

make the "policy" nearly perpetual. They are a pair of silly schemes and will amount to nothing. British caution is not what we have been taught to believe it is if any will be taken in by such illusions.

### The Mail List.

On October 1st, copies of the mail list for the INDEPENDENT FORESTER were sent to all the Court Deputies for correction, many of whom have not as yet replied. This likely accounts for complaints reaching us. At your next meeting see that the corrected list be sent at once.

### Thanksgiving.

The United States and Canada gave thanks on the same day, Nov. 28th, this year. The coincidence was a pleasing one to many. Though separate, and likely to remain so politically, the two countries have much in common socially and commercially. The people speak the same language, worship the one God, and hold as their common heritage what is great and good in the history of the past. The future must surely see both countries dwelling side by side in peace and friendship, rejoicing in one another's prosperity. The great fraternal Orders that have tens of thousands of members in each country are doing much to bind more closely in the bonds of Benevolence and Concord the two communities. They are practically saying: "Let there be no strife between us, for we be brethren." The only provocation they encourage is provocation to love and good work. In the "Thanksgiving" of the 28th November gratitude and hope mingled. Gratitude for mercies received and blessings enjoyed. Hope by reason of brightening times, better prices, higher wages, increased work. Independent Foresters the world over were thankful for a year of unparalleled progress, and an outlook without a cloud and full of the brightest promise.

### The Supreme Chief Ranger.

After a month's absence in California and Illinois, the Chief returned to headquarters about the end of October. On his way home he addressed in Chicago the largest gathering ever held there under Forcetric auspices. An interesting account of it, copied from a Chicago paper, will be found in another column. The result of the Chief's aggressive policy in Illinois is evidenced by the rapid

spread of the Order in that State. For September the applications for membership were more numerous than from any other state or province. For October, Illinois is a good second, with some 205 applications. The effect of his tour among some of the courts of California is apparent in 185 applications for October, to be followed, we understand, by a still larger increase for November. For the 17th, 18th and 19th November he was in attendance at the Fraternal Congress in Louisville, Kentucky. On the 1st inst. he leaves for Nova Scotia. He is booked for a public meeting at Halifax for December 3rd. While in the Maritime Provinces he will direct the efforts of the organizers there with a view to taking full advantage of the increasing interest of the community in the I.O.F. as a first-class Fraternal Insurance Society.

While in Toronto, the Chief gives a great deal of attention to the "Temple" building that is rapidly progressing and nearing completion.

That his labors are abundant and effective is manifest. And no one will question how unreservedly he gives his time and ability to the Order that has so long honored him with its implicit confidence.

### "Good Will Toward Men."

"To do good and to communicate, forget not" is an apostolic precept that has not lost any of its force with the flight of the years. Man's noblest dower is "the privilege of doing," especially for the unfortunate and the poor. We are nearing the great festival of Christendom when humanity will be commemorating the birth of Him who gave Himself. It will be a time of family reunions, and for the giving and receiving of gifts and kindly greetings. Good wishes will be heard from all lips, good-will will be in every heart, and the world will put on for a brief season the freshness of youth. The spirit of the Great Giver will be moving people everywhere to remember the poor, and many will be the efforts to bring hope and happiness to sad and lonely hearts. Those who will do this, will, beyond a doubt, be happier than those who found their pleasure in receiving, and passed by the greater pleasure of giving. Among our 100,000 members there will doubtless be some on whom adversity will press heavily. Let them have some token of our good will. Over two thousand brothers have joined the innumer-