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Higher Rates for
I. O. F. Members

Toronto.—When the Supreme Court of Independent Order of Foresters meets in June it will ratify an increase in rates, and a rescinding of charges to members dating prior to 1899 that will materially affect the great bulk of the 260,000 members of the order.

The new members will be put on the scale of charges of the National Congress Fraternal Table, which will be on the average some increase over the rates in rates put in force by the I. O. F. in the year 1898, and that became operative in 1899.

But by far the most striking change will be that affecting present charges to the older members that came into the order prior to 1899. Their dues will be rescinded, and in every instance those of older age will be asked to pay either in a lump sum, or in another way, enough to bring them up to date in comparison with what the rates charged for at that age by the order are now.

It will be remembered that the proposed insurance bill introduced legislation which I. O. F. officials say meant that the old members and new members should have to be separated, the funds from one class not being available for the other, each to create its own reserve, which meant the ruin of the order. A protest was made, and the Dominion government, under whose charter the order exists, has agreed to stay drastic measures if the order and other fraternal orders will do their own housecleaning.

That the Supreme Court in June will be asked to ratify the change in rates was confirmed today by Assistant Supreme Chief Ranger Harper.

It was explained that many of the old members who have been getting insurance for a remarkably low rate, based on the scale in force before 1899, and even that rate, are well able to pay more than they are now paying, while some are not able to increase their monthly dues. Those who are not able will pay the old rate but for less insurance. That is to say, the face value of their policy will be materially decreased.

One example is enough to show the older members what the plan has now matured for ratification in June, and which will be in operation probably in July next, involves.

A member of the order that came in at 28 in the year 1888, to secure a policy for \$2,000 would pay \$1.68 per month under the scale then in force. The present rate on \$1,000—half the sum—for a member at the age 38 is \$1.68 and a mathematical calculation will show that the old member's dues would today buy, instead of \$2,000, only \$1,076.93 of the insurance. Based on the rates now in force, the member has to his credit, therefore, insurance of \$923.70 for which he is not paying.

The plan is to rate him for charges on his present age, on the theory that all along he has been getting too cheap insurance. The member whose case is being illustrated would be in the present year 59 years of age.

The present rate in vogue in the order for \$1,000 at the age of 59 is \$6.43 per month.

and then he would go on paying at a new assessment scale.

There can be little doubt that the mass of old members will take it as a hardship that after paying for years for insurance at a fixed scale, that now they will be asked to pay a much larger monthly assessment, but officials of the order say such a change is necessary to keep the order in existence, and some such step would be taken whether the government had stepped in or not.

A great many of the older members in poor financial circumstances would have to drop their insurance, if the increase was contemplated without the option of having their insurance reduced.

Are You Subject to Colds?
Then don't load your stomach with cough syrups. Send healing medication through the nostrils—send it into the passages that are subject to colds and catarrh. Easy to do with Catarrh-zone, which cures a cold in ten minutes. Even to the lungs goes the healing vapor of Catarrh-zone—all through the bronchial tubes, nostrils and air passages—everywhere a trace of disease remains will Catarrh-zone follow. You'll not have colds, nor will you suffer from sniffles, bronchitis or throat trouble if Catarrh-zone is used. Get it to-day, 25 cts. and \$1.00 at all dealers.

The American Armada.
London, March 13.—The announcement that the American battleship fleet will return from the Pacific to the Atlantic by the way of the Suez Canal has created the greatest interest among naval officers here who are anxious to see the American vessel and observe the effects of the long cruise upon them.

The news of the cruise homeward was received to-day to get an official opinion, but a prominent naval officer suggested that the government should send an invitation to the battleships to come to England, or if that should be impossible, for them to make an official call at some British port en route home. There will be opportunities for British officers to show courtesies to the officers of the fleet during its visit to Australia, at coaling stations and other points, but these naturally will be on a small scale compared with what will be done here. The battleships come to England or stop at Malta or Gibraltar.

Should the Americans fail to come to England, Malta would be the better place to entertain them, for, besides being the headquarters for the Mediterranean fleet, the Duke of Connaught, new commander-in-chief of the military forces of the Mediterranean, has a residence there, which makes it the centre of much social activity.

The cruise of the battleships from Hampton Roads to Magdalen Bay has been closely followed by Englishmen, who had the achievement, and a visit by them to some British port would prove extremely popular.

New Use for Electricity
If water pipes become frozen between the house and the street, do not have the front yard dug up so that they may be thawed out. Instead, call in the local electric light company and have the pipes thawed electrically, says a writer in "Good Housekeeping."

The electric light manager will understand how to proceed. A transformer of suitable size is connected into circuit; one lead of the secondary is connected to the water valve or pipe near the curb and the other lead is connected to the water piping in the house. The current is then turned on, and the heat developed by the resistance of the water pipe to the flow of the electric current soon thaws out the pipe. A number of electrical manufacturers no market a pipe-thawing outfit, which great many of the electric light companies have purchased for local use.

