtenay, Port Stanley.
 H.J.S., R. A. Harrington, Chatham.
 H.S.W., E. O. Zimmerman, Hamilton.
 H.J.W., J. G. McPherson, Bothwell.

H.S.B., Henry Pratt, London.
 H.J.B., Robt. H. Foster, Hamilton.
 H. Marshall, J. M. Woodwiss, Kingsville.
 H.C., G. W. Holman, Exeter.
 H. Messenger, W. Sweet, Sarnia.
 H.A.M., W. L. Wilson, Waterdown.

EVENING SESSION.

The High Court began its final session in the evening in a jurisdiction extending over the whole of Ontario. After the opening exercises some of the members expressed themselves in sentimental tones over the severing of the ties and associations which have existed for so many years, but the general feeling seemed to exist that the division would come sooner or later, owing to the great increase in the membership.

The committee appointed to arrange and equitable distribution of the debts and assets, brought in its report recommending:—

1. That the furniture and regalia be retained by the present existing High Court of Ontario according to the new boundaries, the value to be subsequently agreed upon by a special committee.

2. That the matter of existing supplies on hand be divided pro rata amongst the three new High Courts.

3. That the credits due to, and debts due by subordinate courts for High Court dues and supplies, be distributed between the three High Courts according to the jurisdiction into which such subordinate courts severally come.

4. That with the above general principles as a basis the liabilities be divided between the three High Courts pro rata, according to the membership in each proposed division on the 30th, June last.

That a special committee be appointed consisting of three members, one to be named by each High Standing Committee to arrange for the proposed adjustment of assets and liabilities.

The foregoing report was adopted.

The report of the special committee on mileage and per diem was read by Bro. Barlow Cumberland, as follows: "Inasmuch as the by-law adopted by the High Court at Peterboro is still in force, your committee has no authority to make a recommendation as to the payment of mileage and per diem expenses to the delegates assembled at this High Court."

Bro. Barlow Cumberland moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. Scott moved in amendment, seconded by Bro. Armstrong, that the report be referred back to the committee to arrange for a special tax of 25 cents per member for one half year to the amount of railway certificate and one dollar per day, said committee to report Thursday morning.

Bro. W. R. Kee moved in amendment to the amendment, that the report of the committee be referred back and that the High Counsellor be instructed to prepare a by-law rescinding the by-law passed at Peterboro bearing upon the question.

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

Whilst the High Counsellor was at work on the new by-law the Supreme Chief Ranger

announced the selection of officers for the Eastern and Central divisions as follows:—

EASTERN HIGH COURT.

H.C.R., Rev. Robt. McNair, Carelton Place.
 P.H.C.R., R. Mathison, Belleville.
 H.V.C.R., Geo. Spence, Cobourg.
 H. Sec., Geo. L. Dickenson, ex-M.P., Manotick.
 H. Treasurer, M. B. Mallory, Campbell.
 H. Physician, C. D. Clark, M.D., Tamworth.
 H. Counsellor, A. W. Fraser, Ottawa.
 H. Auditors, J. S. R. McCann, Kingston;
 W. H. Meldrum, Peterboro.
 H. Chaplain, Rev. Canon Carey, Kingston.
 H. J. Secretary, Fred Cook, Ottawa.
 H.S.W., G. H. Groves, M.D., Carp.
 H.J.W., Dr. D. G. Bayne, Pembroke.
 H.S.B., S. Henry, Maxville.
 H.J.B., Wm. Miller, Brockville.
 H. Marshal, Jas. H. Gould, Smith Falls.
 H. C., Thos. Butler, Ottawa.
 H. Messenger, Wm. McPherson, Williams-town.

CENTRAL HIGH COURT.

H.C.R., L. T. Barclay, Cobourg.
 P.H.C.R., W. S. Milne, Toronto.
 H.V.C.R., Major W. B. Sanders, Stayner.
 H. Sec., R. J. Niddrie, Creemore.
 H. Treas., Atwell Fleming, Toronto.
 H. Physician, D. A. Rose, M.D., Toronto.
 H. Coun., T. W. Chapple, M. P. P., Ux-bridge.
 High Auditors, Geo. Challes and W. T. R. Preston, Toronto.
 H.C., Rev. J. H. Shepherd, Coldwater.
 H.J.S., E. J. Hearne, Tottenham.
 H.S.W., Rev. W. A. Duncan, Sault Ste. Marie.
 H.J.W., H. M. Little, Kilsyth.
 H.S.B., W. J. Pointon, Owen Sound.
 H.J.B., Adam Dobson, Cannington.
 H. Mar., A. H. Dickson, Eglinton.
 H.C., W. R. Kee, Guelph.
 H.M., Chas. Kelly, Victoria Corners.

