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Who Welcomed the Delegates to the City.

## REPORT OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER JOHN H. BELL OF CHARLOTTETOWN

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COURT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, I. O. F.

Brethren and Companions.—As required by the Constitution, I submit my annual report as your High Chief Ranger. This duty, which through your kindness I am called upon to perform, I regret has not fallen into more capable hands, but in accepting it I feel confident of the sympathy and support of all the members present. I welcome you one and all to this tenth annual session of our High Court. Many of you I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting for years in these annual gatherings, while some of you are present at the High Court for the first time. To each and all I look for assistance in making this meeting not only pleasant to ourselves but profitable to our beloved order as well.

We meet today in the capital of King's County, the well known winter port of Prince Edward Island. Since the instituting of this High Court ten years ago, it has convened in almost all the principal places in our province, from the far west to the extreme east. While we have all been glad to meet with our brethren in these different locations, still the amount of travel necessary when holding our meetings at such extreme points has been more or less a drain on our finances, and perhaps in the interests of the order it might now be well to confine our future meetings for a time at least, to one or two central places, which would save from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per year, which might be used in building up and extending our noble and benevolent institution.

### FINANCES.

This is a question not usually dealt with by the H. C. Ranger, but I feel it my duty to make some remarks with regard thereto. When the High Court closed last year, taking the expenses of that session together with the amounts unpaid from previous years, the liabilities of the H. C. were \$480.00, while the balance cash on hand amounted only to \$350.35. In order to maintain the credit of the H. C. your H. S. Committee had to borrow \$50, for which you will see an item of 92 cents charged as interest. You will note that the Past H. S. Committee spent over \$100.00 more than the receipts for the year, and yet a clause 4 of Finance Committee's report says: "We are pleased to find that our surplus was increased during the year." I have tried in vain to find out how they arrived at that conclusion. Your H. S. Committee have endeavored to so regulate the expenditure for this year that a sum sufficient to meet the liabilities due at the close of this session might be in the hands of the H. C. Court.

In leaving the matter of finances I would recommend that the By-Laws of this High Court be so amended that at least one of the retiring auditors should be re-elected each year. I would also recommend that the mileage and Per Diem Committee's report should be received and passed upon before the report of the Finance Committee be received and considered.

A matter which might be considered worthy the attention of this H. C. Court is with respect to holding biennial instead of annual sessions. In reference to this subject I would beg to call the attention of the members to a letter from Bro. Alex. McGillivray, Past H. C. R. of Ontario, which appears on 2nd page (cover) of "The Forester" of July last.

### ORGANIZING.

With respect to organizing I am instructed by the H. S. Committee to recommend that this High Court vote from its funds a sum for organizing sufficient so that \$2.00 may be given for each and every new member secured. Said sum to be paid to the member who was instrumental in securing such new member, provided always that the initiation fee be paid into the subordinate court. I may say that I heartily concur in said recommendation, as I believe this will be a help to weak courts and an encouragement to members who have ability to canvase, in addition to which the exemption of "Extension of the Order Tax" will also apply. I would also recommend that District Deputies be appointed with power to organize under the provisions of the foregoing recommendation, viz., of receiving \$2.00 for each new member initiated, and that a special badge or prize be given to the District Deputy securing the most new members, provided that if a Court claims to have among themselves sufficient members to work up the territory adjacent to their Courts, the District Deputy will not interfere.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

During the year I commissioned Bro. H. B. Heustis as District Deputy H. C. Ranger. I also commissioned as Court Deputies the different members recommended by the several Subordinate Courts.

Dispensations were granted for the initiating of two members who had not attained the age limit prescribed in the Constitution. I also sanctioned the issue of an appeal by Court Sylvan with the object of raising a fund to supplement the amount paid by the Supreme Court to the widow of our late Bro. Sprague. I trust that a liberal response has been given to said appeal.

During the past year I received the resignation of Bro. A. M. McKay, High Messenger, which resignation I accepted and filled the vacancy by appointing there to Bro. W. D. McDonald of Court Great West.

