# INDEPENDENT FORESTERS WELCOME SUPREME CHIEF.

Greeted by an audience that filled the Grand Opera House at the reception and oncert tendered him under the auspice of the High Court of Western Ontari and the Hamilton district, Hon. Elliot G Stevenson, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, last night, on the occasion of his first official visit to this city, received a welcome that was characterized by the warmth of cordiality and enthusiasm displayed by those who assembled to do honor to the chief of the great organization. The event was marked by more than one pleasant feature, and the committee, of which Robert H. Foster, High Chief Ranger, was chairman, has reason to feel gratified with the success of their efforts to make the occasion a notable one in the history of Forestry in Hamilton and district.

On account of the large membership in Hamilton many who desired to attend were prevented from doing so because of the lack of seating accor teen hundred people, fully half of them women, who composed the audience, spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. They thoroughly enjoyed an excellent concert programme provided by local and outside talent, voiced their appreciation when the head of the order was honored by an address and presentation, applauded enthusiastically when Grimsby Court was given a magnificent banner for its act of fraternalism in connection with the sad death of its late Chief Ranger, W. A. Wilson, and listened with interest to the eloquent and powerful plea madby the Supreme Chief Ranger for a loyal and hearty support and a practical de astration of the spirit of fraternalism for which the order stands.

Devoting nearly all the time at hi disposal to a vigorous defence of the action of the chief officials of the order in raising the rates, the Supreme Chie Ranger scathingly denounced the endless chain methods of certain insurance or ganizations, and made the pulse of his

auditors beat quicker as he told of pathetic cases of distress where the Foresters came to the rescue. "I don't believe there is any organization outside of the church of God itself on this terrestrial globe that is doing so much good," he fervently declared.

Surrounded by the Supreme officers and members of the order, the Chief's appearance was the signal for an outburst of prolonged and enthusiastic applause. Robert H. Foster, High Chief Ranger of the Court of Western Ontario, presided, the Supreme Chief Ranger sitting on his right, and Mayor McLaren, who is-also an enthusiastic Forester, on his left.

#### AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

The concert part of the prom-gramme, which was one of the most en-joyable features of the evening, was as follows:

follows:
Baritone solo—The Trumpeter . Nix
Donald C. MacGregor.
Soprano solo—Angus McDonald Roeckel
Miss Irene Straicht (London).
Humorous song—Calligan, Call Again
Harry Lauder
Will McLeod.
Controlto. Becker

to solo—Springtide ... Becker Miss Bertha R. Carey. e solo—Sunshine and Butterflies

Donald C. MacGregor. Duet—When Thou Art Near ... N Miss Carey and Mr. McGregor. Soprano solo—Sing On ... D Miss Irene Straicht. McLeod

song-Postponed Will McLeod. The Opera House orchestra played a number of selections and J. E. P. Al-dous was accompanst.

THE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Assuring the honored guest of the lov alty and confidence reposed in him by the members of Western Ontario and Hamilton District, the Chief Ranger

spoke as follows:
Supreme Chief Ranger, ladies and gentiemen,—On behalf of the High Court of Ontario and Hamilton District Committee, I have much pleasure in welcoming this splendid audience who have assembled here this evening to do honor to our Supreme Chief Ranger, the Hon, Elliott G. Stevenson, who has recently returned from a visit to the Pacific Coast. We are pleased to know he has We are pleased to know he has d to his duties very much im-

has done much to elevate distress in the homes of our members when the bread-winner has been called away, an Order that has distributed over \$26,000,000 in benefits and has accumulated a reserve fund if over \$13,520,000, surely can lay claim to the support of all right think-

the people. When we take into consideration that the Independent Order of Foresters was reorganized with its headquarters in Canada in 1881, with an entirely depleted treasury, and with a membership of less than 370, and to-day has a membership of 265,000, and a reserve fund of over \$13,500,000, have we not a right as members of the Order to feel proud of our achievements?