The Supreme Chief Ranger afterwards proceeded to instal the officers of the three High Courts.

The discussion on the mileage and per diem matter was again taken up with Bro. W. H. Wardrope in the chair. The speeches on this question during the evening were many and vigorous, some insisting on some legislation being introduced whereby expenses would be allowed the delegates, in the face of the fact that many legal lights present pointed out difficulties in the way.

The following by-law, as drafted by the High Counsellor, was carried: "In pursuance of the notice given at the High Court of Ontario in session assembled at the regular annual meeting at London in 1893, referring to the repeal of the by-law hereinafter referred to, it is moved by A. H. Bachus, seconded by Dr. Oronhyatekha, that the by-law re mileage and per diem passed at Peterboro in 1894 at the annual meeting of the High Court, being part of Article 3, Section 3, thereof is hereby repealed." This by-law will be forwarded to the Supreme Chief Ranger for approval and the seal of the Supreme Court.

The final session of the old High Court of Ontario was closed with appropriate ceremonies at midnight, Wednesday, August 16th, 1896.

NOTES.

The members of High Court displayed debating ability of a high order.

Now for some friendly rivalry between "East," "West" and "Centre."

The "Chief" answered everybody's questions to the satisfaction of everyone.

The Toronto and Ottawa press gave admirable reports, and earned the thanks so cordially tendered.

The copies of the Toronto *Globe*, with full reports, distributed by Bro. G. L. Wilson, were eagerly read by the members.

"Old Lang Syne" was sung with fervor at 1 a.m. Thursday morning. The Supreme Secretary was prominent in the circle of concord.

Bro. Sir James Grant electrified the High Court with an eloquent and patriotic speech during his visit to the High Court, which was applauded to the echo.

Bro. McNair, H.C.R., made an excellent presiding officer, and observed the strictest impartiality in giving "the floor" to members participating in the debates.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and colleagues of the Executive Council, for their attendance and counsels at this session.

Bro. the Rev. E. Gilflan, of Belfast, Ireland, was in attendance at the High Court meetings as the guest of the High Court, while Bro. Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, the H.C.R. of Ireland, was also in attendance as the guest of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Chief Ranger received many hearty congratulations from his friends in having the policy he proposed to the High Court at Peterborough two years ago, and then so vigorously fought and defeated, so soon afterwards adopted by such an overwhelming vote by the banner High Court of the Order.

Among the distinguished Foresters present at the sessions of the High Court were noticed Messrs. S. Hughes, M.P., J. McKendry, M.P., A. F. McLaren, M.P., D. K. Erb, M.P., W. J. Poupore, M.P., Sir Jas. Grant, ex-M.P., J. A. McGillivray, Q.C., M.P., G. F. Marter, M.P.P., T. W. Chapple, M.P.P., Dr. Preston, M.P.P., and others.

These brethren, with Mrs. M'Caughan, the charming wife of the H.C.R. of Ireland, had seats on the floor of the Senate Chamber at the opening of Parliament. Bro. M'Caughan and his wife afterwards attended the reception given by their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen, as well as the reception given by the Speaker of the House.

Prize List.

HONOR ROLL FOR ONTARIO.

The following Chief Rangers have won the silver mounted gavel for having initiated six or more members during May and June :

- R. H. Montgomery, Orillia, 615, Orillia, Ont.
- H. E. Baker, Lambeth, 143 Lambeth, Ont.
- E. Bayly, Rouille, 674, Toronto, Ont.
- O. Rosenberger, Berlin, 154, Berlin, Ont.
- W. Young, Ouisa, 1491, Chalk River, Ont.
- J. Langman, Tweed, 434, Tweed, Ont.
- C. S. Birtch, Ottawa, 41, Ottawa, Ont.
- Thos. Pashby, Trinity, 1806, Toronto, Ont.
- J. W. Little, Talbot, 1323, Cedar Springs, Ont.
- A. W. Brown, Stormont, 3, Cornwall, Ont.

