

I. O. F. HELD SESSION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The Forester's Meet in Annual Session in this City—Excursion on Harland Was Spoiled by Inclement Weather. The Chief Ranger's Report on the Last Year's Work.

The sixteenth Annual Session of the High Court I. O. Foresters opened at eleven thirty. S. F. Hodgson H. C. R. presiding. All the officers were present except Dr. Houston High Physician. M. A. Allen High Marshall, and E. Leeman High Messenger. The High Court degree was conferred upon new delegates. Sessional committees were then appointed on Finance, K. McKay, Chairman on constitution, J. Anderson, Chairman on state of the order, J. Morrison Chairman Distribution, John H. Bell Chairman New Business, G. W. McPhee, Chairman on appeals, D. P. McNutt, Chairman, press committee A. D. Fraser, Chairman, Obituary Rev. E. J. Rattee, Chairman, H. W. Woods, M. P. P., Past High Chief Ranger of N. B., was then introduced. He conveyed greetings from his High Court.

A POPULAR MOVE. To meet as many of our members as possible before the new rates came into force, and to keep the Order before the public, we had a tent installed upon the grounds of our Provincial Exhibition, in September, last. It was a popular move and the means of making the acquaintance of many Foresters from abroad. We have made application for space in the Exhibition Building this year.

VISITATION. Personally, I have devoted all the time I could possibly spare, to the interests of the Order. Immediately after the close of our last meeting I issued a circular letter to all the Courts, having had copies sent to the Court Deputies and Secretaries. During the year I visited the following Courts: Dreamworld at French River, Elliott at Long Creek, Aberdeen at Malpeque, Chataqua at Summerside, Minnewawa at Beedoke, Wiltshire at Brookfield, Murray Harbor at Little York and Saint John at Souris. The kindness and courtesy shown your High Chief Ranger on these occasions made these visits most pleasant, and I trust the exchange of views on matters of vital interest to the Courts have been productive of much good.

INCORPORATION. Acting upon the instructions given by this High Court at its last session, we had an "Act of Incorporation" introduced into the Legislative Assembly by Brothers Hon. John Agnew and Hon. Joseph Read. The Act, as prepared by us, passed the House without an amendment, and was assented to by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, on March 27th, last. You will observe by Section VII. of the Act that subordinate Courts can become incorporated by registering with the Registrar of Deeds, in Charlottetown; the cost being only twenty five cents for each Court.

ORGANIZATION. Work among our Courts was indispensable. An agreement was made with the Supreme Executive, by which our High Secretary was kept among the Courts for part of the year, our H. S. C. agreeing to pay his travelling expenses. His work has been largely preventative, but none the less onerous. By reports furnished several of them more than once; some new members have been added, many of the Financial Secretaries assisted in their work and the Order kept before the public. He also attended to the "Act of Incorporation," while going through the Legislature. Brother Fowler's services were in constant demand by the Courts, and his fidelity to the Order is known to all. He has done excellent work during the year just closed, although it does not appear in increased membership—it has been as I have said, along the lines of prevention.

NECROLOGY. We have been called upon to mourn the deaths, since last we met, of eleven Foresters, good and true. The full list is contained in the report of the High Secretary. As I write I have not the full list, but I desire to say that four of our deceased brethren were citizens of Charlottetown, quite a large number for one year. Four of the eleven were also prominent men in the community and Province. For several years Brother Bentley worthily filled the responsible position of Commissioner of Public Works for this Province. He was the first member in this jurisdiction to receive the disability benefit given cases with the approval of their Courts, when first the insidious disease made its attack upon him. Brother Matthew Smith, at the time would meet these obligations. The increased rates precipitated the collapse and to-day the Secretaries and their Courts have been taught a lesson in the school of experience. We issued a circular, showing the old and the new rates, and explaining the different options. We had one of the 1124 members affected. City's Finance Committee. Brother in our visitations throughout the jurisdiction. It was really surprising to find otherwise intelligent men of the fact to the increased rates and advancing arguments most childish in support of their contentions. But High Marshall, in the death of the school master (our intelligent High Secretary) is abroad in the island and already the horizon is beginning to show unmistakable signs of clearing.

