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### Foresters' Excursions.

233. (1.) Any member of the Order intending to go on a "Foresters' Excursion" by rail or steamboat, conducted under the auspices of any member or members, or of any Court or Encampment of the Order, must, before starting on such excursion, procure at his own expense an Accident Ticket for an amount at least equal to his Endowment Benefit.

(2.) Such Accident Ticket must be mailed to the Supreme Secretary before starting on such excursion.

(3.) Any member who fails to procure an Accident Ticket, and duly mail it to the Supreme Secretary as provided in the subsections (1) and (2) above, shall ipso facto stand suspended from the Order, such suspension to begin with the time he shall start upon such excursion, and shall ipso facto end with his return therefrom; provided that if he has met with any accident or has contracted any disease during such excursion, then in that case he shall not be reinstated without the consent of the Executive Council, who may, at their discretion, require a new medical examination before reinstatement.

(4.) Any member who has complied with the provisions of sub-sections one and two above, shall be entitled to receive the Sick and Funeral benefits of the Order, and also any sick benefits which may accrue from the Accident Ticket, less expense of collecting the same, and

(5.) In case of death, or total or permanent disability, the Supreme Court shall pay to the brother, or to his beneficiary or personal representative, all sums realized from the Accident Ticket over and above the amount required to pay the Total and Permanent Disability, or the Endowment Benefit held by the Brother.

The above is the new section regarding excursions, and to our mind, like all the other laws of the I. O. F., is as clear as the English language can make it. It refers only to Foresters' excursions. In some organizations we understand excursions in connection with the Order are prohibited altogether. We preferred to accord more liberty to our members. Hence the only requirement is that members take steps to secure the Order against the possibility of ruin in case of a serious accident to a Foresters' excursion party. The cost for a one day accident ticket is only 25 cents, which secures \$3,000, all of which would be paid to the beneficiary. Those therefore who hold \$1,000 insurance would receive for the 25 cents \$2,000 additional insurance, \$15 per week indemnity for 26 weeks, \$1,000 for the loss of an entire hand, \$1,000 for the loss of an entire foot, besides other benefits, so that very large and substantial benefits are secured for the member himself besides making the Order safe for the small sum of 25 cents.

It was objected by some that they could not procure accident tickets at their own stations, and also that the law was impracticable

because accident tickets could not be issued to a large party in the short time usually at one's disposal. It was said station agents would not issue accident tickets, say, for instance, the day before being used.

The Executive Committee promptly arranged with Bro. T. R. Parker to issue accident tickets a month ahead of time, if necessary. The law is a good one. It is in force. It is perfectly practicable, and will be rigidly enforced.

### History of Forestry.

#### ROYAL ORDER OF FORESTERS.

The Order of Foresters was founded in 1745, in Knarsborough, England. Originally it was called THE ROYAL ORDER OF FORESTERS; but in 1834 the name was changed to "the Ancient Order of Foresters," under which name it has lived and prospered in England, down to the present time, and has spread to the four quarters of the Globe. It gives Sick and Funeral Benefits and free Medical Attendance, but no insurance.

#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

In June, 1874, a number of the members of the Ancient Order left it, and founded the Independent Order. The only change made, however, was the addition to the benefits given by the A. O. F. of an insurance benefit of \$1,000 upon the death assessment plan.

The I. O. F. was introduced into Canada in 1876 from the U. S. A. by the formation of Court Hope, No. 1, London.

In 1878 the High Court of Ontario was duly constituted and incorporated, subject to the Supreme Court of the U. S. A.

In June, 1881, the Supreme Court in Session in New York, resolved to change the name of the Order, to the "United Order of Foresters," against the protests of the Canadian Representatives.

Towards the end of the same month, the High Court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters convened in Ottawa, and by a unanimous vote resolved not to abandon the name of the Order, but to take immediate steps to re-organize.

#### THE SUPREME COURT.

Accordingly on the 23rd July, 1881, the present Supreme Court was duly incorporated in Canada, with less than 400 paying members on its roll, and with liabilities aggregating over \$4,000 hanging over it. The Endowment Benefits were fixed at \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000, and a radical departure was made from the old beaten paths by resolving to fix a certain definite sum to be paid monthly by its members for the various benefits provided, instead of the old plan of levying assessments upon the death of members.

The progress of the Order since then is shown elsewhere, and demonstrates the popularity of the present system of the I. O. F. as then adopted.

#### THE MACHINERY OF THE ORDER.

We have a Supreme Court governing the whole Order, composed of representatives sent by the several High Courts.

Under the Supreme Court in each Province or State are High Courts, corresponding to Grand Lodges of other Societies.

Under the High Courts are the Subordinate Courts, who manage their own local affairs under the laws of the Order.

We also have a Uniformed Degree, called ROYAL FORESTERS, the uniform being surpassed by that of any other Society, being chaste and rich in the extreme, and yet the prices are within the reach of all. The degree, however, is not essential to the benefits.

### Buffalo Bill Abroad.

A LITTLE LOVE AFFAIR--WHAT THE COWBOYS THINK OF IT.

The success of "our own" Buffalo Bill—W. F. Cody—in England is very gratifying to his thousands of admirers on this side.

There was more truth than many imagined in his reply to the inquiry:

"What are you doing in England?"

"Chiefly playing poker with Duchesses."

The English nobility quickly "cottoned to" Buffalo Bill because they recognized that he belonged to a higher order than their own—Nature's nobility. Despite his wild life he early managed to acquire an education and the polish which makes him easy even in royal society.

His polish is the bitter fruit, it is said, of a young love experience. When a young man on the plains, wild, woolly, and unkempt in appearance and character, he fell in love with a dashing little school teacher. Full of pluck and faith in himself, he proposed to her. She laughed at him and he collapsed.

After a time he braced up, bought some books, and began to study.

His defeat proved his victory. The girl was his mascot, and his successes are due to her.

Magnificent specimens of manhood though they be, "Bill's boys" are not perfection. Under date: "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Co., London, Sept. 19, 1887," D. W. Shoemaker, of the Cowboy band, writes: "Some weeks ago I was suffering from great disorder of the liver and kidneys and general prostration. I was forced to quit work and take to my bed. I called in a physician, who only afforded temporary relief. A friend induced me to take Warner's safe cure, which afforded almost instant relief, and after taking three bottles, I find myself in as good health as at any time in my life."

Two other members of the Wild West show, Mawe Beardsley, pony express rider, and Jim Mitchell, a cowboy, add to this statement of Shoemaker's that in their long experience on the plains, from change of water, climate, and mode of life, and severe riding, they become subject to liver and kidney diseases, and they have found a sure remedy for these troubles in Warner's safe cure. Mawe Beardsley says: "I constantly recommend it to my friends."

Buffalo Bill has pluck and courage and hard sense, and not only controls all the wild elements that make up the Wild West show, but controls himself.

His experience as a scout makes him wary, discreet and shrewd. He quickly learns the best way to secure results, and, like a true man, has no prejudices against anything that proves its merits.

Buffalo Bill is so popular in England he may come home a "Sir William." But if not, he will probably enjoy himself quite as well, having secured a fortune ample enough for all his wants, title or no title.

### Decisions on Points of Law.

Oronhyatekha, M.D., S.C.R. I.O.F., London Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Will you kindly decide the following questions as soon as convenient and settle a doubt.

1st. Do the sick and funeral benefits vary in proportion to the amount of insurance carried? i. e., would a person carrying one thousand dollars and sick benefits receive five dollars per week; one carrying two thousand, ten dollars per week; and one carrying three thousand fifteen dollars?