CANADA'S SURPLUS FOR THIS YEAR \$19,000,000; THE GREATEST YET

National Debt Reduced \$13,371,000—Net Debt is Less Than at any Time in Twenty Years

Ottawa, March 17.—The Finance Minister of Canada delivered the budget of the year this afternoon. It was the shortest budget speech in the history of the country, occupying only an hour and a half.

He announced a surplus of nineteen millions for last year and the expectation of a handsome surplus for the current year.

The only change in the fiscal arrangement was in the excise rates. The "green stamp" is to be abolished and all Canadian made tobacco goods will carry one color stamp. Mr. Fielding said the change was one of practice and not one of charge, which will remain practically as they are at the present time.

Mr. Fielding was able to make a most hopeful review of the financial situation of the country for the future and a most satisfactory statement of the present condition of affairs with the government and the business conditions of the country.

Death of Wallace M. Hunter
Wallace M. Hunter passed away Friday afternoon at three o'clock at his home on Cross street, Northfield, Vermont, after a long and painful illness of three years, the cause of death being a complication of diseases.

Mr. Hunter was born in Penfield, N. B., February 16, 1858. On the fifth day of April, 1893, he was married to Clara Norris of Williamstown, where they made their home until four years ago, when they came to Northfield to live, where they have made many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Hunter was a stone cutter and worked about a year for Cannon & Slack before he was taken ill. From the time he was taken ill three years ago he was able to walk and ride until last September. He had been confined to the bed nearly all the time since October until his death, having been a great sufferer from the beginning.

The deceased was a member of the Williamstown lodge I. O. O. F. and Reekah lodge, also the Modern Woodmen of America and the Granite Cutters, National Union of this place, from which fraternities he will be greatly missed.

The deceased is survived by a widow, son, Carey; a daughter, Pearl; mother, Mrs. Mary Hunter; sister, Mrs. Florence McDowell of Penfield, N. B.; a sister, Mrs. Belle Lee, and a brother Robert of Calais, Maine.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, showing the esteem in which

the deceased was held by his friends and in the orders of which he was a member. —Northfield News.

Late News

New York.—John Barry a well known electrical engineer and inventor of the Barry Printing Telegram System was found dead from asphyxiation in bed yesterday at his home on Staten Island.

Hammondsport, N. Y.—Professor Graham Bell's airplane flew a distance of over 318 feet. This is a record for this country.

New York.—Fire broke out on the steamboat, Providence early to-day. The passengers were transferred to another boat and the blaze was extinguished.

Belleville, Ont.—Litigation in connection with the rolling mills has been adjusted and as soon as the plant can be put in shape operations will begin. Three hundred skilled men, who have been out of work since the mills closed, nearly a month before Christmas, will go back to work.

Winnipeg.—Fourteen girls, employed in the Winnipeg box factory, struck Monday, following a reduction of wages.

Belleville, Ont.—Rev. A. G. Robertson, prominent Methodist minister died in the asylum here.

New York.—Mrs. Maad Clarke of Hampton, N. B. has been acquitted of the charge of kidnapping preferred against her.

Kansas City.—The Earl of Leitrim has cabled a request that the body supposed to be Francis Patrick Clements the missing brother of the earl be held at a local undertaker's rooms for identification.

Boston, Mass.—David Patriquin, a machinist of St. John, N. B. is held here on a charge of abducting a young girl 18 years of age, also of St. John. Patriquin is said to be married.

Bahia, Brazil.—A great conflagration raged in the business section of this city yesterday. There were several fatalities and the property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Bogota, New Granada.—Gen. Marcellino Vargas, has been given the portfolio of Minister of Government and F. J. Urue, that of Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of President Reyes.

THE CURSE OF DRINK

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 19.—Yesterday on the street corner in this city was delivered one of the most remarkable addresses ever heard here. The speaker was a man by the name of Misher, whom many of his hearers could remember as having been a particularly brilliant young college student, comparatively has been a well-known figure in the police courts. Probably not less than six hundred men listened to him, and in part the unfortunate said:

"I don't claim to be a reformer, boys, it's simple remorse that makes me get up here and talk. Remorse sets in after a drunk with every man. Then is the time he thinks and wants to say something that may save somebody else from going wrong.

"See that strong right arm of mine. I would walk into a doctor's office right now without a tremble and laugh while he would cut it off, inch by inch, to the shoulder, if I were sure that I would never take another drink, but I know it's impossible, drunkenness is a disease, and no one knows the horrors of the disease any worse than I do.

"I am a drunkard. I am not proud of it, far from it. I shudder when I think in my sober moments of what may come to me. No man is a drunkard because he wants to be one. No man ever started out deliberately to be a drunkard. After every drunk a man has a streak of remorse when he looks back over what he has done and what he is going to do. It is then he would give years to throw off the shackles of habit and reform.