achievements? is a fact that our Order has pass It is a fact that our Order has passed through a period in its history that would have shaken to the very foundation an organization less strong, but, thanks to the master builder, our late Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, the greatest organizer and the greatest fraternalist the world has ever known, the lindependent Order of Foresters was built on a solid and lasting foundation and consequently has been foundation and consequently has been able to withstand the criticism of those able to withstand the criticism of those on the outside as well as those on the inside, and I wish to say to our membership here this evening that the Order is stronger and better than ever, and commands the confidence of the

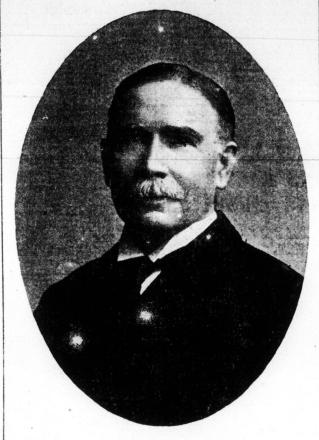
and commands the confidence of the best business people.

In tendering this reception to you, sir, it is not intended as a mere empty show, but rather to convey to you the confidence we have in your ability and integrity as the supreme head of this great fraternal organization, and let me assure you that you have no warmer friends or more loyal Foresters than in this the oldest High Court jurisdiction in the whole Order.

We are also-pleased to give you this opportunity of showing some mark of

Magnificent Reception to Hon. E. G. Stevenson at Grand Opera House.

Fine Address in Which the New Rates Were Defended---Hundreds Re-joining Order.



HON. ELLIOTT G. STEVENSON,

to know that your health is restored, and that you are again able to undertake your onerous duties with your work usual vigor. We realize that your work for the order since your inauguration as Supreme Chief has been such as has required of you the greatest patience and diligence, and that to you largely we feel we are indebted for a truly business-like regime.

We leak upon the position you occurs.

We look upon the position you occupy as one of distinction and honor. It surely is an honor to be at the head of surely is an honor to be at the head of such an organization of men and wo-men as the Independent Order of For-esters, composed as it is of over a quar-ter of million members who have sol-emnly undertaken obligation of loyalty to one another, and to the highest inter sts of our order.

ingly great responsibility. We look to you to point us to a still higher concep-tion of our fraternity, with its message of liberty, benevolence and concord to troubled humanity.

or any other country a man who enjoyed the affection of so many people as Oronhyatekha," he said.

Expressing satisfaction at finding so many women in the audience, he declarmany women in the audience, he declar-ed that women showed more interest than the men and reminded his auditors that it was for helpless women and children that the order was designed. It was a matter of interest to women to know whether the protection they de-pended on was really worthy of their support.

DEFENDED RE-ADJUSTMENT.

The speaker dealt comprehensively with the agitation and discord which followed the readjustment of the rates. Explaining his reasons for supporting the increase he expressed his willingness to permit the members of the order to judge the fairness of his position. In 1898, on the recommendation of Dr. Oronhyatekha, it was decided to re-adjust the rates. This was done, because just the rates. This was done, because it was realized that the old rates were

ingly great responsibility. We look to you to point us to a still higher conception of our fraternity, with its message of liberty, benevolence and concord to troubled humanity.

We know that in you as Supreme Chief we have one who will use unsparingly your great abilty for the upbuilding of an ever stronger and more stable organization, and thus assure the order a permanency that will engender greater confidence in the membership, and a greater respect for our order in those not yet within our ranks.

In memory of this auspicious occasion, we ask you to accept this small token of our regard for you, and in giving it we ask that it may ever remind you that in all the realm of Independent Forestry you have no warmer friends, no more ardent admirers, or more zealous supporters in your noble work, than those in this grand old jurisdiction of western Ontario.

