

the same volume of business could have been managed by the I. O. F. system for less than \$200,000, aye, the I. O. F. could have managed all this business for less than \$100,000, yet the Superintendent contended that the I. O. F. should be compelled to come up to the government standard, intended to apply to Old Line Insurance Companies.

We are glad to say the Superintendent of Insurance, got no support for his contentions, except from one or two members of the Committee on Banking and Commerce, but these were Presidents or Directors of Old Line Insurance Companies.

Too Late.

At the tail of the hunt came trooping down to Ottawa the chief officers of our old friends the C. O. F., escorted, or rather re-inforced, by the chiefs of the A. O. F. and the Royal Templars of Temperance. Our Bill was considered and agreed to in Committee of the whole House and reported for third reading on Wednesday, 13th inst. Mr. Patterson, of Brant, asked that the Bill be not read the third time till Friday following, as he understood a deputation was on its way to oppose the Bill.

Brother Jamieson, who had charge of our private Bill, at once agreed to the postponement, because if there were any valid reasons why we should not have our Bill of Incorporation passed we wanted to know it.

In due time the deputation arrived, and headed by our old friend Elliott and White, Esq., of the C. O. F., and accompanied by Messrs. Patterson, of Brant, and A. Brown, of Hamilton, and Brother Dickenson, of Carlton, had an interview with the Minister of Finance. The deputation objected to our being incorporated because the name "Foresters" was held in common between the *Independent Order of Foresters* and the other two Orders of Foresters. The deputation hadn't brains enough among them to discover that this objection would not be entertained, as Mr. Hall, the Chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee, had previously stated in the House that the fact that the Bill asked for the incorporation of "The Independent Order of Foresters" indicated that there were other Orders of Foresters. The Minister told the deputation that there was no point in that objection.

The deputation then urged that the Independent Order of Foresters be not incorpo-

ated but that they may be made to wait for the General Bill promised by the Minister, because if the Independent Order became incorporated now they would have an advantage over the C. O. F. and A. O. F. and the Royal Templars.

The Minister told them that they were "too late," that the Government could not now stop a private Bill because some other Society was not incorporated. He kindly told them that the road was equally open to them, and if they wanted incorporation they could move in the matter as the Independent Order of Foresters had done. The same day that this interview took place our Bill was read the third time and passed the Commons unanimously, and the deputation went home sadder but not necessarily wiser men.

As usual the C. O. F. and its friends were "too late" for the solid vestibuled lightning express of the I. O. F., and as a consequence got badly "left."

The Prize Sashes.

The Prize Sashes won by Court Frontenac, No. 59, were duly presented at a public meeting held in the City Hall, Kingston, on the 5th instant. The following letter of acknowledgment explains itself:

COURT FRONTENAC, No. 59, I. O. F.,
KINGSTON, 13th March, 1889.

*Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger,
I. O. F., Toronto:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Court Frontenac No. 59, beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your congratulations over our success in having won the prize sashes, which were duly received and are very handsome indeed. We also wish to express our gratification at the reported prosperity of the Order, and trust it will ever continue to boom.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. R. McCANN, F. S.

\$1,050.

LONDON, 9th March, 1889.

*To Dr. Oronhyatekha, Officers and Members
of the Supreme Court, I. O. F., and
Members of Court Hope, No. 1, I. O. F.:*

I desire to return my sincere thanks to you for your kindness in calling and presenting me with a cheque for \$1,050 in payment of my late husband's policy and funeral benefit.

MRS. WEMP.