

THE CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF HIGH COURT.

The Most Prosperous Year for the Order in Its History — A Large Delegation in Attendance.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters opened in the city of Niagara Falls on June 9, 1908, with a large number in attendance, including High Court officers and delegates representing subordinate courts of every Province of the Dominion.

After the usual opening ceremonies and the appointment of the several standing committees, the High Court officers submitted their reports, which showed the order to be in a most flourishing condition. The progress made by the order during the past year far surpassed that of any previous year of its history.

The High Chief Ranger, J. A. Stewart of Perth, Ont., after extending a hearty welcome to the representatives present, submitted his report, which was replied with facts and figures relating to the growth and extension of the order during the past year.

On the 1st of January, 1907, the order had a membership of 64,055, and there were initiated during the year 7,912 new members, being an increase of 771 over the previous year. During 1906 9,134 members lapsed and 409 died, leaving a net membership at the close of the year of 68,424.

The increase in the insurance reserve of the order during the year amounted to \$251,818.42. On January 1st, 1907, the amount on hand in this branch was \$2,174,572.45, and at the close of the year \$2,426,690.87. The amount paid in death claims was \$413,326.24.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Department is also in a flourishing condition. During the year no less a sum than \$134,418.44, covering 5,935 claims, was paid in this branch. The amount to the credit of this fund at the close of the year was \$112,864.48.

The High Chief Ranger, in concluding his address, expressed the hope that the meeting would be pleasant one for the members and a profitable one for the order, and felt that it occurred at a time in the history of the order when the members should all feel inspired with hope and confidence in the future of Canadian Forestry, that time was the present. In an inspiring address he urged upon the representatives to do all that in them lay to make 1908 the banner year of the order.

The report of Geo. Faulkner, High Secretary, covering the general work of the society, was next in order, and showed in detail the large volume of business transacted through the head office at Brantford.

The amount of insurance premiums received during the year was \$755,916.20, which with the interest on insurance account made the total receipts in this branch \$865,149.96. There were 409 death claims paid, amounting to \$143,315.44, leaving the sum of \$851,824.62 to carry to the reserve fund, which at the close of the year was \$12,864.48.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Branch of the order also showed a marked advance. The amount of fees received during the year was \$151,650.01, and interest \$8,199.81. The total receipts amounted to \$153,849.82. There were 5,930 claims paid, amounting to \$134,418.44, leaving \$19,431.38 to carry to the reserve fund, which at the close of the year amounted to \$112,864.48.

There were 6,321 members in good standing at the close of the year, carrying \$69,651,500.00 insurance.

There were issued from the High Secretary's office 8,664 insurance certificates and 7,663 membership certificates, or a total of 16,029, and in addition there were endorsements made on 1,455 insurance certificates.

The report of Robert Elliott, High Treasurer, showed the funds of the order to be in a most satisfactory condition. The receipts in the secret funds and funeral benefit fund totalled \$10,982; general fund, \$91,669.92; total receipts, \$916,669.71. The total expenditure in these funds amounted to \$612,867.60. The surplus income over expenditure amounted to \$267,802.02. The surplus insurance funds are invested as follows:

Municipal and school debts \$2,187,329.50
Dominion of Canada stock 150,000.00
Deposits in chartered banks 20,000.00
Current accounts in chartered banks 69,351.28

\$2,426,690.87
The total assets of the order amounted to \$2,587,027.70, and its liabilities \$30,976.18. Assets over liabilities, \$2,556,061.62.

The report of Dr. U. M. Stanley, who has been Chairman of the Medical Board since the inception of the order, shows that the death rate during the past year was only 5.98 per thousand. This is a remarkably low death rate for an order now doing business for upwards of 28 years, and still more remarkable is the fact that, comparing the last half of the 28 years with the first half, the death rate is in proportion of 5.17 to 5.07 per thousand. There were submitted to the Medical Board during the year 9,871 applications, of which 5,084 were accepted and the remaining 730 rejected.

From an Irish Reader of 1840.

BRIGHT LITTLE ONES MAKE HOMES BRIGHT

Babies that are well sleep well, eat well and play well. A child that is not racy-cheeked and playful needs immediate attention, and in all the world there is no medicine can equal Baby's Own Tablets for curing indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, worms, tummy-aches and the other disorders from which young children suffer. The mother who uses this medicine has the guarantee of a government analyst and it is absolutely safe. Mrs. J. L. Janes, St. Sylvester, Que., says: "I find Baby's Own Tablets the most satisfactory medicine I have ever used for constipation, tummy-aches and breaking up colds. Every mother should keep this medicine in the home." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

LIFE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Everybody who has used a microscope has no doubt regretted the difficulty of seeing small insects, and other living objects not of mere microscopic dimensions, magnified while alive and moving freely in the field of view. A recently invented English instrument, called the microscope, is said to supply a desideratum in this respect. It is shaped like a telescope, a foot long, closed at one end, and a half-in diameter. The lenses are so combined that an object 20 inches away may be magnified 12 diameters. At a distance of 5 inches the magnification is 61 diameters.

A SQUADRON CONSISTS IN THE ARMY OF TWO THOUSANDS OF MEN, OF FROM SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED EACH, AND IN THE NAVY, OF A SECTION OF A FLEET ON SPECIAL DUTY UNDER A FLEET OFFICER.

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