In conclusion, we extend to you most kindly greetings, and in the words of our ritaal, we trust that God may ever protect you in health, and ever give you wisdom to govern our fraternity with

Why Darn Stockings By Hand? INGER DARNER You Can Get Free Lessons

199 KING STREET EAST

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, on

The annual banquet of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last night in the gymnas a year. "And you and I never know the weight of the five or the minety five." he said. "That is why we insure, because we never know the hour, the day or minute we must go." If there came a time when any man or woman belonging to the order was overtaken by misfortune and could not keep up the payments that was where the spirit of fraternalism displayed itself. The members undertook the obline its for the weight of the spirit of spirit of the spirit of "And you and I never know the spirit of Haterians dissipations the spirit of the terminal distribution.

Insurance, he declared, should be taught in the schools and every woman should know whether she was getting a square deal. "We say a square deal for every man and woman, whether you join our society or some sher," he said, It should be taught in the schools, because life insurance was an absolute necessity. No man had a right to leave his family unprotected.

Mr. Stevenson declared that the order was reinstating by the dozens and hundreds members who in anger over the readjustment of the rates left the organization. Real old veterans of the order, who laid its foundation, told him that they were satisfied now the L. O. F. was sound and strong, and they worried no longer. The society now had adequate rates, a perfect medical inspection of risks and new members were flocking in. He was proud to say that within the last month 500 Hamiltonians had made application, although this was the hotbed of the recent discussion.

PLANS FOR 100,000.

"There are 100,000 Maccabees in Michigan," he said, "and I will never rest until there are 100,000 Foresters in Ontario. It is the controlling ambition of vein, "Toronto is continually try-vein a spirit in the schools and every woman should be taught in the schools, because they are a supported to a square deal. "We say a square deal work in the evening was a most enjoy able one. W. H. Wardrope, & C., was down for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjoy able one. W. H. Wardrope, & C., was down for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjoy able one. W. H. Wardrope, & C., was down for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjoy able one. W. H. Wardrope, & C., was down for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjoy able one. W. H. Wardrope, & C., was down for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjoy. All won for a speech, but on account of illegether the evening was a most enjo speeches were delivered, and taken all

Phipps and Livingston received the ban-ner on behalf of the court, and Bro. Mitchell modestly confessed that when they saw those six little orphans there, one cold winter's morning, motherless and fatheriess, he did not think they were doing anything extraordinary in undertaking to place \$1,000 aside for their care.

were doing anything extraordinary in undertaking to place \$1,900 aside for their care.

The presentation of the beautiful silk flags in the membership contest were also made.

The following is a list of the members of the Hamilton District Committee, under whose auspices the event was held:

C. C. Baird, C. Tregenza, R. A. Gibb, Wm. Allan, Harry Way, B. Salisbury, W. Cherrie, Geo. O. Elder, R. B. Spera, Wm. McAndrew, A. Lay, G. W. Wilson, R. J. Ferguson, A. B. Clark, Roy Davis, Dave Binney, T. Rousseaux, James Lawrie, Robert H. Foster, Dr. Robertson, Fred Harver, M. J. Prire, J. F. Schrader, J. M. Ilwraith, W. E. Lay, W. Douaghy, Dr. Cody, D. Miller, D. Hawkins, Dr. McRobbie, L. Roszel, Rev. T. DeCourcy Raynor, J. Mittenthal, O. Smith (Winona), Comps. Lay, Powell, Paterson, Cronkhite, Geo. Clark (Winona) chairman; Geo. Rousseaux, Vice-Chairman; H. T. Drope, Secretary.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Members Had a Mos! Enjoyable

Mr. W. H. Wardrope, K. C.,

getting in enough new members each year to make their dues pay the losses. "They want the I. O. F. to do business on the endless chain method," he said, "but the I. O. F. to do business on the endless chain method," he said, "but the I. O. F. won't do it," and the statement was applauded. "The I. O. F.," he continued, "believes that protection for a man's family is the most sacred duty that can be discharged, not only to the family, but to society. This is the proposition and this is the basis we work on. Pay for what you get and see that you get want you get and see that you get what you get and see that you get want you get and see that you get what you get and see that you get what you get and see that you get the endless chain variety of insurance if you want it, notwithstanding the wrecks that strew the way. I ask you which do you want? What do you think of taking other people's money to pay a debt when you are able to do it yourself? Bankers following that rule would be put in jail. What is the difference with an insurance socie." "

