

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

To the Officers and Members of Companion Courts of the I.O.F. :

LADIES—Take notice that a Convention of the charter members and representatives from the Courts of Companions to the Supreme Court is hereby called to meet on Friday, 26th August next, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Temple Building, Toronto, Canada.

You will be glad to learn that at the recent meeting of the Executive Council of the I.O.F., held at the Foresters' Island Park (all the members of the Executive being present with the exception of the Supreme Treasurer, Brother Collins) it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Supreme Court to make Companion Courts a part of the Order, so that if carried in the Supreme Court the Companions so desiring can immediately apply for the Mortuary benefits of the Order. The right to give Sick benefits will continue to be vested in the individual Courts of Companions located outside of Canada.

A LARGE REPRESENTATION DESIRABLE.

It is extremely desirable that the Courts of Companions should be as largely represented as possible on the 26th day of August next, on which day the Convention of the Courts of Companions will be held, and a Supreme Court duly formed and completed unless the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. agrees to make the Companion Courts an integral part of the Order. If this should be done I have no doubt arrangements can be made for the initiation of the delegates from the Companion Courts into the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. as honorary members thereof.

I regret exceedingly that there are no funds at the disposal of your officers to pay the expenses of representatives to the convention, but I trust notwithstanding this there will be many of you present. It will be competent for Courts of Companions to provide for the travelling expenses of their representatives out of their funds, and I have no doubt we have many within our ranks who will attend in any event whether their expenses be paid or not.

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements have been made with the railroads covering Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Buffalo, embraced in the Central Traffic Association, to convey representatives and their friends to the Supreme Court meeting at a single fare for the round trip. You will be good enough to state at the starting point that you are a representative or visitor coming to Toronto to attend the triennial session of the Supreme Court of the I.O.F., whereupon you will be furnished with return tickets at a single fare. In the event of any station agent refusing to sell you such ticket, then buy a single ticket to Toronto and take a receipt from such agent as to such purchase of ticket.

The Trunk Line Association, covering New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia, have granted a fare and a third rate on the certificate plan. What you will require to do coming from a point within the territory of this Association will be to ask the agent to sell you a single fare ticket, furnishing you at the same time a certificate to the effect that you have purchased a ticket to Toronto as a representative to the Supreme Court, and bring

that certificate with you, which will be certified to at Toronto, enabling you to return at one-third of one fare.

The Canadian lines will furnish transportation east of Port Arthur for one fare, also on the certificate plan, so that if you are coming either on the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific, or the Intercolonial, you will have to pay full fare to Toronto and get a certificate, as above instructed, and bring the same with you to Toronto, which, when certified, will enable you to return free.

If you are travelling over two or more roads, you must get a certificate at the initial station of each road over which you are travelling.

Each Court of Companions with fifty members, or less, will be entitled to two representatives and one additional representative for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof; and any (lady) member of the Court is eligible to be elected a representative.

Faternally yours, in L., B. and C.,
ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Supreme Chief Companion.

TORONTO, Canada, 30th June, 1898.

24th Anniversary of the I.O.F.**GRAND CELEBRATION AT FORESTERS' ISLAND.****Pic-nic, Regatta, Presentation, Fireworks, and Dancing.**

The Twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the I.O.F. will long be remembered by hundreds of Foresters and their wives, sweethearts and friends who were so fortunate as to attend the celebration at Foresters' Island, in the Bay of Quinte, Lake Ontario, on Saturday 18th June. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, because of the return of the Supreme Chief Ranger a couple of days before from an extended trip to the far away eastern world, and the earnest desire of the members to see the noble Chief once again in their midst, looking robust, happy and at home among those by whom he is so much loved and honored. According to arrangement a special Grand Trunk Railway train left Union Station, Toronto, at 9 a.m., having on board as jolly and expectant a crowd as ever went a-holidaying. After a pleasant ride of four hours the island was reached and the visitors were cordially welcomed by the Supreme Chief Ranger's estimable wife and lovely daughter. There was a bright smile and a cordial handshake for everybody. Tables richly laden with the good things of life were spread out before the company and after the customary ablutions, all were seated and then began the royal feast. Mrs. Oronhyatekha and her daughter had personally superintended the preparation of the viands and the arrangement of the tables. Everything was superb. What more need be said?

Among the number who sat down to dinner were : Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger; the Hon. D. D. Aitken of Flint, Michigan, S.V.C.R.; Hon. Judge Wedderburn, of Nova Scotia, S.C.; E. Botterell, of Ottawa, P.S.C.R.; T. Milman, M.D., of Toronto, S. Phy.; Major J. A. McGillivray, Q.C., ex-M.P., S. Sec.; B. W.