THE GREAT GROWTH OF THE I. O. F. EXPRESSED IN ELOQUENT WORDS

Public Meeting in the West End Y. M. C. A. Addressed Last Night by the Leaders of This Substantial Organization—The Doctor Was Reminiscent.

There was a meeting in the West Association Hall last night that was unique and novel. It was a meeting held in the interests of the Independent Order of Foresters, and the audience present would have done credit to any fashionable entertainment. Very little was known about it beforehand, yet there was a splendid attendance, and the interest never lagged for a moment. There were two reasons for this. In the first place, the subject dealt with was of absorbing interest, and directly affected everyone, and, in the second place, the speakers were distinguished gentlemen, who, having a full knowledge of it, were able to place their thoughts entertainingly before their hearers. The meeting was an unqualified success, from every point of view, and not one of those present but went away with a better understanding of their duties towards their families. Those who were members of the great order left the hall, determined to do their utmost to swell its ranks, and those who were not members will see to it that their names are enrolled in the books of this institution that has for its device, Love, Benevolence and Charity.

There was a splendid array of speakers, and they concisely and clearly pointed out, without any embellishments, the many benefits that accrue from membership in the Independent Order of Foresters.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., and among those on the platform were: Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger; Hon. Dr. Montague, Rev. Mr. McGillivray, High Chief Ranger Wilson, Dr. D. Albert Rose, Trustee Dr. Thompson, Ald. Dunn, W. F. Bull and others.

Mr. McGillivray Speaks.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray's deep, resonant voice was heard to perfection, and his recital of fact after fact that was indisputable as well as apparent to every one of his hearers was interesting as well as instructive. His arguments put forth in substantiation of the contention that a person who wilfully neglected to provide for those who depended upon them for assistance, by not insuring their lifes, were clear and pointed. It is safe to say his words went home to more than one in that splendid, attentive audience.

Seven Thousand of Them.

Mr. McGillivray spoke more particularly to the ladies. He explained how they were now admitted into this great order on equal footing with the men, and they had not been slow to take advantage of this decided privilege, as was clearly evidenced by the fact that there were now in the neighborhood of 7000 full-fledged lady members. [Cheers.] This was extremely gratifying when it was taken into consideration that it was not very long since they had been allowed entrance to the institution. The speaker also alluded to the increase in membership which had been almost phenomenal.

Supreme Chief Ranger.

The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, after the applause had subsided, feelingly acknowledged the cordial reception he had been given. He was in a happy mood, and his speech received an attentive, respectful hearing. He told how he had first become connected with the Independent Order of Foresters, while he was practising medicine in London. A friend had come to him to ask him to join, at the same time telling him that he had been slated for the high office of first vice-chief ranger. Before giving his consent to becoming a member, the doctor explained, he wanted to have a look at the constitution, and when he saw it he found exactly what he expected, and that was that the order was only for white people. [Laughter.]

When He Joined.

"Now, I had not the slightest idea," the doctor went on in his pleasing conversational style, "of joining the order until I saw this objection to an Indian becoming a member, and then I immediately made up my mind to join, and join I did. A few months after I had been made a member I became high chief ranger of the High Court of Ontario, and in 1881 the order became so disorganized that it was found necessary to reorganize it. Previous to that, in 1879, the treasurer had stolen $17,000 from the funds of the order, and when speaking to a Canadian audience I always make this observation that the scoundrel who robbed the widows and orphans was an 'American.'" [Laughter.]

A Comparison Made.

Further on in his address the Supreme Chief Ranger told, when instituting a comparison of the condition of the order in its early days and at the present time, how on Dominion Day, 1881, when a call was made upon the members to pay into the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, only 396 responses were made. At that time, too, the order's indebtedness amounted to over $4000, yet they all had the courage of their convictions, and pledged themselves to pay the widows and orphans the full value of the policies they held, and this pledge was fulfilled. [Cheers.] Since then every claim has been settled on sight, and as soon as the papers were received a cheque was immediately sent to the beneficiaries.

Steady Increase Yearly.

The steady increase that took place every year until the order to-day is paying over $5000 each of the 365 days of the year was referred to, and the information was greeted with cheers. Those present were given a further evidence of the growth when the doctor said that the membership had gone up from 396 to 273,000. The Independent Order of Foresters had been planted in nearly every country in Europe, and the courts were all flourishing. In Egypt, India and Australia also, the order had extended, and from everywhere came the same pleasing report that success had followed immediately after its introduction.

Millions of Surplus.

It was gratifying to note, also, the doctor continued, that to-day instead of a deficit of $4000 there is nearly $4,500,000 of surplus in the treasury. [Cheers.] The scheme that had been formulated at the time the order had been reorganized, and which had carried it thru safely, and which had accumulated such a handsome surplus, had been slightly changed, and the rates raised slightly. Yet, notwithstanding this increase, the amount paid in by the members of the Independent Order of Foresters is only two-thirds of that asked by any reputable company doing business to-day. [Cheers.] And even if the rates were low, the doctor added, the surplus was still increasing.

