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  - 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.

**The Surplus on the 30th of April, 1899, stood at \$3,318,898.18.**

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The I.O.F. is to be congratulated on having as its Supreme Counsellor so prominent a public man as Elliot G. Stevenson; or the City of Detroit is to be congratulated on having in its service so eminent a Forester. Brother Stevenson along with Gov. Pingree and another are the new Commissioners to make a success of Detroit's municipal ownership of street railways.

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The Order of United Friends has gone into the hands of a receiver. Its misfortunes are due not to its rates but to the arrant knavery of one of its former officers. Its members, to the number of seven thousand, are applying to come into the I.O.F., and a number of its Imperial officers and members have already taken the obligations of L., B. and C.

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It will be seen from the report of Dr. Millman, S. Phys., that the annual death rate of the I.O.F. for the year 1898 was 5.67 and that for the years 1893 to 1898 inclusive it has been only 5.57 per 1,000. So the right to impart the Forestric grip is not only a certificate of moral respectability but also a testimonial of good health.

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Since our last issue we have learned with profound regret of the misfortune that has overtaken our well-beloved Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, by the death of his wife.

On behalf of the 150,000 readers of this paper we tender the Past Supreme Chief Ranger the sympathy of the Order.

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The Foresters of Prince Edward Island have arranged to pay \$200 annually to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, in return for which any Forester who has to go to the hospital will receive nursing, medical attendance, etc., free of charge.