

STANDS AT THE HEAD.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA'S POSITION AMONG THE FORESTERS.

Something About the Life of a Truly Native American, Who Has Made a Name For Himself—The Combination of Qualities That Have Led to Success.

The Independent Order of Foresters have been holding their High Court in St. John this week, and have had the presence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, of whom an excellent portrait is given herewith.

The Supreme Chief Ranger has, as all who have seen him know, a splendid presence. His tall, dignified form, would command attention anywhere, and his courteous bearing quite frequently attracts the admiring notice of strangers.



DR. ORONHYATEKHA.

lish education was begun in the industrial school near Brantford, established for the training of young Indians. In addition to acquiring the rudiments of an English education he learned the shoemakers trade. Happily he decided not to stick to his last, and his subsequent career has demonstrated that the wisdom of old proverbs is not intallible.

For a year he taught school near his early home, among his own people. His collegiate education was begun at Kenyon college, Ohio, where he studied for three years. He also spent a short time at Toronto University.

As a physician Dr. Oronhyatekha had before him a career, that gave every promise of distinction and emolument. He commenced practice at Frankford, Ontario and was elected first secretary of the Hastings County Medical Association.

having the Executive Offices in Toronto, to which city they were removed in 1889, and since then the Doctor's official residence has been the Ontario capital.

His wife was Miss Ellen Hill, of the Mohawk tribe, a great grand-daughter of the celebrated Mohawk Chief, Capt. Joseph Brant. They have a son and daughter. The son is named Acland, after his father's old friend and teacher, Prof. Sir Henry Acland, of Oxford, and is studying medicine at Trinity University of Toronto.

Of conservative leanings, he has taken but little part in active politics for some years, wisely concluding that the chief executive officer of a great organization, that numbers among its membership

thousands of both great parties, should keep aloof from partisan strife. The Supreme Chief Ranger has had some military experience. He was a member of the Queen's Own, and during the Fenian Raid of 1866 did some active duty.

The Doctor has attained prominence in other orders besides the Foresters. He is a well known Orangeman, having been a Canadian delegate to the triennial council that met in Glasgow some time ago. At present he is medical referee for the Orange Mutual Benefit Association.

The work done by Dr. Oronhyatekha for Independent Forestry need not be detailed here. To do so would be to write the history of the Order, and that is not the purpose of this sketch.

As a character study the subject of this sketch presents more than the ordinary attractions. Of another race, without the adventitious aids of birth or fortune, he has pushed his way by dint of merit and ability to the front, and stands today, by common consent, the first in fraternal societies in America.

bounds, and extricating it out of tangles by his tact and intimate knowledge of the law and rules of debate. Endowed with a great capacity of work he is not only able to accomplish a great deal himself but as a wise administrator of men as well as affairs he directs, so as to secure the best results, the energies of those associated with him.

Today, after his long years of arduous effort on behalf of the Order, he stands its honored and trusted head, rich in achievements, comfortable in circumstances, and what he esteems most, secure in the confidence and friendship of the thousands that he has served without stint to the full measure of his splendid abilities.

HER MAJESTY'S POP GUNS.

The Etiquette of Salutes and Flags at Windsor Castle.

The ordinary idea with regard to the firing of the Royal salute is that it is performed by means of a heavy gun or guns, says an English paper.

It might be supposed that at Her Majesty's principal home, which as one of our oldest castles was in past times intimately associated with large weapons of warfare, the salute would be fired from at least a great muzzle-loader, it not one of the modern breech-loaders, with soldiers in attendance.

The principal occasions on which the Royal salute of twenty-one guns is fired are on the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday, accession and coronation, and of the birthdays of the Prince of Wales, the Empress Frederick (Princess Royal of England), the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Christian, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and Princess Beatrice, (Princess Henry of Battenberg.)

Formerly the salute was made also on April 25th and April 7th, in honor of the late Princess Alice, (Duchess of Hesse) and the Duke of Albany (Prince Leopold,) but it, of course, ceased with their death.

The performance occupies about ten minutes, commencing at half-past twelve, and is usually witnessed by a small crowd, largely composed of idle little boys, who, at each discharge, roll over in simulation of having been shot.

The "pop-guns" are of a special make, and have to be renewed every few years, but the old ones are carefully preserved. There is thus a large collection of them, and it is a very curious fact that among them are some actually 200 and even 300 years old.

Besides the anniversaries, there are special occasions when the guns are fired, the latest of these being July 6th, when the salute was made in honor of the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May.

