

Canada has been for many years one of the strongholds of the Independent Order of Foresters. The head offices of the Order are located at Toronto, in the magnificent Temple Building illustrated on another page; and nearly one-half of the entire membership live within the bounds of the Dominion. The Independent Order of Foresters was first introduced into Canada by the institution at London, Ontario, of Court Hope, No. 1, on the 26th day of April, 1876, which has had a continuous existence down to the present time.

From the day of its first introduction into Canada, and especially since it was reorganized in 1881 by Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Order has found favor with men in all ranks of life and every class of society. The laborer, the mechanic and artisan, the merchant, the banker, the clergyman, the physician, the lawyer, the judge, the statesman—all have deemed it worthy of their confidence and are found within its ranks. In the following pages of this booklet will be found the portraits and notices of some Premiers of Canadian Provinces and of a few of the mayors of prosperous Canadian cities and towns who are members of the Independent Order of Foresters and take an active interest in promoting its welfare. Incidentally reference is made to the cities and towns whose chief magistrates they are, showing in a measure the character, resources and importance of the great country in which they are situated—spanning a continent and laved by the waters of three oceans, and capable of providing homes and profitable industrial and commercial occupation for many millions of population.