This session will be memorable as being the first in which we had the pleasure of meeting and associating with members of Companion Courts, two of such Courts having been organized during the year, one at Summerside and one at Charlottetown. To our first lady members I tender a cordial and hearty welcome, and I sincerely trust that their zeal in the noble and beneficent work of the I. O. F. will be stimulated and increased in consequence of their attendance at this High Court meeting.

The obituary list of the members of this province for the year just ended will be given by the High Secretary, but prominent among the members who have been called to the Supreme Court above was our late brother the Hon. D. Farquharson. Two years ago, at a meeting of the H. C. Court we had the pleasure of witnessing the initiation of the Hon. D. Farquharson, premier of this province, by our worthy Bro. A. W. McBride, Past H. C. Ranger, of N. B. Bro. Farquharson during the short time he was connected with the Order took a deep interest in Forestry, and was always ready to do everything in his power to advance its interests, as evidenced by his request to Court Avondale, with which he was connected.

I think we cannot but be encouraged by the progress made by our Order since the instituting of our High Court ten years ago. At that time we had only 18 Courts with a membership of 468. Today we have 43 Courts and nearly 2000 members, being an increase of 25 Courts and over 1500 members. The growth of the whole Order, too, during the past ten years has been remarkable. On the first of July, 1893, the total membership was 50,847, and on the first of July, 1903, the membership was about 215,000 while the surplus increased from \$745,972.96, in July 1893, to \$6,663,165.77 on July 1st 1903. Truly we may say that Forestry is booming.

I did not visit as many of our subordinate Courts as I would have wished, partly owing to press of business and partly to a desire to husband the finances of the High Court more particularly as a regular organizer was already in the field. On invitation I visited the High Court of New Brunswick at their Annual Session held at Moncton on the 9th of July last, and was treated very courteously by the N. B. brethren. The Sup. C. R., Past S. C. R. and Sup. V. C. R. also the H. C. R. of Nova Scotia were in attendance. You will be pleased to know that the S. Chief retains all his old time vigor and enthusiasm.

The Supreme Court is on the eve of issuing a new Ritual, and the S. C. Ranger informs me that these Rituals will be supplied free to all subordinate Courts on the return of the old Ritual.

In conclusion let me express the hope that our meeting on this occasion may be characterized by an earnest desire on the part of all present to advance the interests of Forestry in this province, and that still greater progress may follow as a result of the Tenth Annual Session of our H. C. Court.

Submitted in L. B. and C.,  
J. H. BELL, H. C. R.

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OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—Major E. H. Hills, royal engineers, and deputy assistant adjutant of the war office, has been appointed to examine the military surveys in Canada with a view to having them made strictly up-to-date. He will be here within a month when his work will commence.

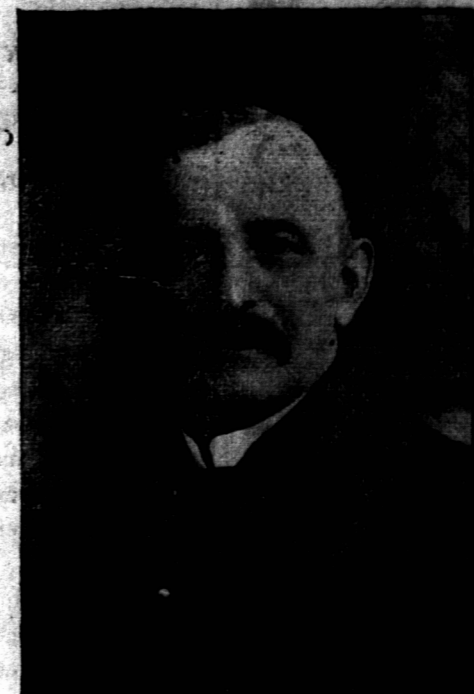
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Imperial Life	11,640,285	477,202	211	20,230	275,759	49,524	1922
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