

Bro. J. C. O'Keeffe, Esq.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF MINNESOTA.

Much of the success that has attended Independent Forestry recently in the High Court jurisdiction of Minnesota, has been due to the active efforts on behalf of the Order of



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the young and popular High Chief Ranger of the State, Bro. O'Keeffe, whose portrait we have the pleasure of giving in this number of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER. That the I.O.F. is the Young men's Order is borne out by the fact that so many of the leaders in all of the thirty High Court jurisdictions are young men. The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland, in 1862. In his early childhood he was left an orphan. His mother died when he was three years old; three years later he lost his father. He was apprenticed to the dry goods trade. While acquiring his business knowledge, he did not neglect the development of his mental gifts, and we find him at an early age Associated Press Correspondent. At the age of twenty Bro. O'Keeffe came to America, and for a while remained at Boston. After a stay of two years he went "west," and we find him in the following two or three years in Dakota, Chicago and Minneapolis, engaged in the clothing business. He at present occupies a prominent position in the establishment of Browning, King & Co., Minneapolis. Bro. O'Keeffe was married in 1889. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of several societies. He gives first place, however, to the I.O.F., of which he became a member in Chicago in 1888. He was a charter member of the first court instituted in Minneapolis. Since his connection with the Order he has been in office in Subordinate and

High Courts. He was High Senior Beadle in 1891, High Treasurer in 1892, and High Chief Ranger in 1893, to which high position he has been twice re-elected. Our worthy brother has instituted twenty two courts, and has seen the membership more than double during his term of office as High Chief. Bro. O'Keeffe is well posted on insurance matters, and is an able controversialist. As a public speaker he is quite effective. We wish the brother a long and successful business career, and trust that for many years Independent Forestry may continue to enjoy his zealous and successful advocacy.

Bro. John McAlister, Esq., Q.C., M.P.,

SUPREME JUNIOR WOODWARD.

We have great pleasure in giving a portrait and brief sketch of our distinguished brother from N. W. Brunswick. He is one of a rapidly increasing number of prominent public men whose membership in the I.O.F. has contributed not a little to the favor and confidence with which the Order is so universally regarded.

Bro McAlister, who is of Scottish parentage, was born at Durham, in the County of Restigouche, N.B., the 27th July, 1842. He received his early education at the Public Schools of his native county, and afterwards



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passed through the Presbyterian Academy, Chatham, and the Normal School. Like many of our public men, he first took up the profession of teaching. In 1875 he entered the law-office of Hon C. W. Skinner, ex-M.P. St John, N.B., and was a partner as an attorney in April, 1879. A year later he was called to the bar. After his admission to the