A Great Missionary.

Then again, he explained, the order had converted the insurance world. An eminent actuary in England had been approached, and, even tho he had been offered a large fee, he did not seem inclined to accept an important position with the I.O.F. However, after carefully going into the system, he soon became converted, and he has now become a member of the order. He admits it is the best system known. An able article in a British magazine, and re-printed in The I.O.F. Journal, paid a tribute to the sound financial basis upon which the I.O.F. stood, and since then eminent actuaries have investigated it, and they hold similar opinions.

Appealed to Men.

The work of Independent Forestry was a great work, Dr. Oronhyatekha went on, and courted the inquiry of every loyal, honest man. The order numbered among its members such distinguished men as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Mr. Tarte, and, in spite of all that had been read about the last-mentioned, he was personally one of the best fellows in the world. In other countries men of equal rank and importance were found in the ranks of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Work of the Order.

In concluding, Dr. Oronhyatekha said: "The work of Independent Forestry is a grand, noble work, and, altho I may not live to see the day, the time will come when it will be the only system for the masses, the only system for those who are not able to pay the high premiums charged by other companies." [Cheers.]

Was There Unofficially.

Hon. Dr. Montague, after expressing the very great pleasure he felt at being present, said that he was there unofficially; he held no office, and was just an ordinary, everyday Forester, like the rest of them. Continuing, he said that the great Independent Order of Foresters had for its main object the protection of the wife and the protection of the children of its deceased members, and should, therefore, have the hearty assistance of wives, of daughters, of sisters and of sweethearts.

Canada's Institutions.

During the last 25 years, the speaker went on, Canadians might well be proud of the growth of the institutions in their country. These institutions had established Canada's reputation for stability abroad, and among them ought to be reckoned the Independent Order of Foresters, whose home is in Toronto. It was the practice of those in public life, Dr. Montague said, to be always looking for statistics that would tend to show the progress that was being made in the country. Taking the figures regarding insurance, it would be seen that in 1874, foreign companies did four times as much business as Canadian companies in Canada; but, in 1899, Canadian companies did three and one-half times as much as foreign companies. [Cheers.]

Plenty of Room.

There was no jealousy between the Independent Order of Foresters and the old line companies, the speaker maintained. There was plenty of room for both of them, and there should be the kindliest of feelings existing between the old line companies and the fraternal organizations, because the latter gave them a great deal more than they took away from them. Fraternal societies had met with every success, he continued, as was shown by the fact that there had only been six failures among fraternal societies, while fully 40 old stock companies have failed, and carried want and misery in their train. The lesson to be drawn from this was to carefully select a company, and see that it was sound financially before taking out a policy. Many marvelous things had been done in this age, but there were some things that could not be done, and one of them was to devise a scheme that would permit of a man to receive $1 a day and spare $1.50. Another was to get a scheme so that insurance companies could pay out more than they got in, and still retain their stability and reliability. The Independent Order of Foresters promised great things, but it promised nothing of this sort; it promised nothing but what it could safely and satisfactorily carry out. [Cheers.]

Rates All Right.

At the great Fraternal Congress, held some time ago in the United States, a scale of rates was made out. Mr. Hunter, the able Superintendent of Insurance, also made out a scale, and, while they differed slightly, they agreed in the main. The rates charged by the Independent Order of Foresters were shown in comparison, to be perfectly safe, and the order was shown to be carrying on its business in a safe, conservative way. It was not their object to have present success alone, but their object was to attain future success and permanency.

A Word for the Chief.

The speaker next paid a tribute to the ability and sterling worth of the distinguished Chief of the Order, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and also of the men whom he was surrounded by. He next explained that while the Order was in a flourishing condition it had been deemed advisable to raise the rates slightly, so that no shadow of a doubt could be entertained as to its great financial strength. The order was the only fraternal insurance institution that had received a special license from the Dominion Government, and this, in itself, was a recommendation to be envied. The Independent Order of Foresters had been laughed at by some as being a mushroom institution. The people who laughed did not know any better. The order had a larger reserve as a guarantee to their policyholders than 13 old line insurance companies that he might mention. [Cheers.]

Incident of Management.

Dr. Montague recited an incident that showed the splendid way in which the order was being managed. The death rate as compared with the old line companies', was a great deal lower, and this proved that the greatest care was exercised in taking risks, and it showed also that Canada's young and robust manhood made up its membership.

A Special License.

Parliament, Dr. Montague went on, was not ashamed of it, when it granted the I.O.F. a special license. When the order made an application afterwards to ratify the original act, and have their influence widened, it gave them what they asked for without a word of discussion in the House. [Cheers.]