The following brethren have won a copy of History of Order :—(Morocco).

- J. B. Tromblony, Trinity 1806, Toronto, Ont.
- G. A. Grant, Stormont, Cornwall, Ont.

History—(Cloth).

- J. W. Ruttle, Udora, 1796, Udora, Ont.
- A. Seppel, Berlin, 151, Berlin, Ont.
- C. D. Johns, Trinity, 1806, Toronto, Ont.
- S. Vise, Trinity, 1806, Toronto, Ont.
- M. D. Cline, Stormont, Cornwall, Ont.
- C. J. Reading, Wingham, 505, Wingham, Ont.
- W. A. Burlangett, Ouisa, 1491, Chalk River, Ont.

Other Prizes.

- H. H. Wilson, Orillia, 615, Orillia, Five dollars.
- J. S. Eagleson, Ottawa, 41, Lithograph S. C.R.
- W. J. Ingram, Ottawa, 41, Lithograph S. C.R.

HIGH COURT MEETING AT MONCTON.

Representative Gathering of Leading New Brunswickers.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS—ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

(From the Moncton Daily Mail and St. John Daily Sun.)

The High Court of New Brunswick Independent Foresters opened its thirteenth annual session in the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening, 5th August. The attendance was exceptionally large, showing the peculiar advantage of Moncton as a Convention city. The central position of railway facilities no doubt contributed largely to this result. The High Court was opened in the High Court degree, the Rev. J. M. Robinson, High Chaplain, conducting the religious services. The roll of High Court officers present was called as follows :—

- Bro. Wm. Kinghorn, H.C.R.;
- Bro. F. J. Todd, H.V.C.R.;
- Bro. F. W. Emmerson, H. Sec.;
- Bro. E. P. Eastman, H. Treas.;
- Bro. Dr. J. Weir, H. Phy.;

- Bro. E. R. Chapman, H. Coun.;
- Bros. W. E. Skillen and R. F. Keith, High Auditors;
- Bro. Rev. J. M. Robinson, High Chap.;
- Bro. R. L. Maltby, H.S.W.;
- Bro. P. B. Millie, H.J.W.;
- Bro. A. Y. Clarke, H.S.B.;
- Bro. J. S. Nickerson, H. Mess.;
- Bro. J. J. Kupkey, H.J.B.;
- Bro. H. H. Woods, H. Con.;
- Bro. A. L. Slipp, H. J. Sec.

RECEPTION OF SUPREME OFFICERS.

The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha; the Supreme Counsellor, Hon. Judge Wedderburn, and the Past Supreme Chaplain, Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Belfast, and High Chief Ranger of Ireland, were then announced and greeted with the Royal Salute. The S.C.R. took the chair, and instructed the court in some portions of the unwritten work.

DEGREE CONFERRED.

The S.C.R. then conferred the High Court Degree upon some one hundred and fifty representatives and members.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed :

- Finance.—E. R. Chapman, W. E. Skillen, Rev. David Long, Fred LaForest, T. G. Scott.
- Constitution and Laws.—J. R. Armstrong, Hon. A. S. White, David Grant, John A. Humble, H. L. Venning.
- Distribution.—Le B. Coleman, G. W. Mersereau, E. VanWart, W. J. S. Myles, P. B. Millie.
- State of Order.—J. T. Hawke, A. W. McRae, Rev. Thos. Marshall, W. W. Wells, M.P.P., Rev. W. Camp.
- New Business.—D. G. Longley, Rev. E. Bell, D. Irvine, D. W. Kyle, W. Howe.
- Appeals and Petitions.—John R. Dunn, S. L. T. McKnight, John Lindsay, W. B. Fraser, F. Tweedale.
- Press.—John T. Hawke, A. M. Belding, Geo. Maddison.

The annual reports were then read :

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

High Chief Ranger Kinghorn read his annual report. After expressing gratification at the Order's growth, he said :—

"I believe I voice the feeling of this High Court when I say we are proud to have with us the Supreme Chief Ranger and also Bro. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland. I trust in our deliberations we will be able to convince them that the High Court of New Brunswick is second to none in the entire Order.

"Within a few weeks after my election to the honorable position of High Chief, I was compelled to leave for England as one of your representatives to the Supreme Court. While absent my duties were carefully looked after by Past Supreme Vice Chief, Bro. Creed.