Experience demonstrated that out of every thousand people fix died within a year. "And you and I never know whether we will be of the five or the HON. ELLIOTT G. STEVENSON,
Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, who was given a magnificent reception in Hamilton last evening.

Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, who was given a magnificent reception in Hamilton last evening.

Presenton, Grinish, for one of the nebel was a considered fraterial series. We have the considered in the property of the considered fraterial series. We have the considered fraterial series. We have the considered fraterial series in the history of the considered fraterial series. We have the considered fraterial series of the history of the considered fraterial series and the considered fraterial series. We have the support of the six children of the construction of the construction

Toast-"Our Y. M. C. A.," coupled with the names of John E. Brown, F. E. Shephard, C. Powis, R. P. Morrisou, J. Manship, A. Wilson, Wm. Vanater, and T. W. Sheffield. Music, Musurgia Male

# COW DID IT.

Mr. Johnson Pattison of St. Catharines Injured in a Fall.

Pattison was holding a "building bee" and a number of neighbors were assistand a number of neighbors were assisting him in rebuilding a barn yesterday. He was standing on a scaffolding when a cow happened to run against it, with the result that the framework collapsed and Mr. Pattison fell, striking his head against the scaffolding and sustaining a rupture between the brain and the skull. Medical assistance was summoned. He is in a serious condition, and his ultimate recovery is doubtful.

Minister's Fata! II.

New York, April 15.— Rev. Samuel William Nesbitt, 56, a Methodist minister from Tipperary, Ireland, lost his balance and fell to the track in the downtown subway station at 157th street.

New York, April 15.— Rev. Samuel William Nesbitt, 56, a Methodist minister from Tipperary, Ireland, lost his balance and fell to the track in the downtown subway station at 157th street and Broadway, and died at Washington Heights Hospital a few hours later. He and his 16-year-old daughter Rosela, whom he came to this country to visit last week, were on their way to see friends.

## The Right House HAMILTON'S PAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

# Manufacturer's sacrifice sale Spring and Summer stockings

All sizes for infants, children, boys and misses

▲ LEADING German manufacturer shipped us too late. A several cases of splendid regular Right House qualities of Infants', Children's, Boys' and Misses' Stockings in lisle, cotton and cashmere. We refused the shipment. The manufacturer cabled, "Take them, Watkins, at your We did and out they go on sale to-morrow for the first time.

13c for our real 18c and 20c qualities 18c for our real 23c and 25c qualities 25c for our real 35c and 40c qualities 29c for our real 38c and 45c qualities

Not only do you save the same as we did but we have shaved our own profits close, making them double bargains. It is one of the greatest sacrifice sales of fresh, fashionable new Stockings ever known in Hamilton. Supply every Summer need now. See them in the window and

ne early.

A wide assortment of plain and fancy styles, also ribbed effects in black and pink, blue, tan, white and cream shades, in lisle, cotton and cashmere. Both stockings for infants, misses and children, and sox for children and babies.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

### \$1.00 new serge suitings at 79c Save 21c a yard on the season's most popular novelty

WE took all a noted English manufacturer had left of one of the season's most fashionable novelties—secured them at a price saving which we pass along to you. A soft finished serge or worsted weave with indefinite new stripe or check effects that are quiet in tone yet very smart and effective. Pure all wool weave and full 46 inches wide. A full range of the fashionable Spring shades for tailor We consider them a splendid \$1.00 79c Special sale price ......

