

after this part of the business, and the institution that shows a low percentage of expenses to the income and the amount of insurance done will grow in popularity. In this respect the I.O.F. compares favorably with any insurance company or any fraternal insurance society in the world. None can make a better showing.

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The Directors of Canada's Great Industrial Fair, recognizing the importance of the triennial meeting of the Supreme Court I.O.F. in Toronto during the Exhibition, have generously donated \$200 to be given in prizes among Drilled Uniformed Corps. These prizes are open to all societies and will be competed for on the Exhibition Grounds on Wednesday, 31st August. That there will be keen competition and a pretty sight for all observers goes without saying. Will the first prize be won by Canadians, or will it go to our American brethren?

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Many of the courts throughout the United States have passed resolutions expressive of sincere appreciation and thanks for the action of the Executive Committee, as set forth in Circular No. 13, respecting the enlistment of brother Foresters for service in the Spanish-American war. Our limited space prevents the publication of these resolutions as forwarded for THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, but the Supreme Chief Ranger and other members of the Executive Committee are well pleased that their action in this matter has met with such conclusive proofs of approval everywhere throughout the Order. That the extra claims on account of the war may be few, if any, is the prayer of all Foresters around the world.

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Occasionally the question is asked, "Why is it that the Independent Foresters are such fine-looking men?" To those not already in the secret we would say, because all Foresters try to be like the Supreme Chief Ranger—one of the finest and handsomest men in the world. But there are other reasons, a few of which might be named, and no one will question the authority:

Ecclesiastes viii, 1—A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine.

Jeremiah v, 28—They are waxen fat, they shine.

Daniel xii, 3—They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

Matthew xiii, 43—The righteous shall shine forth as the sun.

Proverbs xv, xiii—A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.

We would like to publish the opinion of Toronto ladies after seeing the grand parade of the Supreme Court officers and representatives on the 31st August.

Men insure their properties against the possibilities of fire, though fire may never come. It is a wise provision, and he who does it not is regarded as foolish in the extreme. Death is sure to come sooner or later to all men. Then, why not protect one's family against the possibilities of want and penury by joining the I.O.F. and paying a small premium of insurance once a month? The money thus secured is sure to be paid sooner or later to some dear one who may be wholly dependent upon it when the bread-earner of the home is taken away. How many thousands of widows and orphans all over the land are living proofs of these things! Since 1881 the I.O.F. has paid over five million dollars to the families of deceased brothers; has never resisted payment of any just claim; and has millions to pay claims that will arise in the near and distant future.

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If you know you are too careless or indifferent to keep up your insurance, don't join the I.O.F.

If you expect to get insurance for nothing, with a chromo thrown in, don't join the I.O.F.

If you are sure you will not die, there is no use of providing for a contingency that will not happen. Don't join the I.O.F.

If you need your money for tobacco and whiskey and get your support from your family, don't join the I.O.F.

If you prefer useless luxuries for yourself to reasonable provision for your family, don't join the I.O.F.

If you are too selfish to wish any comforts to others, because you cannot enjoy them yourself, don't join the I.O.F.

If you feel good over the idea that your wife and children may be dependent on the cold charities of the world after your death, don't join the I.O.F.

But if you desire to be in the grand army of noble men, and march in the great procession of heroes in the battles of life; if you are sound in health and willing in heart; if you wish to protect your loved ones in case accident or death should suddenly overtake you, then send in your application at the earliest moment and get within the protecting circle of the I.O.F.

The Supreme Court Meeting and the Industrial Fair.

It was a happy choice to have the Supreme Court meeting and Canada's Great Exposition in Toronto at the same time. Thousands of our American friends and representative Foresters will enjoy the great events because of the specially low rates offered by the railways, while not a few will be here from across the Atlantic to represent the Motherland. Among the special attractions will