"It affords me great pleasure to report another year of unprecedented growth and prosperity. On July 1st, 1896, the surplus fund of the Order had reached the magnificent sum of \$1,765,148.78, which was an increase for the year of \$413,722.20, being an average of \$34,893.54 per month. The membership has grown in like manner. On July 1st we had 96,124 members, which was an increase of 15,359, being an average of 1,280 per month.

"By the wonderful strides the Order has taken in the past, we are prepared to accept almost any prediction the Supreme Chief may make to us in the future. Not only is the surplus fund and the membership increasing rapidly, but the surplus per capita shows a good, sound, healthy growth, as shown by the following table :

Year	Members	Surplus	Surplus per capita
Jan 1, 1893	11,618	\$117,599.88	\$10 12
" 1890	17,026	188,134.86	11.04
" 1891	24,604	283,967.20	11.54
" 1892	32,303	408,798.18	12.65
" 1893	40,324	570,597.85	13.49
" 1894	54,484	858,857.89	15.97
" 1895	70,055	1,187,225.11	16.94
" 1896	86,522	1,560,373.46	18.03
July 1, 1896	96,124	1,765,148.78	18.36

He then read a table showing that since 1883 the number of courts in New Brunswick had increased from 6 to 125, the membership from 98 to 4,574, and with one exception, last year was the year of the largest increase in this province. New Brunswick stood second in proportion of members to population; the order being Ontario, New Brunswick, Quebec, Michigan, California, and New York.

"Much of the success that has attended the Order in this jurisdiction is due to the High Secretary Kimmerson and Past High Chief Coleman, but more especially to the straight forward, honorable and prompt manner in which claims are dealt with by our Supreme Executive."

Reference was then made to the passing of the bill at Ottawa, amending the Act of Incorporation.

On the score of the funds being needed in other directions, the further continuation of the New Brunswick *Independent Forester* monthly was not favored. A new grant for the Independent Forester's book at the St. John Exhibition was proposed. During the year 25 brothers had died within the jurisdiction.

"Your representatives to Supreme Court will no doubt make a report and advise you of some of the most important things which took place. I would recommend that in future each representative to Supreme Court be entitled to a seat and vote at the first meeting of High Court held after each meeting of Supreme Court."

"I would recommend that the High Standing Committee be authorized to appoint at least five District Deputies, each with a defined jurisdiction as to territory, whose duties it would be to visit courts in their districts at a small mileage and per diem allowance. These, with the members of the High Standing Committee, should, I think, be able to visit each court in this jurisdiction at least once a year at a moderate expense."

In conclusion he expressed appreciation of the high services of his colleagues.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

High Secretary F. W. Emmerson's report said:—

"The past year has been one of the most successful we have ever had. We now have about 4,700 members and 125 Subordinate Courts in this jurisdiction.

"Since we met in Fredericton in 1895, twenty-three new courts have been organized in this Province. Bro. LeBaron Coleman, P.H.C.R., organized 13; the High Secretary, 8; the High Treasurer, 1; and Bro. J. McGibbon, D.S.C.R., 1.

"The bonded indebtedness to the Supreme Court, which was bearing interest, has been wiped out, and I believe that before January 1st next a great portion of our open account can be paid off."

It shows the High Court's assets to be as follows on July 1st, 1896:—

Assets.	
Cash on hand	\$ 46 32
Amount due from Subordinate Courts (net)...	2,525 77
Supplies on hand	204 00
Regalia and furniture	150 00
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	\$3,422 09
Liabilities.	
Due Supreme Court open account	\$3,169 50
Amount due Sub. Courts	64 45
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	\$3,224 04
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$198 05

High Treasurer Eastman's report showed: Receipts,—Cash on hand at last report \$518.65; cash received from High Secretary \$2,912.59; total \$3,431.14; the disbursements left a cash balance this year of \$516.42.

High Auditors W. E. Skillen and R. F. Keith, reported the accounts correct and in order and the books neatly kept.

VISITING SPEAKERS.

