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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.

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7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each 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 Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.

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- 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.

All members of the Order, when writing to Headquarters, are respectfully requested to give the name and number of their Court, in every letter, as well as the name of their Province, State or Country. In a large percentage of the letters received these important requisites are omitted, and the waste of time at the Head Office hunting for this information, before such letters can be answered, is so great that we are forced to make this request urgently. Don't ask us to reply to you personally when you write on matters connected with your Court. All communications from Headquarters, in connection with the business of the Court, must, according to the Constitutions and Laws, be sent to the Court Deputy. The Supreme Officers have no option in the matter.

Notes.

Surplus, Jan. 31st, 1898, \$2,611,155.24.

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Membership first January, 1898, was 124,685.

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For January the Surplus increased \$52,372.-46.

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That friend of yours to whom you spoke of joining the I.O.F. last month needs being seen again. Keep at him till he joins.

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Bravo, Quebec! To lead all jurisdictions for January is a distinction to be coveted, and of which the province on the St. Lawrence may well be proud.

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Michigan was third for January, with 162. The year is past, and Michigan follows and does not lead Quebec; but then there is no telling what 1898 may bring.