

"Rules of Order," after which appear only Forms and a Summary of the Ontario "Insurance Law for the guidance of members and recorders."

There is nothing corresponding to a division into "Constitution" and "By-laws," and I think the remainder of the provisions in the volume are the "Constitution"—and correspond to what is called "Rules" in R. S. O. 1897 ch. 211, sec. 12: "Constitution" in same stat. sec. 7 (2).

In this Constitution, sec. 63, a tariff is set out of the amount to be paid monthly by each member by way of assessment—the table runs from \$0.74 per thousand at the age of 16, to \$2.69 at the age of "49 and over." This assessment corresponds to the premium payable for a life insurance—and failure to pay it voids the insurance of the member.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge holden at Toronto June 21st, 1912, that body purported to change the tariff by increasing the monthly assessment for those over the age of 49—at each additional year there was made a small additional tax so that at 65 the amount payable was \$5.60.

The plaintiffs are persons affected by that change and bring their action to restrain the order from taking any proceedings under the pretended amendment.

They now ask for an interim injunction.

The Court is always loath to interfere in the domestic concerns of these Orders or Societies, deeming it best that they should govern themselves; but in a proper case a member is entitled to have the Order compelled to do him justice. Here, if the plaintiffs fail to pay the amounts which they claim to be wrongfully demanded of them, they run the danger of losing the benefit of an insurance which they have kept up for years and which may be a great part of their provision for those near and dear to them—and I think they are entitled to have the matter passed upon by the Court.

There are several objections urged against the amendment—only one of which I specially consider as I think that alone sufficient to dispose of the case.

The clause in the Constitution which governs is as follows:—

"169. Amendments. Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting of Grand Lodge by vote of two-thirds of the entire number to which members present at such meeting are entitled.