"That is the way I feel now. I cannot save myself now. It is too late. I want to save some young boy who may lose his future as I have done. When I am sober I love my family and I hate myself. I am a man then, but when I get drunk I would steal the very clothes off my back and rob my mother.

"I damn booze with all the curses of hell in my sober moments. I know as well as any man what the curses of drink are. I have served time in prisons all over the country. I am drifting toward the rock of ruin as fast as any man, but I want my example to be a warning to young men to save them. Thank God I have no children to follow my example. I would rather be dead than have a child follow my example."

Babies Invited to Church
The Rev. John A. Earl invites babies especially to the Belden Avenue Baptist church, of Chicago, and has made every preparation for their comfort, even to providing nursing bottles and the like, to keep them quiet while their mothers are listening to the sermon. The scheme inaugurated by the Rev. Mr. Earl is an innovation so far as Chicago is concerned. The preacher hopes to have from a dozen to thirty babies present every Sunday. One of the church parsons has been fitted up as a nursery. It is presided over by forty young women, who will work in relays at each service.

Losing Muscular Power?
The First Sign of Mental Decay
—The Warning of General Break-Down

Changes in the nervous system manifest themselves slowly. They show first by muscular weakness—a feeling that threatens paralysis, or by a falliness in the head that indicates approaching apoplexy.

It seems like stiffness but you soon discover there's a lack of power—that the endurance of this or that muscle is not what it ought to be.

Your friends may notice a slight thickening of speech or that your memory is decidedly failing.

These symptoms may grow worse very quickly if they are not treated by Ferrone. You must build up the nervous system. This can be accomplished in no other way as thoroughly and permanently as by the use of Ferrone.

This remarkable remedy, which has cured tens of thousands of Canadian people, increases enormously the digestive power, stimulates the formation of blood, the rich, red kind that puts new life into the nerves.

The first result of these changes is increased strength.

Natural circulation quickly follows, and that fullness in the head, so disturbing and alarming, too, quickly passes away.

These changes are wrought in a natural way, for the reason that Ferrone treats the causes that excite these troubles.

Cold Settles in Kidneys Pe-ru-na Restores Health

Catarrh of the Kidneys An Insidious Disease.
Many People Have it in Slight Form and Do Not Know It.

Mr. Isaac Rosenzweig, 9 Dumarais street, Montreal, Can., writes:
"About three years ago, I suffered with a bad cold. It settled in the bladder and kidneys, causing serious trouble."

"I tried several advertised remedies, but it was Pe-ru-na which finally cured me, and I had taken only a few bottles."

"I feel that it saved me, and it certainly restored me to such perfect health as I had not known in years. I have good reason to give your remedy my highest endorsement. It cleaned out the system, leaving me well and strong and feeling better than I have in years."

Catarrh of the kidneys is a very much neglected disease. It is not until the disease has a firm hold upon the kidneys that the patient begins to realize that there is some derangement of these organs.

The slight backaches, the feelings of lassitude, and other warning symptoms of kidney disease are overlooked. They are not serious enough to detain the patient from his regular work.

Even when he discovers that the kidneys are affected, he does not recognize the difficulty as being caused by catarrh.

Catarrh is sometimes so very gradual in its approach and its earlier symptoms cause such slight discomfort that it is not noticed.

However, when it is once firmly seated in the kidneys it becomes a difficult disease to exterminate.

Indeed, catarrh of the kidneys is more serious than catarrh affecting some of the other organs of the body.



MR. ISAAC ROSENZWEIG, where it may be located in the body—whether in the more exposed membranes of the nose and throat, or whether in the remotest part of the kidneys.

This Pe-ru-na is at once the safest and most reliable remedy for catarrh of the kidneys is proven by the many testimonials written by those who have experienced its benefits.

The testimonials given here are only specimens of the many testimonials on our records, pertaining to the relief afforded by Pe-ru-na in severe cases of kidney trouble.

Kidney Disease of Long Standing.
Mr. Samuel A. Paxton, 1118 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo., member I. O. O. F., and National Annuity Association, writes: "I am a well man today, thanks to Pe-ru-na. I was troubled with catarrh and kidney disease of long standing when I first began using Pe-ru-na."

Such a remedy has been found in Pe-ru-na. It reaches catarrh, no matter

The Gathering Place

Life changes all our thoughts of Heaven; At first we think of streets of gold, Of gates of pearl and dazzling light, Of shining wings and robes of white, And things all strange to mortal sight. But in the aftermath of years It is a more familiar place;

A home unshut by sighs or tears, Where waiteth many a well-known face. With passing months it comes more near. It grows more real by day; Not strange or cold, but very dear— The glad homeland not far away

Where none are sick, or poor, or lone, The place where we shall find our own, And as we think of all we knew Who there have met to part no more, Our longing hearts desire home, too, With all the strife and troubles o'er.

B. Downing.