Troubles of the Poor.

Speaking to the younger people present, Dr. Montague gave them a word of advice. He drew a vivid pen picture of the troubles caused by improvidence, and told of the suffering and want that widows and orphans experienced by reason of their husbands neglecting to provide, or, rather, leaving them unprovided for. To those who made the excuse that they were too poor to join the Independent Order of Foresters, the speaker said it was no excuse at all; they could surely put by five cents a day, and this would secure for their family a policy of $1000. Everybody liked to own their own home, and if a person came to them and offered them a house worth $2000at death if the taxes were paid, they would gladly accept, and think they had been generously dealt with. But the Independent Order of Foresters did more than this, and the premiums they charged would be less than the taxes, and they would get $2000 in cash instead of in real estate, which was a great deal better.

Marvelous Success.

The first thing that strikes a person about the Independent Order of Foresters, Dr. Montague said, was the marvelous success that it has met with. Then, it surely was clear to all that if it is successful, it must be managed on good, sound business principles; otherwise it could not have attained that success. Not only in Canada, but wherever the banner of the order has been planted, a license has never been refused after its system has been looked into. [Cheers.] That, to the speaker's mind, was enough evidence that the order was perfectly safe, and he thought it was enough for his hearers. [Cheers.]

Ranger Wilson.

High Chief Ranger Wilson of Central Ontario followed in a brief speech, in which he clearly set forth the many advantages that a member of the Independent Order of Foresters had. He traced the growth of the order and pointed out the wonderful strides it had made. Daily it was increasing in strength, and applications were continually being received. In closing he told his hearers how important it was that their loved ones should be protected from want, and there was no better way than to leave them a policy in the Independent Order of Foresters. It was their bounden duty to have their lives insured, and the order of which Dr. Oronhyatekha was head offered more inducements than any institution in existence.

A vote of thanks, on motion of W. P. Bull, was passed to the chairman, and "God Save the Queen" closed the proceedings.

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POLICEMEN CAN DISAGREE

Constables John Welch and Fred Sanderson Must Have Had Some Trouble.

SANDERSON MAY LOSE HIS EYE

As the Result of an Argument With Welch—Commissioners Will Investigate.

The Toronto Board of Police Commissioners, at their regular meeting to be held this afternoon, will probably be called upon to conduct a searching investigation into all the circumstances leading up to a quarrel which occurred between Constables John Welch and Fred Sanderson early on Friday morning last. As a result of the quarrel Constable Sanderson is now confined to his home, and the doctors fear that he may lose the sight of his right eye.

Both policemen are attached to the Wilton-avenue Station, and last week performed night duty, being relieved at 4 o'clock.

On Friday morning the two policemen left the station together on their bicycles, intending to ride home. When the two officers reached Queen and Parliament-streets Constable Sanderson was riding in front of Constable Welch, called to him to slacken his speed. Sanderson did slow up, with the result that the front wheel of Welch's bicycle struck the hind wheel of the other bicycle, and Welch was thrown to the pavement.

When Sanderson noticed what had happened, he jumped from his bicycle and went back to see if Welch was hurt. The latter, it is said, then raised a quarrel, and one word led to another, until it is asserted Welch brutally attacked Sanderson, striking him in the eye with some instrument he held in his hand. Sanderson was dazed by the blow, and fell in a semi-unconscious condition on the roadway. Welch, it is alleged, then attempted to follow up the assault by kicking the prostrate man, but was prevented, it is said, by two employes of the Toronto Railway Company who were passing at the time.

The railway employes summoned Constable Charlton, who assisted the injured man into Dr. Greig's surgery, and reported the facts of the assault to his superior officers.

According to the information in the possession of the authorities, Constable Welch is alleged to have had his "billy" or his steel handcuffs in his hand when the injury to Sanderson's eye was inflicted.

The investigation into this case may be extended so as to include two other fights between policemen, one of which occurred at Esther and Queen-streets, and the other in No. 4 Station some time ago.

BURIAL OF MRS. SPENCER.

Many Sorrowing Friends Attended the Obsequies of a Most Respected Lady—Mr. Jose Buried.

Many sorrowing friends attended the funeral of Mrs. M. A. Spencer, wife of Mr. Rupert Spencer, 22 Concord-avenue, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Canon Broughall conducted the religious service at the house, and at the grave in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The death of Mrs. Spencer occurred last Thursday night after an illness of short duration. She was 63 years of age, and had lived in the northwest end of Toronto for nearly 40 years. Mrs. Spencer was the model of a motherly woman, and her kindness and generosity were well known to hundreds of friends. She was everyone's friend and nobody's enemy, and, altho no public announcement was made of her demise, the remains were viewed regretfully by a very large number of sorrowing citizens. The floral tributes were more than enough to cover the coffin, and were very beautiful. Deceased leaves a husband, four daughters and a son, as well as several grandchildren, to mourn.

