

was a Canadian of whom Canada should be proud. A great poet had said, 'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.' Dr. Oronhyatekha would long live in the hearts of those who owed so much to the Order he had carried through dangers to such a successful place. (Cheers.) But he was sure that they wished him long to live and to carry on the work. (Cheers.) The work of fraternal insurance was only in its infancy, and, as far as Independent Forestry was concerned, there was no reason why it should not, since it was planted almost all over the world, yet reach a point of success in distant Australia and in European lands, equal to the point which it has reached in Canada and the United States of America."

He was glad to meet upon the platform the Hon. Mr. Stevenson, of Detroit. Mr. Stevenson was born a Canadian, and they were glad of his success. He was true to the country of which he was a citizen, and he was sure he was proud of the soil from which he sprang. A man who forgot the country where he was born was not apt to be a good citizen of his adopted country. Mr. Stevenson was proud of both, and the presence of such able Canadians among the citizens of the neighbouring country was a perpetual bond of good-will. (Cheers.)

"The Parliament of Canada had put its approval upon the Independent Foresters, upon their methods and system, by giving them a special Act of Incorporation, and they must remember that in every land where courts were being established—in the United States, in England, in France, in Sweden, and our sister colonies—the insurance departments all satisfied themselves as to the system and financial standing of the society before giving them licenses for operation. That they had always been licensed was the strongest testimony in that behalf. (Applause.) The national view of this society should not be forgotten—existing in the Colonies and the Mother Land, it was a strong influence in gathering the parts of the Empire closer together. Existing in foreign lands as well, it was bound to make for universal peace and concord among the nations." (Loud cheers.)

MR. MACGILLIVRAY SPEAKS.

Rev. Alex. MacGillivray, of Toronto, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, was introduced by the Chairman as a typical Forester—one that represented the physical, intellectual, and moral strength of the Order.

Mr. MacGillivray, in a short speech, dwelt on the fraternal aspects of the Order. In an Order that gave monetary benefits of high value, there was danger of overlooking the less material but valuable social and fraternal benefits. In a recent visit to the far West of our Dominion it was particularly gratifying to him to find members of the Order extending to brothers from the east, or from whatever direction they came, that fraternal greeting always welcome, but specially precious when one was far from home. In the past few weeks cases had come under his notice that showed conclusively how faithfully the principles of the Order were carried out. In Fort William he was privileged to call upon a brother that was on the disability list. During a long illness the brother received many tokens of the regard and sympathy of his brethren. The testimony of the wife of the afflicted brother, that 'the Foresters was the best friend she had in the world, the \$500 they

had received was to them a great blessing," was the best evidence of the good work done by the I.O.F. in Sault Ste Marie; at a meeting of the Court in that growing town, he heard read a letter from the widow of a deceased brother who was taken ill and died in Sault Ste. Marie, away from his family and home. The letter of the widow spoke in feeling and grateful terms of the kindness of the members to her loved one in his sickness, and their respect for him in death. In sickness their visits were frequent and helpful, and in death everything was done that regard could suggest. Benefits and deeds such as these touched their hearts, and appealed to the sympathies of all. Wives and mothers could not deny their support to an Order that did so much for husbands and sons. In several places that the speaker had visited he spoke of visits to afflicted brothers in hospitals, made at the suggestion of, and in company with members of the Order. The Order in its principles, aims, work, and management merited the high confidence it enjoyed.

AN OVATION FOR DR. ORONHYATEKHA.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, as he stepped to the front of the platform, was tendered an ovation which continued for some minutes, and which reached a climax when the entire audience arose to its feet and joined voices in singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The Supreme Ranger several times essayed to speak, but each attempt was the signal for renewed applause. He had, therefore, to content himself with bowing his acknowledgments, until, after several minutes, order was restored. His address was characterized by his usual happy delivery, and was continually punctuated with applause. He said:

"Mr. Chairman, High Chief Ranger, ladies and gentleman, I am unfortunately on this occasion in a very different position from the worthy High Chief Ranger. He has told you that he is at a loss to know for what purpose he has been placed on the programme. I am in an altogether different position. I know why I am here—it is because of my good looks. The gentlemen who have preceded and are to follow are eloquent speakers in every sense of the term, as well as practical, earnest Foresters, who in the past have done noble work for Forestry. In Hon. Dr. Montague we have one of the most eloquent Canadian statesmen, and in the Hon. E. G. Stevenson, of Detroit, we have one of the most eminent and fluent public men in the United States. As I have said, I have been put on the programme for my good looks and my common sense. (Laughter and cheers.) The others are the orators. And now, as I have shown myself to you, I will detain you only for a few minutes, which I must do in order to carry out my reputation as a man of common sense. I cannot sit down, however, without telling you a little of the history of our noble Order. Some of the brethren here will recall my first visit to Owen Sound, sixteen years ago, when I came here to organize Court Northern Light. I well remember the visit. I required to be at about 4 o'clock in the morning, leaving instructions to be called immediately before train-time. The porter called me an hour in advance, and, after driving me to the station, left me to my own resources to wait till the departure of the train. I was tired, cold and cross, and the incident had ever served to keep me in fond remembrance of Owen Sound. Will you permit me now to briefly review the progress of Inde-