The connection between the Royal salute and the flag that floats over the Round Tower of Windsor Castle may not appear very close, but it is perhaps near enough for a brief reference. While the Queen is residing at the Castle the Royal standard is hoisted to the summit of a lofty staff upon the high tower; but while Her Majesty is absent, it only for a day or a few hours, the Standard is replaced by the Union Jack.

Prior to last winter no flag was flown during the Queen's absence, although the custom now adopted was in vogue early in the century; but through the exertions, it is believed, of the Marquis of Lorne, Governor and Constable of the Castle, the custom has now been revived, so that the flagstaff is never left bare during the hours of daylight.

Hoisting the Union Jack there, however, is not a mere arbitrary desire of the Queen for every fortress in the kingdom is entitled to fly the "Jack," and Windsor Castle ranks as a fortress. The Standard is lowered immediately the Queen leaves Windsor and is run up on her return, directly she crosses the Thames and comes within the limits of the borough. Hitherto the Royal flag was displayed only for Her Majesty,

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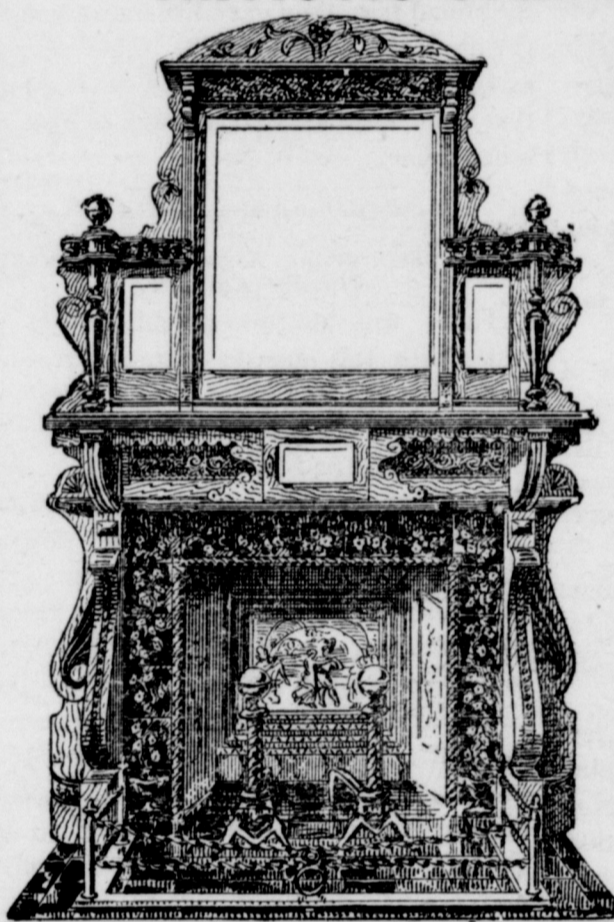
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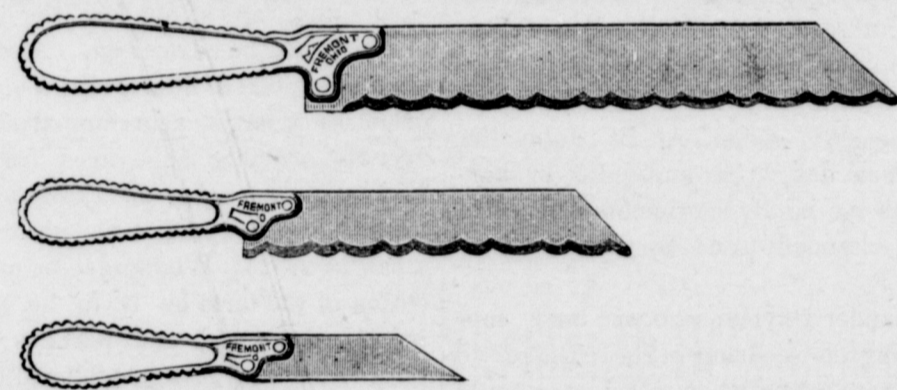
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but a new departure was made on November 9th last, when, by the Queen's command, the Standard was hoisted in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

The fair-weather flag is of immense size, but the stormy weather Standard is somewhat smaller and of stouter material. The same may be said of the "Jack." The raising and lowering and changing of these flags is in the charge of the Queen's masterunner, and a very busy time he has of it occasionally.

The flagstaff, by the way, is at least 3ft. thick at the base, tapering away slightly to the apex, and it is 170 ft. high, rising from the Round Tower, which itself attains a great altitude above the Home Park. These Standards last about five years, and then discarded are sent to the Tower of London, where great care is taken of them. Here, again, used-up servants are provided with an idle and a comfortable future of indefinite length.

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