

Some Comparisons.

Between the Business of Fifteen Canadian Old Line Life Insurance Companies and the Independent Order of Foresters, for the Year 1897.

COMPANIES.	Number of Policies Taken.	Amount of Policies Taken.	Premiums Collected.	Claims Paid (Including Matured Endow'm'ts).	Amount Paid for Claims for each \$100 of Premiums collected.
Canada Life	2,328	\$ 4,942,081	\$2,087,994	\$ 899,015	\$43 05
Confederation.....	2,017	3,080,472	931,561	336,879	36 16
Dominion.....	467	593,700	70,863	11,050	15 60
Excelsior.....	1,355	719,048	70,447	11,062	15 70
Federal.....	1,505	2,003,850	349,589	114,126	32 35
Great West.....	1,588	2,219,300	202,482	40,050	19 77
Imperial.....	370	1,185,725	82,060
London*.....	491	495,250	52,828	20,163	38 16
Manufacturers'.....	1,555	2,563,772	384,049	137,763	35 87
North American....	2,532	3,431,524	582,432	164,585	28 25
Northern.....	287	360,500	4,612
Ontario Mutual.....	1,943	3,031,900	644,107	175,511	27 25
Royal Victoria.....	143	242,500	8,071
Sun.....	15,136	10,561,270	1,351,158	463,674	25 04
Temperance and General	1 605	1,790,650	174,878	44,677	25 54
Totals.....	33,322	37,221,542	7,447,131	2,418,565	Average. 32 47
I. O. F.—New Insurers.....	30,137	\$35,224,500	\$1,462,238	\$863,148	\$59 02
Increases, revivals, etc.....	3,391	4,297,000			
Total Acceptances.....	33,528	\$39,521,500			

*Exclusive of "Industrial" business.

Some Things the I.O.F. Did in 1897.

The I.O.F. undertook more than three times as much assurance as any individual Canadian old line life insurance company.

The I.O.F. accepted more assurance than was written by the fifteen Canadian old line life insurance companies combined.

The I.O.F. returned to members or their beneficiaries as "claims paid" a larger percentage of the premiums collected than any Canadian old line life insurance company.

The I.O.F. had more policies and more assurance actually in force than the three largest Canadian life insurance companies combined.

The I.O.F. had more policies and more assurance actually in force in Canada than any old line life insurance company, whether Canadian or foreign.

Thanksgiving.

As a cure for care, we are advised: "Be thankful for anything." To have an appreciative spirit is to be shielded from a great deal of discontent. One who had profound experience of life counted among his chiefest mercies the grateful heart that received with joy the least of the gifts of Him who

giveth all. Elsewhere will be found the proclamation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, calling upon the courts to observe Sunday, June 19th, as a day of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to the Order as an organization, and to the members thereof as individuals, during the Forestric year that closes on June 30th—a year notable for the growth of the membership, the increase of the surplus, a low death-rate, harmony in the courts, and prosperity in the countries in which the I.O.F. operates; unhappily we cannot add "for peace" among the nations. The United States, where half the membership reside, are at war with Spain. The struggle undertaken by the great Republic in the interests of humanity promises to be a brief one. The immense resources of the Union, coupled with the righteousness of the cause they have espoused, make the conflict an unequal one; and when victory is declared on their side, as we expect it soon will be, we hope the loss of life will be but little, and that the widening of the bounds of freedom will be some compensation for the life and treasure sacrificed.

We hope that all our courts will meet on the Sunday designated, or any Sunday that may be more convenient, and as a body attend Divine ser-