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1. Send all matter relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestry law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.
2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, Temple Building, Toronto, Can.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover, as per special instructions.
5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 2, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.
6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.
7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each beneficiary member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Recording Secretary in bundles for distribution among the members.
8. Recording Secretaries should immediately notify the Manager, Dan. A. Rose, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and address in full
 - When a member is initiated.
 - When a member is suspended.
 - When a member withdraws from the court.
 - When a member changes his address.
 - When a member joins a court by card.
 - When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

The Accumulated Funds or Surplus on the 31st of January, 1900, stood at \$3,851,728.66.

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Bro. the Hon. Romeo H. Freer is one of the "Committee of Nine" on the case of Roberts the Mormon.

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"The average fraternal organizer is an honest, cultured gentleman, far too manly to stoop to de-

ceit and too sagacious to resort to misrepresentation or mis-statements."—*The Loyal Guard*.

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Grand Ruler W. J. Greenfield, of the Royal Society of Good Fellows, is also a member of the I.O.F.

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The Independent Order of Foresters owns its own building, which is one of the finest in the city of Toronto, and indeed may be called the best office building of that city. This was an achievement of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and is evidence of the solid wealth of the Order.

In that building has been erected a life-sized statue in bronze of the man who was responsible for the resuscitation and advance of the fraternity. But a far more lasting memorial of him is the fraternity itself, which will probably outlast the statue and the building, since it is founded upon sound principles and has been conducted with such sagacity and prudence that its future seems assured.—*National Underwriter*.

Working Organizations.

The continued rise of the Forestry spirit is marked not more by the rapid accession to our ranks from the outside public than by the number of organizations that are being started within our doors for the purpose of facilitating the good of the Order. The objects sought by these organizations are not to legislate for the Order, or otherwise usurp the functions of the Supreme and High Courts, but to co-operate with the Supreme and High Officers and Organizers in the work of bringing in new members, and instructing old ones in the principles, rights and duties of Independent Forestry.

For the benefit of those residing in places where no form of working organization exists outside of the Court itself—and a Court is itself a pretty lively organizer—for their benefit we may give an idea of some of these auxiliary bodies.

COURTS OF INSTRUCTION.

For example, they have in London, England, what is known as the Court of Instruction. The objects of this Court are to exemplify the ceremonial work with the view of instructing individual members and such subordinate Courts as shall desire its assistance, and to develop the Fraternal Principles of the Order. It meets monthly. All members in good standing of the I.O.F. are eligible to attend its meetings; but the officers are chosen from the subscribers who pay 2s. 6d. per annum (sixty cents). The officers are a Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary, and are supplemented by a Deputy Preceptor and Assistant Secretary. The Preceptor looks after the ceremonies and advises on the ritual.

The procedure is as follows:—Every meeting a