sun went down at noon. Had he been spared, those who knew him best anticipated for him a brilliant career in his calling. His death reminds us that he was the third member of this family who stood in the ranks of the I. O. F., when the dread summons came. Brother Thomas A. McLean! Ah! What recollections crowd upon my memory as we recall his heaven-lit face and genial hand-grasp. Can it be possible that death has claimed him also? It seems but as yesterday when he, too, sat in our City Council, giving his time and his talents for the benefit of his adopted city. In many other ways our late brother was well and favorably known throughout the Province. Before passing on this subject we desire to say that while our Companions have enjoyed the privileges of beneficiary membership for nearly eight years, death is unknown in their ranks. May they long live to demonstrate to those outside our walls, that to be a Forester means to live.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL.

A strong desire was expressed by some of the delegates last year, that we have a complete statement of the number of members treated in the Hospital. Through the kindness of Miss Ross, the Matron, I have secured the same.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Patients treated 188 days. 1906, 9; 1907, 4; 1908, 12; 1909, 4. Totals 29. These figures give us an average cost of \$11.18 per week.

Notwithstanding the fact that the year 1908 was a most trying one for the Independent Order of Foresters, the initiation of eighteen thousands, six hundred and twenty-four members, was most gratifying, being two thousand one hundred and two more policies issued by us than by five of the leading Canadian Commercial Companies doing business outside our Dominion. An examination of the above tables (here shown by H. C. R.) shows that we have at last arrived at a point where our income from interest more than meets our general expenses, \$30,117.13. It has taken twenty-eight years to reach this point and it is satisfactory to know that it has been passed. Of course interest accumulations belong to the Mortuary Fund, and this fact is merely incidental. Our general expenses for 1908 show commendable carefulness on the part of our Supreme Executive. It is also satisfactory to know that a surplus of nearly \$14,000,000.00 is in our Treasury.

In our own Dominion, the Government has the Cartwright Pension Law, which came into operation seven months ago. By it, people of all ages, especially the young, are encouraged to lay aside twenty-five cents, or upwards, per week, so as to provide an Old Age Annuity. This is just what our Order has been doing and encouraging for the past twenty-eight years. In this Province already, six of our aged members are in the enjoyment of this pension, namely: Brothers R. H. McDonald, Summerside; Thomas Leard, Alberton; W. Paquet, Souris; Henry Terrell, Milton; J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown; David Ross, Kinross. (Here followed a letter from Bro. G. W. Merseman, H. C. R. for New Brunswick as given at a meeting in Fredericton.) Our finances are in a healthy condition, as the report of our High Secretary and High Treasurer will show.

I now surrender into your hands the trust reposed in me last year. I have to confess many shortcomings, as your High Chief Ranger, but they did not arise from a want of desire to serve you. I have been surrounded by officers, faithful and true. Especially do I thank our genial High Secretary for the valuable assistance he has given me in my work. None are more zealous for the welfare of our beloved Order than he, as our membership throughout our Province can testify. If we have not succeeded in extending our membership, please bear in mind that the past year has been one of defence and of preparation. The time for aggressive work is at hand. Confidence has been restored in a large degree, and the time seems more propitious for propagation work.

Yours in L. B. and G. S. F. HODGSON, High Chief Ranger. Keep Minard's Liniment in the house. CHICAGO MARKETS. CHICAGO, Aug. 25—(Special)—Sept. Wheat 94 1/2 Sept. Corn 56 Dec. Wheat 97 1/2 Dec. Corn 66 1/2 Dec. Pork \$21.05

PLUNGED INTO LAWLOR'S LAKE

Missing Man Near St. John, Being Discovered, Jumped to His Death.

ST. JOHN, Aug. 25—(Special.) Hugh McLaughlin of Brookville who left his home on Monday afternoon without apparent reason, was seen this morning by Wm. Duffy and upon being accosted ran past him and jumped into Lawlor's Lake, resulting in his death. The unfortunate man, who was thirty-five years old had become demoralized and all day yesterday search was kept up by residents of Brookville to ascertain his whereabouts.

