

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

day in the history of Court Woodstock, No. 69, Independent Order of Foresters. It was the occasion of a visit of the Supreme Court Officers, Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha and Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray. In the evening between 300 and 400 people, principally gentlemen, although a few ladies were present, assembled in the town hall to hear the system and workings of the I. O. F. fully explained by the visiting officers. Both gentlemen gave an able exposition of the advantages and benefits to be derived by a membership in the Order and were listened to with marked attention. Mayor Karn occupied the chair. At the conclusion of Dr. Oronhyatekha's address, Brother A. McCleneghan moved a vote of thanks to the speakers which was seconded by Brother John Long, and carried unanimously. The Order here is increasing in membership, for the reason that the advantages afforded members are fully equal, if not superior to those offered by any like society. —*Woodstock Sentinel Review*.

At Buffalo, N. Y.

Courts Buffalo and Niagara, Independent Order of Foresters, tendered a reception to Dr. Oronhyatekha of Toronto, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order, last evening, (Monday, 30th January) at their rooms in the Lewis block.

To a representative of the *Courier*, who was introduced to Doctor by Judge Stern, Chief Ranger of the Court, the distinguished visitor said:

"You are very welcome, for the *Courier* is an old friend of mine, and I'm always glad to meet its representatives.

"Our Order had its birth in Newark, N. J., in 1874, and is an off-shoot of the Ancient Order of Foresters of the old country. We are just beginning to branch out in Western New York, having two Courts in Buffalo, three in Rochester, and two others about to be established.

"The financial condition of the Order is all we can desire, as we now have a cash surplus of \$188,000.

"A High Court will be established shortly, and the organization of this will take place either in Buffalo or Rochester.

"It may be of interest to you to know that we have paid out between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in benefits on account of deaths caused by the grippe.

"To be brief, our Order is daily increasing in membership and in point of strength, and this of course is very gratifying to the management."

A little later Chief Ranger Stern introduced Dr. Oronhyatekha to the audience assembled in the large parlor, and he gave a very interesting talk, which was a pleasant combination of anecdote and fact relative to his Order. Close attention and liberal applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. —*Buffalo Courier*.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

A large number of the members of Courts Buffalo and Niagara of the Independent Order of Foresters gathered at the Forester's Hall in the Lewis Block last night to tender an informal reception to their Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha of Toronto. Judge Jacob Stern opened the exercises with a brief address of welcome to the distinguished visitor, who in turn spoke at some length, his remarks bearing chiefly on the Order of Foresters and its benefits. At the close of this portion of the programme an adjournment was taken to a parlor at The Iroquois, where the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, light refreshments being served.

Dr. Oronhyatekha is an Indian. * * * He was one of the early members of the Independent Order of Foresters, and his work for the benefit of this Order resulted in his being chosen Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order, which has a membership of over 18,000 in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Oronhyatekha found his duties in this position so exacting that he has been obliged to give up the practice of his profession. He is a pleasant talker, and were it not for the dark tint of his skin no one would imagine that he was an Indian. His accent is more that of an Englishman. It is his intention, he said, to organize a High Court of the Order for this State, in Buffalo, about 1st March. This will call a convention of Foresters to this city at that time. In the meantime he is going to Rochester and several other cities on an organizing expedition. —*Buffalo Express*.

At Rochester, N. Y.

This is a gala day with the Independent Order of Foresters. At 11.20 a.m., Friday, 31st January, Dr Oronhyatekha of Toronto, Ont., Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order, arrived at the New York Central depot. He was welcomed by a large delegation of Foresters, and escorted to a carriage drawn by six white horses. The delegates entered hacks and the distinguished visitor was shown about the city. The names of the reception