Self colored satin stripe worsteds at \$1.35 They have become a regular "craze" among the fash-ionable set of New York. The big stores in the fashionable centres cannot get enough of them. We were fortunate to secure a plentiful supply. On sale to-morrow. An extremely smart novelty in a soft finished worsted or serge weave with a rich self colored satin stripe. Extra wide—50 inches. All the fashionable shades for tailored suits

and dresses. Very special value at a yard \$1.25 thoroughly shrunk French Venetian \$1.00

Colored Shantung silks at 69c The Chinese know how to weave Pongee better than any other people. The scientific dye shops of Lyons excel the world. Chinese woven Shantung, dyed in Lyons, makes a pretty good combination. An importer with whom we do a large business has turned over to us a remarkable quality of these famous Shantungs to sell at 69c. Full 26 

#### THOMAS C. WATKINS Up to \$8.50 street hats \$6.50

An "opportunity" --- The hat you want at less

**B** ECCMING new models, suitable for women, young women and misses—the beautiful and becoming sort women and misses—the beautiful and becoming sorted hats that would grace a queen. The very newest shapes as worn on the boulevards of Paris and on New York's fashionable promenades. Trimmed in many elegant and attractive styles with flowers, ribbons, foliage, wings, 

#### Women's hat shapes \$1.00, \$1.50

A complete range of all the smart new styles and shades in the popular wide brim and drooping effects. Well made and very smart. Your choice of many sorts of newest straw braids. They are wonderfully low priced for to-morrow's selling. Choose among \$1 and \$1.50

## THOMAS C. WATKINS HAMILTON ONTARIO

## INDIANS STARVING.

Failure of Fur Industry Means Western Ontario Has Good Show-Terrible Hardship.

Edmonton, April 15 .- Reports received here from Fort Chippewyan state that the past winter has been the most severe experienced in the far north for many years, and in some sections of the country starvation was only averted by the fact that the only averted by the fact that the deer were unusually numerors. Fish, on which the inhabitants depend largely for subsistence, have been very scarce. The fur crop failed simulations are subsistence, the large most entirely, and the Indians have been in dire straits. Reports say that the traders have shut down on giving them credit, and as they cannot get fur they have a manufacture of the strains.

Last week, were on their way to see friends.

CRESOLENE ANTISEPTIC TABLETS

A simple and effective remedy for SORE THROATS AND COUGHS They combine the germicidal value of Cresolene with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorics. Your druggist or from us, 10c in stamps.

Lessure, Manso Co., Limited, Agento, Montreel, 40x

## CROPS GOOD.

ing-Fall Wheat.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

St. Mary's, Ont., April 15 .- In an interview the Times had with Mr. Rice, head of the Carter Milling Co., who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the fall wheat crop in Western Onof the fall wheat crop in Western On-tario, he reports that the recent severs weather has not affected the crops at all, and they are looking unusually strong. He says that this year there is considerably more acreage of fall wheat than in any previous year. Wheat took a jump of 10 cents yesterday from \$1.05 to \$1.15.

IF WHEAT WERE TAXED.

Danger of Embittering Relations Between Britain and Colonies.

mere skeletons and too weak even to get wood, and are lying huddled to gether in their tepees.

At Chippewyan and the vicinity even, where food has been obtainable, the mortality among the Indians has been very high, sixty having died within twelve months. Farther north the death rate is still higher. The principal cause is their filthy mode of living.

LOST LIFE SAVING DOG.

Cape Breton Lad Went Through Ice
—Mother Had Narrow Escape.

Halifax, N. S., April 15.— Yesterday

tween Britain and Colonies.

London, April 15.—The Chronicle, referring to the tariff reformers' plea that preference would encourage the extension of the wheat area in Candada and tend to prevent the recurrence of a wheat shortage in Britain, says that if wheat were taxed for this purpose at the first time of scarcity an outery would be raised for this removal of the tax, but it could not be done because of the preferential treates. Could the most malign ingenuity devise a surer way of embittering the relations between the mother country and the colonies?