ENCINFER DEAD BY EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 25—(Special.)—George Drinkwater, second engineer was instantly killed and three others fatally injured by the explosion of a feed pipe on a tugboat in East River.

DD AD TO GO IN HALF RATIONS

NAIVASHA, July 24—Theodore Kosevich and his party reached Sagua-Sairol earlier than they had expected. It was not generally believed that they would get there much before the 20th inst, but having had greater success than they had anticipated in the Sotik and Guassanyiro country they decided to come to the lake and try for hippo under the auspices of Commander Attenborough, R. N. retired who is the owner of the Saigu-Srigil farm. The last few days on the way, in the party had to make long marches over a practically waterless country and at the end when they reached the water hole they had been making for, they found to their discomfort that it was absolutely dried up and they therefore had to go into camp without water. To add to the difficulties of the situation it was found that the food supplies had almost given out, and so Europeans and natives alike had to go on half rations.

THE SILVER TROPHY

The Silver Trophy presented by Messrs Schofield Paper Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B. for The Guardian's bicycle road race, that takes place on Monday next, stands eight and a quarter inches high and seven and a quarter inches from ear to ear. This measurement does not include the base the trophy stands on. Yesterday, the Canada Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd. wired their representative, Ernest Rice of this city, stating they were forwarding by express a silver trophy for this race and until their trophy arrives, The Guardian cannot determine which of the above trophies will be the second prize. The fourth prize is a set of fibeways, valued at ten dollars, presented by the E. B. Eddy Co., Ltd., Hull, Canada. Fifth and sixth prizes, silver medals, presented respectively by the Union Commercial College and W. N. Tanton, jeweler, and the seventh prize, half a dozen cabinet photos, presented by the studio of Geo. H. Cook. The first prize in this race is a sixty-five dollar Cleveland bicycle presented by The Guardian. It is stated that this is the best "keep prize" list ever offered in Canada for a similar event.

SUCCESS OF THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 25—Premier Morris, prior to sailing, said the wonderful success of the Imperial Defence Conference may be regarded as the most effective step taken in our day to preserve the peace of the world by maintaining England as the mistress of the seas. During the Conference there was not a discordant note and every British Colony was anxious to share the burden and responsibility of Empire and to contribute to the central fund for the maintenance of the whole family. They do not want their lives, trade and liberty any longer protected by British "tars" and soldiers without contributing to their maintenance.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's friend. The temperature at three o'clock this morning was fifty-eight degrees. Ask for Minard's and take no other. SCATTERED SHOWERS. TORONTO, Aug. 26—(Special)—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly fair but a few scattered showers. The length of today will be thirteen hours, thirty-two minutes.

AN EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ITALY

Houses in San Lorenzo All Destroyed or Badly Damaged and Many Persons Injured, Four Other Towns Badly Shaken.

SIENA, Italy, Aug. 25—(Special)—A heavy earthquake was felt throughout the province of Siena at 1.23 a.m. today. Practically all the houses in San Lorenzo were destroyed or badly damaged and many persons injured. The quake was felt most severely within a radius of twenty miles from Siena. Considerable damage was done in Buonconvento, where several houses collapsed and one person was killed. Several persons were injured in Monteroni.

KING'S BUSINESS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

A representative meeting of the Executive of the "King's Business Evangelistic Campaign" was held in Y. M.C.A. Parlor yesterday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. Rev. Geo. E. Ross Chairman of the General Committee being in the chair. Suggestions were received from chairman of Finance, advertising, canvassing, devotional, and ushers committees all of which will meet in the near future to follow up the work in preparation of Dr. Elliott's Union Evangelistic Services this autumn. Regret was expressed that Prof. Watts' early departure from Charlottetown necessitated his giving up his position of Chairman of Music. W. C. Turner was unanimously elected to act as Chairman of this important committee. Rev. Mr. Ross mentioned the loss the Executive, and city sustained by the Rev. Mr. Woodroffe's leaving the City to take up other duties. The Executive of the King's Business Evangelistic Campaign is called together again Tuesday evening, Sept. 14th at Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m.