Rev. Mr. McCaughan, P.S. Chap and H.C.R. of Ireland, who was received with cheers, spoke in complimentary terms of the growth of the Order in New Brunswick; and said that its progress though to-day great in New Brunswick was not so great in its earlier years in this province, as in its earlier years of Ireland. The difficulty in spreading the Order in Ireland, was that through the enormous emigration the Order was robbed of its younger members especially. Again the field was for special reasons limited for a secret Order such as this. However, the promptness with which the death claims were paid, and the peculiar character of the first two deaths, and the special promptness of the relief endorsement, served the Order an excellent service by challenging public attention to the benefits conferred by the Order. The spread of Independent Forestry in Great Britain was very encouraging and the proportion of young members exceptionally large. The speaker next referred to Scotland and the Order's growth; and the inauguration of a Forester's Hall in Glasgow. He conveyed to the delegates present the congratulations of the Foresters of Ireland, and expressed the belief and the hope that the Order would become the chief of its class in the world.

Bro. Stewart, H.C.R., of Prince Edward Island said, the Island members came here as a delegation to escort the S. C. R. and P.S. Chap. to the little province.

Bro. Fowler, H. Sec. of P. E. I., and Bro. J. M. Clarke, Supreme Messenger, P.H.S., of Summerside also extended fraternal compliments.

Bro. Hon. Judge Wedderburn, also, in one of his characteristically eloquent addresses referred to the extreme pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren of his native province; in well chosen terms acknowledged the expression of sympathy he received from friends in this city on his recent bereavement.

The Distribution Committee reported.

The High Court then adjourned until this a.m. at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The High Court of Foresters convened this morning at ten o'clock. After routine the High Court was reduced to the subordinate degree.

The Supreme Court representative presented a report giving a brief outline of the aims sought by the High Court's representatives and the result of their efforts.

The Committee on the State of the Order also presented a report, and among other things said:—

"Your committee is also gratified to learn that the Order's increase in membership within this jurisdiction during the past year has been such as to afford continued cause for congratulation.

The committee notes with regret that the number of deaths within the jurisdiction during the past year has reached the total number of 25, and regrets that the

H. C.R.'s reference did not show comparatively the number of deaths per 1,000 members within New Brunswick, covering a term of years. It also thinks that a statement showing the number of years such risks were in the Order would be valuable."

After considerable routine business, the High Court unanimously refused to concur in the proposal of the High Chief Ranger of California to amend the General Laws of the Supreme Court.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Bro. E. R. Chapman presented the report of the Finance Committee. It congratulated the High Court upon increased membership and improved financial standing. It stated that the amount due by the subordinate courts was altogether too large, and that in future the Secretary's report show the amount due by subordinate courts. The committee regretted that the financial means would not permit the continuation of the N. B. Independent Forester organ, and approved of the establishment of a Foresters' Booth at the St. John exhibition. It commended the establishment of district inspection, providing the expenses do not exceed the usual mileage allowance.

In the afternoon session of the High Court of Independent Foresters, on Thursday, Bro. J. R. Armstrong, of the committee on constitution and laws, reported against the Supreme Court representatives being given seats in the next High Court after their election; and that the auditors be recommended to conform to the statutory form of declaration. Adopted.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Bro. J. T. Hawke chairman of the committee submitted the following report on the state of the Order:—

"Your committee desires to express its disapproval of any salaried officer of the Supreme Executive whilst retaining such office and drawing such salary, running as a parliamentary candidate, believing that such a course if pursued in, will introduce into the Order, party political dissensions from which hitherto it has happily been free; therefore this committee recommends that the High Standing Committee be instructed to communicate to the Supreme Executive its strong disapproval of the Supreme Secretary's action in the second time seeking parliamentary honors and especially so as the special reason given for his candidature at the by-election no longer existed."

The report was unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Bros. Rev. J. M. Robinson, Stewart and Tingley were appointed tellers. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. C. R.—Wm. Kinghorn, St. Mary's (re-elected).
 H. V. C. R.—E. J. Todd, St. John, (re-elected).
 H. Sec.—F. W. Emmerson, Petitcodiac, (re-elected).
 H. Treas.—E. P. Eastman, Petitcodiac, (re-elected).
 H. Phy.—Dr. Molins, St. Mary's.
 H. Coun.—E. R. Chapman, St. John, (re-elected).
 H. Auditors.—J. S. Miles, St. John; J. V. Russell, St. John.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

H. C.—Rev. D. Long,
 H. S.—F. G. Burt,
 H. J. B.—B. McKinnon,
 H. S. B.—T. G. Scott,
 H. J. B.—T. P. Hetherington,
 H. M.—T. G. Tingley,
 H. Con.—F. Tweedale,
 H. P.—S. W. Mersereau,
 H. J. S.—A. R. Slipp,

Campbelltown was selected as the next place of meeting of the High Court which was decided to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of July, 1897.

