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Special Notices.

1. Every Financial Secretary is required to make his July report on Form No. 12, as none other will be accepted. The officers and members of all Courts are requested to see to it that the proper returns are transmitted. If you have no Form No. 12, send to your High Secretary at once for it.

2. If any Court which has ordered and paid for the new Constitutions has not yet received them by the time of the arrival of the Official Organ, advise the Supreme Chief Ranger at once. State when the order was given, how many were ordered, and how much was paid therefor, and to whom the order was sent.

3. If any Court instituted since 1st September last has not had the new Constitutions delivered to them, please write to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and give name and number of Court and number of Charter Members.

4. Some Financial Secretaries still send Orders or Drafts payable to John A. McGillivray. One or two send them made payable to Bank of Toronto. Please make all Drafts, P. O. Orders and Express Orders made payable to THE MOLSONS BANK, TO-

RONTO. The words "The Manager of" may be left out.

5. One or two Financial Secretaries still make their Drafts payable to the order of Brother E. S. Cummer. If this is again repeated in any case, we will invite the Court to hang the Financial Secretary to the nearest post, and we will pay the Endowment with the utmost satisfaction, and regard the Order as a great gainer thereby.

6. If any member who is entitled to have it has not a policy or certificate of membership, write to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and state all the facts. If you have not sent previously an application for membership, be sure and do so.

PROCLAMATION

IN THE NAME OF

Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

To all our loving Brethren, Greeting:

By the Providence of God the works of our hands during the past year in connection with our beloved Order have been prospered, as in the past, beyond all expectations.

Last year when inviting you to assemble together in some place of worship and devoutly return thanks for the manifold blessings we had, as an Order, received at the hands of a kind Providence, I said:

"We have been so favored of Providence as an Order that though we are not yet eight years old, our membership has already risen to nearly 14,000. We have during that period carried consolation to many a heart-broken widow and sorrowing orphans, and have afforded hope and administered relief to thousands of our brethren, and though we have disbursed in the payment of the various benefits of the Order over a quarter of a million of dollars, yet there remains in our treasury the magnificent sum of over \$140,000. To-day with our membership growing at the rate of about 500 per month, and our surplus funds being augmented month by month, there seems no limit to the possibilities for good which may be done to our fellowman through the instrumentality of our Independent Order of Foresters.

Since that time, notwithstanding the fact that we have now paid the widows and orphans and the sick and distressed of our Forestric household the munificent sum of \$455,136.95, our surplus has grown from \$140,000.00 in June of last year to \$198,626.48, and our membership which stood at 13,415 a year ago has increased to