THE LATE MRS. WEEKS

The funeral of the late Mrs. (Rev.) Ernest S. Weeks took place on Friday the twentieth at two p. m. and was one of the largest ever seen in that section of the country. Rev. George Steele of Beedoke had charge of the service which was held in the Methodist Church. He was assisted by Revs. H. Johnson, R. G. Sinclair, W. A. Mason and Henry Harper. Interment took place in the Bedford Cemetery. Among the beautiful floral wreaths were the following: from Kenmare Lodge, Ellerslie, Capt. Wm. Richards, Mrs. W. J. McLeod, Edmonton, Bayfield Williams, Edmonton, Mrs. A. Williams also now of Edmonton, A. E. and Mrs. Williams, Moncton and Miss Millar, Bedford and others.



LEAVES FOR NORTH POLE. PARIS, Aug. 25—A special despatch received here says that, according to a telegram received from the captain of the Italian steamer Thala, now at Hammerfest, Norway, Walter Wellman left Spitzbergen on August 16th in a dirigible balloon bound for the North Pole. He had a favorable wind when the start was made. The name of Miss Winnifred Gordon of the Rosemeath School should have appeared well up in the list of successful candidates at the recent entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College. The omission of her name was due to the fact that her paper in French had been mislaid. Any Guardian reader who receives a dimly printed, badly printed, badly folded, badly cut, badly addressed, badly wrapped, torn, soiled or incomplete paper of whatever issue will kindly notify the Subscription Department at once.

MOTHER JUMPED INTO THE WATER

Sixteen Feet Deep, Unable to Swim, to Save Her Child.

KINGSTON, Aug. 25—(Special.)—Mrs Ballick, though unable to swim a stroke jumped into sixteen feet of water to save the life of her two year old son, who had fallen from the dock and was sinking for last time. She saved her boy, but is in a serious state, as a result of the shock Mrs Ballick was rescued by a neighbor by means of a pole.

AUSTRALIAN'S NEW SQUADRON

LONDON, Aug. 25—(Special.)—The Admiralty announced today that the Australian squadron of the Imperial Navy will consist of one armored cruiser, three other cruisers, six torpedo boat destroyers and three submarines.

REYMOND-WHITECOMB EXCURSION

The Raymond-Whitcomb excursion party which arrived here Tuesday night, in charge of Mr. Hussey, spent yesterday in the City. It is regrettable that this party could not have had a fine day, as they had a drive planned which could not have proved otherwise than thoroughly enjoyable to all. The party whose names are appended leave this morning for Halifax—W. W. Woodward and wife, Mrs. C. J. Titus, Scott Foster, Miss Foster, Mrs. S. J. Hegenman, Mrs. John Greyfoster, Miss Ruby Grey, Miss M. C. Blanchard, Miss Elsie H. Durand, George F. Heynton, Miss Mary E. Butterfield, Miss Marjorie McDonald, Miss Katherine M. Field, Thomas J. Cavanagh, Albert F. Morse, Dr. O. H. W. Regan and wife, Miss Jane L. Hammond. The party registered at the Queen while here.

DIES SUDDENLY AT HOTEL

YORK, Me., Aug. 24—Robert Reid of Ottawa, one of the Transcontinental railway commissioners of Canada, died suddenly at 5.45 o'clock this morning at the Sparhawk Hotel in Ogunquit, where he was staying with his family. Mr. Reid was attacked with illness late last evening, while he was playing cards in the hotel with his wife and friends. Suddenly he exclaimed "I can not see the cards" and Dr. Barlow of Montreal a friend who was near, ordered him taken immediately to his room. He grew rapidly worse. A special car will take the body to London, Ont., where the burial will take place.

FIRED ON THE TRAIN.

GLACE BAY, Aug. 25—More skilled miners went into the Dominion Coal Company's mines yesterday. Of these, twenty-six arrived at Sydney from Inverness and were taken at once to Glace Bay by train. While the train was passing through Gardiner two rifle shots were fired at it from the neighboring woods. No one was hit, but the police are on the track of the perpetrators.

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