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## Editorial.

### Notes.

September is the month to resume active work. \*\*

The summer is past; now for the fall campaign. \*\*

Hard times do not affect the growth of the I.O.F. \*\*

Push things. The best machinery accomplishes nothing without motive power. \*\*

Don't wait for better times. The best time to join the Order is now. Bring in your friends. \*\*

For a new year's gift to the membership, we want to announce a surplus on the 1st of January, 1897, of \$2,000,000. \*\*

Look out for the announcement that the membership is 100,000. Do your part, and by next month the coveted figure will not only be reached, but passed. \*\*

Quite a number of High Courts have recently held their annual meetings. Proceedings are reported elsewhere. The new officers will doubtless strive not only to equal but surpass the record of their predecessors. \*\*

Now for a "bonnie" race between Quebec and Michigan. At last account Quebec had 10,298 members, and Michigan, 10,070—a difference of only 228 in favor of Quebec. The western rival has of late been gaining on Quebec. \*\*

The I.O.F. is known among fraternal societies as a "young men's Order." It may well claim the title. The average age of the membership is less than 35 years, and has been so for several years. It has been kept

1. Send all matters relating to the INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Foresteric 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, 39 Yonge-street, Toronto, Can.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Report and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports, should be sent together in one cover.
5. 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.
6. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Financial Secretary sends a list of members, arranged alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, 25 Wellington-street W., Toronto. Until such list is received, the papers will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
7. Financial Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name 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, or
  - When a member joins a court by card.
  - When a member is reinstated.