Bro. J. R. Dunn reported from the appeals and petitions committee that there were no appeals or petitions.

Bro. E. R. Chapman, chairman of the Finance committee, presented a report making grants as follows:—H. C. Ranger, \$100; H. Secretary, \$300. H. Treas., \$35; H. J. Secretary, \$25; H. Auditors, \$15 each.

A grant of \$25 was ordered to Bro. G. E. Day to defray the cost of the July Forester.

Dr. Oronhyatekha decorated Bro. LeBaron Coleman with the Jewel of the Order of Merit, voted to him by the High Court of New Brunswick a year ago.

Bros. Solicitor-General White, M.P.P., W. Woodbury Wells, M.P.P., Harvey Atkinson, High Chief Ranger Kinghorn, and High Secretary Emmerson, were appointed a committee to frame by laws for the High Court.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then exemplified the unwritten work of the subordinate degree.

The officers were then installed by the S.C.R.

After considerable routine business, Bro. J. T. Hawke moved, seconded by LeBaron Coleman, P.H.C.R., an expression of thanks to the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, for his presence during the annual session, and asserting its confidence as a High Court, both in the Supreme Executive and especially in the integrity and ability of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

The vote was carried by a standing vote amidst cheers, and was conveyed by the H.C.R.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, in an eloquent and feeling reply, expressed his admiration for the High Court of New Brunswick, and his warm appreciation of the compliment paid him. God sparing him he would be present at the High Court's next session. (Cheers.)

(Staff Correspondent of The Sun.)

Moncton, Aug. 7th.—The High Court of Foresters which adjourned at a late hour last night was the most interesting ever held in this province. The large room in the handsome Y. M. C. A. Block, where the Court met, was admirably suited for the purpose, being large, airy and handsomely furnished. The weather was cool and pleasant. The delegates found excellent hotel accommodation, and were cordially welcomed by the Moncton Foresters.

The presence of Dr. Oronhyatekha, Rev. J. McCoughlan, Judge Wedderburn and four officers of the High Court of P. E. Island, Messrs. Stewart, Clarke, Fowler and Murphy, lent special interest, but the High Court in itself was a notable one.

In addition to the familiar faces of Messrs. Kinghorn, Coleman, Emmerson, Macrae, Hawke, Skillen, Sharpe, Eastman, Lindsay, Todd, Atkinson, Grant and a large number of others; there were many new ones that lent additional interest to this High Court.

It was a widely representative body. For example, the church was represented by

President Marshall of the Methodist Conference. Rev. J. M. Robinson, Rev. David Long and Rev. G. Swim; the legislature; by Hon. A. S. White and W. W. Wells, M.P.P., and G. G. Scovil, M.P.P., was also present, though not a delegate. The teaching profession had Inspectors Smith and Mersereau, and a list of well known teachers. Fred La Forest, Hon. John Costigan's late opponent, was present. Among the lawyers were J. R. Armstrong, John R. Dunn, R. A. Borden, R. LeB Tweedie and many others. There were half a dozen or more physicians. The press was also represented among the delegates. Then from all parts of the province came representatives of the commercial and industrial interests, so that, on the whole, this body was decidedly strong in debating talent and business capacity.

Dr. Oronhyatekha presided during nearly the whole of the sessions, and did it with a skill and tact that were admirable. In his address to the Supreme Court in London, last year, the Supreme Chief had declared the action of this High Court to be unconstitutional—when it opposed legislation already resolved upon by the Supreme Court. There was also a feeling in some quarters that the High Standing Committee should have consulted a High Court before petitioning Parliament to pass the Foresters' Bill last winter, inasmuch as this High Court had expressed its disapproval of increasing the Endowment to \$1,000 and \$5,000. In view of these facts, it was expected that this session of the High Court would be marked by lively debate, from which the Supreme Chief himself would not be excluded.