The Late Joseph H. Jose.

The funeral of the late Joseph H. Jose, Toronto's oldest chorister, took place yesterday afternoon. At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Moss, 260 Chestnut-street, a short service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Braine, curate of Holy Trinity Church, in the presence of a number of friends. At the conclusion of the service the remains were conveyed to Holy Trinity Church, and placed in the chancel. A full choral service was held, after which the rector, Rev. John Pearson, delivered the sermon. The interment took place in St. James' Cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the casket, including wreaths from the choir and congregation of Holy Trinity Church and from the employes of the Sanford Manufacturing Company, with which Mr. Richard Jose is connected.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club will hold their annual smoker at the town clubhouse on Saturday night, Dec. 22. The talent will consist of club members, with a few professionals to help it along. Among those down to contribute will be Harry Bennett, Drummond, Soudan and the Bohemian Quartet.

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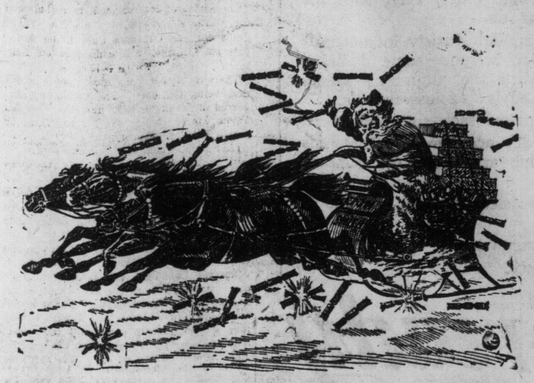

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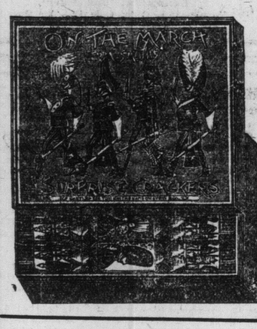

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At 30c You get a good old Santa Claus box, full of the Christmas sentiment. Bright and lots of glitter. Another, at the same price, shows various Scotch plaids, and contains little novel bits of jewelry.

At 35c It's a Santa Claus box, in rich crimson pink and gold colors. Cupid decorations, contains toys and fancy paper headdress and original love mottoes. This is one of a dozen more, just as attractive, at this price.

At 45c A pretty box, representing outdoor sports, such as football, cycling, skating, fishing, etc., and containing miniature toys.

At 1.25 A very choice box (½ doz.) the "Clover Fan" box. The crackers are fan-shaped; contain jewelry, and the fan-making royal salute, and makes a very artistic table decoration.

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At 75c One pretty box is the "Comical Waits Cracker," prettily boxed and decorated, and contains musical instruments and other novelties. Another dainty line, at 75 cents, is the box of crepe violet crackers, and another, "Ye Old British Lion."

At 85c There's the Pansy box, with its caps and conundrums; "Old English Crackers," with their old English masquerade costumes.

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HANDLING FREIGHT NOW.

Rutland Canadian Railroad is Open But Not Yet for Passenger Traffic.

Plattsburgh, N.Y., Dec. 17.—After many delays, caused principally by snowstorms, freight is being handled on the new branch of the Rutland Canadian Railroad, extending from Burlington, Vt., to Rouse's Point, N.Y., a distance of 42 miles. Passenger traffic will not be begun for two or three weeks yet. The Chateauguay Railroad have decided to continue next spring the laying of a third rail on their road from Cadyville to Dannemora, thus making it a standard gauge as well as a narrow gauge road from Plattsburgh to Dannemora, a distance of 18 miles.

Mr. W. T. Giles, general manager of the Newcombe Piano Co., while alighting from his carriage on Sunday afternoon, fell and fractured his ankle. He will be confined to his home for several weeks.

At the Toronto.

"Midnight in Chinatown," a scenic production in four acts, is the current attraction at the Toronto Opera House this week. The story is an exciting one, and the immense audience that witnessed the initial performance last night were thrilled. They felt sorry for the heroine and hero, and mentally hurled imprecation after imprecation at the head of the villain, who, by the way, was an unusually bad and much-hated villain, and if he had been around the door when the gods got out he would not have been able to attend for the rest of the week.

The company playing "Midnight in Chinatown" is a strong one, and the mechanical and electrical effects are splendid. There are some clever vaudeville interpolations by Newell and Niblo, instrumentalists; Albion Brothers, acrobats and comedians; Miss De Forrest, warbler and singer, in operatic selections, and Master Lawrence, the boy soprano, and they form a very pleasing feature of the show. It's a good show, as the house's patrons declare.