

The Law Suits are Withdrawn.

When initial proceedings were taken against the Executive, in the name of a brother, who alleged he had a grievance—few believed that the suit would be pressed to an issue. There was a very general belief that it was designed to affect legislation that was then being sought, and it was also suspected that an "Italian hand" that did not appear was directing affairs. The objections of the solicitor of the complainant were heard before the Committees at Ottawa and Toronto that had to do with the I.O.F. bill. After the bill passed the Committees, and had received its third reading at Ottawa and Toronto, new light was vouchsafed to the promoters of the law-suit, and they intimated in a gracious letter their resolve to withdraw it. Their grievances had been righted by legislation, and they were happy, henceforth they would be found shoulder to shoulder with the Chief that they always admired and loved, broadening the foundations, and perfecting the superstructure of Independent Forestry. Of course the Mohawk Prince grasps the olive branch so enticingly held out to him. The tomahawk is buried—even to the handle. When Or-onhyatekha returns from the sunny south, he will have with him some fragrant tobacco. The *Calumet* will be ordered out. The camp fire will be lit, and they

"Will smoke the *Calumet*, the Peace pipe,
As a signal to the nations. (Old Liners)."

Verily peace has its victories no less than war.

The Foresters' Temple.

Work on the Foresters' Temple has been resumed and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The Executive have exchanged part of the land on Queen-street for land on Bay-street. This will admit of the Temple being built in the form of a rectangle, and with entrances on Bay and Richmond-streets. A lane of twenty feet will run on the north and west side of the building. So that it will be well lighted throughout. Already there are many enquiries for office room. That the Temple will be a good investment is conceded by those who are competent to judge. The large and growing staff of the Order is in urgent need of enlarged accommodation. Bro. Gouanlock is delighted—with additional frontage on Bay-street, and without interfering with the work done, it will enable him to complete the Temple in a much more symmetrical manner.

A Royal Foresters Encampment for Toronto.

The question is often asked why has not Toronto an Encampment of Royal Foresters? We confess our inability to give an answer. Toronto with 40 subordinate courts has more Foresters than any other city. Yet, several cities and towns with less courts and fewer Foresters have Encampments of Royal Foresters. There must be at least 100 Royal Foresters in Toronto. What is wanted is to have them organized into an Encampment. We are sure there are many who would like to join the uniformed and drilled branch of the Order. Court Military can furnish any number of instructors. Toronto the headquarters of the Order should have a first-class Encampment, and that before the dedication of the new Temple, and the meeting of the Supreme Court in 1898. Will someone move in the matter.

Dominion Elections in June.

The life of the present parliament expires on the 25th April. The probability is that the elections will be in June. Our experience of political contests is that they are intense. The voter gives his attention to the affairs of state, to the exclusion of almost everything else. Now we want the attention of all eligible non-members of the Order. We want them to become members, and at once. A right and necessary thing cannot be done too soon. It is a duty one owes to the family to protect it. The state is best served, when the interest of the family is guarded. Our members want to hustle and bring in that promised member before the election fever is on. It is of more importance that the benefits of Forestry should be widely enjoyed than whether Tories or Grits rule at Ottawa.

"Is Any Brother Out of Employment."

The above question is asked at every meeting of a subordinate Court. It is intended to be more than an empty form. We know that many courts consider it earnestly and make an honest attempt to give it when the occasion arises, a solution worthy of the fraternal spirit of the Order. True the Order cannot give work to all its unemployed members. But it can do much to mitigate the suffering of those struggling with adverse fate, and even when anything cannot