And it so happened. A report finding fault with the High Standing Committee, and some discussion on it and on the whole question of the recent legislation, seemed to Oronhyatekha to call for some observations from himself. He left the chair and delivered a vigorous speech, covering the whole ground of the recent legislation, pointing out its importance to the Order, and giving a detailed explanation of the reasons actuating the Supreme Executive, and Supreme Court in seeking the various amendments to the charter. The amendments provide for government inspection, the investment of a larger amount with the Dominion Government and increase the Endowment and make other provisions which the Chief declared to be greatly to the advantage of the Order. The address was clear and forcible, and, taken along with those of High Secretary Emmerson, High Counsellor Chapman, Rev. Thomas Marshall, Harvey Atkinson, J. T. Hawke, and half a dozen others made up a brilliant debate. At its close, while there were still some who held that the High Standing Committee should have consulted the High Court before petitioning for the bill in question, there was no difference of opinion regarding the wisdom of the bill itself. The Supreme Chief's explanation was satisfactory on that point.

If no one took offence, then those who give offence would have to go out of the business for want of customers.

Washington High Court Meeting.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. THE I. O. F. FLOURISHES ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

A little over a year ago the High Court of Washington was instituted by the Supreme Chief Ranger. Its career since, has been one of steady growth and marked prosperity. The better the I. O. F. is known the more thoroughly it commands the confidence of the wide-awake and enterprising people of the west.

The second meeting of the High Court was held in Foresters' Hall, Tacoma, on the 23rd and 24th July. The attendance of representatives was very good. Comparatively very few courts being unrepresented. The proceedings throughout were characterized by great harmony, and a loyal devotion to the interests of the Order.

Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, was present, representing the Supreme Chief Ranger. His reception by the brethren of Washington was most cordial. He attended all the sessions of the High Court, and cheerfully gave any information or assistance required of him.

The reports of the various officers were of an encouraging nature, and were cordially approved by the High Court.

The High Court dues were fixed at \$1.00 per member for the current year.

A moderate mileage and per diem was voted to the representatives.

The social meeting on Thursday evening and the public meeting on Friday evening, were well attended.

The proceedings of the High Court were brought to a close at 9 p. m., Thursday.

The following officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray:—

P.H.C.R., R. M. Davis, M.D., Court Six Nations, Seattle.

H.C.R., F. L. Goddard, M.D., Court Destiny, Tacoma.

H.V.C.R., Jno. A. Forsythe Court Destiny, Tacoma.

H. Sec'y., Oliver Cruse, Court Aulton, Seattle.

H. Treas., R. J. Dodds, Court Pugel Sound, Seattle.

H. Coun., Virgil Perring, Court Emerald, New Whatcom.

H. Phys., D. A. Mitchell, M.D., Court Aulton, Seattle.

H. A., W. F. Lampson, Court Tahoma, Tacoma.

H.A., S. H. Poyner, Court Destiny, Tacoma.

H. Chap., Rev. Clarke Davis, Court Six Nations, Seattle.

H.J. Sec'y., J. L. Reeves, Seattle.

H.S.W., J. B. Clift, Court Tahoma, Tacoma.

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THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

H. Con., F. J. McGougan, Court Silver, Spokane.
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NOTES.

The floral decorations of the hall were of an exceptionally fine character. The work was done under the supervision of Bro. A. N. Goddard.

The ladies were very much in evidence at the society meeting and reception on the evening of the first day of meeting. Everywhere they are the friends of the Order.

The pleasure of the representative of the Supreme Chief was enhanced by the number of Canadians that he met. Among them were several old acquaintances.

The international character of the I. O. F. is being more and more appreciated. The fact that the Head Office is in Canada is fast ceasing to be an objection.

The Tacoma *Ledger* and *News* gave full and interesting reports of the proceedings.

The greetings of the High Court of North Dakota, in answer to those sent by Washington, were received with enthusiasm.

The new staff of officers enter upon their work with a determination to "push things."

To double the membership is the work laid out for this year. It can be done.

The next meeting will be held at Seattle.

High Court of New York.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1905.

Notice is hereby given, that the Seventh Annual Session of the High Court of New York, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held in Bleecker Hall, 523 Broadway, Albany, N. Y., commencing at two o'clock p.m., Tuesday September 8th, 1905.

Delegates will be required to send in their credentials to the High Secretary, on or before August 25th, showing that they have been duly elected representatives by their respective Subordinate Courts, and give their Post-office address, street and number.

The credentials must be properly filled out, signed, and under the Seal of their court. **BACK COURT IS EXCEPTED TO SEND AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE.** No court will be entitled to representation that has not paid its semi-annual dues.

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Hotel rates have been arranged as follows: Stanwix Hall Hotel (headquarters), \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day.

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