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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was held in Toronto, Ont., on Monday, October 4, 1897.

There were present Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, Trustees Rev. M. J. Tierman, J. J. Behan, W. P. Killackey, P. J. O'Keefe, P. J. Rooney, Solicitor F. R. Latchford, Supervising Medical Examiner Dr. Edw. Ryan, Grand Treasurer W. J. McKee, and Grand Secretary S. R. Brown. Business was transacted as follows:

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

A communication from Mrs. Sullivan regarding advertising the C. M. B. A. in the Catholic Almanac was read, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that the Association had no funds for such object.

It was decided that the membership in the C. M. B. A. of Canada of members coming back from the C. M. B. A. of United States, is on condition that they surrender their policies from the Supreme Council in exchange for a policy from the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada.

The question of borrowing money on C. M. B. A. policies was referred to Solicitor Latchford to give full instructions and explanations in THE CANADIAN.

The action of the Grand President and Trustees regarding appeals since last meeting of the Board was ratified.

An appeal from Branch 187, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., was referred back for further information.

An appeal from Branch 256, Somerset, Man., was disallowed.

A matter regarding the policy of a member was left in the hands of Solicitor Latchford.

The Solicitor explained to the Board the action taken in the case of Mr. Loyer, an ex member of Branch 87, Montreal, Que., for a refund of money.

The question as to the power of a branch over its general fund was discussed, and it was decided that said fund was the property of the branch and could be used by a two thirds vote

of the members at a regular meeting, in accordance with Sections 71 and 75 of our Constitution.

A communication from Branch 268, Thurso, Que., regarding the holding of meetings of said branch on Sunday or only once per month was left in the hands of the Grand Secretary and the Solicitor to answer.

The Grand Secretary advised the Board that he had insurance of \$400 placed on the office furniture and supplies. Also that he had a lease of the office until 1st October, 1898.

A discussion took place in regard to the matter of certificate of birth or declaration as to age of applicants, and on motion of Grand Trustee J. J. Behan, seconded by Grand Trustee P. J. O'Keefe, the Grand Secretary was instructed to not issue a policy to any new member whose certificate of birth or declaration of age is not on file in his office.

It was moved by Grand Trustee Behan, seconded by Grand Trustee P. J. Rooney, that a sufficient sum be placed at the disposal of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of purchasing an oil cloth for his office; also that he be authorized to have two windows in said office lettered.

A general discussion took place regarding the claims of certain parties who had left the Association on account of having been over fifty years of age at the time they joined, and who were now demanding a refund of the amount they paid into the C. M. B. A.

On motion of Grand Trustee Rooney, seconded by Grand Trustee Behan, the Solicitor was instructed to defend the first suit brought against the Association for such a claim.

The Leyden claim was, on account of the cause of death, referred to the Solicitor to investigate and report to the Grand President, said report to be acted upon as the decision of the Board.

It was decided to have our "application for membership" put in a smaller and more compact form.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to call for tenders for C. M. B. A. supplies, when the present stock is used.

The claims of the late Rev. Carrier, of Branch 93, Lewis, Que., and late brother M. P. Halpin, of Branch No. 43, Brockville, Ont., was referred to the Grand President, Supervising Medical Examiner and the Solicitor to investigate, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to not have said claims paid until he receive a report from the Solicitor to authorize such payment.

The C. M. B. A. Advisory Board of Toronto invited the Grand President and all the other members of the Grand Council Executive to attend an entertainment under the auspices of the Toronto membership on the evening of October 4th. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and as many of the members of the Executive as could possibly do so promised to attend.

Brother Wm. Moran addressed the Board on the question of the death-rate in the C. M. B. A., and left a document with the Grand President bearing on said matter.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:

Table showing the amount of beneficiary money paid by the C. M. B. A. of Canada from date of organization of Grand Council to Sept. 1st, 1897:

Beneficiary money paid by C. M. B. A. of Canada in:	1880	\$	3,219 00
do	1881	4,471 04	
do	1882	9,318 17	
do	1883	11,765 29	
do	1884	21,114 24	
do	1885	24,395 50	
do	1886	32,488 17	
do	1887	40,750 24	
do	1888	53,407 70	
do	1889	69,919 44	
do	1890	100,68 20	
do	1891	122,232 95	
do	1892	142,494 63	
do	1893	160,219 45	
do	1894	175,102 96	
do	1895	191,828 63	
do	1896	215,298 49	
do	1897 (To Sept. 1)	229,358 91	
Total		\$1,356,913 10	

Out of this amount the magnificent sum of \$1,267,171 40 was paid to the beneficiaries of our deceased brothers; and \$59,771 70 transferred to the reserve fund, which, with \$7,197 94 accrued interest, makes our reserve fund at present \$66,969 64.

To become a member of the C. M. B. A. of Canada will require the payment of the following fees:

Application fee	\$3 00
Supervising Med. Examiner's fee	50
Medical Examination fee	1 50
One Assessment, for \$1,000 at age 21	25
One month's dues	25
Total	\$5 75

But when we consider that the reserve fund of the Association is equally the property of all members, no matter whether they have been members for the past twenty years or for only one day, it is evident that the share of a new member in this reserve fund is more than the cost of his admission. Hence, in joining the C. M. B. A. now, you secure membership at a profit.

PROGRESS IN MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in 1880	220
do 1882	59
do 1884	1,275
do 1886	1,900
do 1888	3,120
do 1890	5,651
do 1892	8,725
do 1894	6,605
do 1896	10,651
do 1897	19,403
do 1898 (To Sept. 1st)	11,116
do 1897 (To Sept. 1st)	11,806

Number of members initiated since 1st January, 1897:

In January	125	In May	165
" February	144	" June	56
" March	180	" July	29
" April	27	" August	118

A committee composed of Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand Trustees Behan, O'Keefe, Killackey, Rooney, Grand Treasurer McKee and Solicitor Latchford, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for Railroad and other accommodation and fares to Quebec convention; also to prepare a statement for per diem and sleeping car allowance, said statement to be ready for the Grand Treasurer on the 1st day of the convention. The committee is also to have power to decide the date, within the regulations in the Constitution, on which such convention is to be held.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Guarantee

Company regarding the necessity of having a more suitable form of "Application for Bonds" for the C. M. B. A., and that said application should be in French as well as in English, and ready before 1st. Jan., 1898.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to procure whatever stationary or printed forms he requires for conducting the business in connection with his office as Treasurer.

A discussion took place regarding the question of organizers, and it was moved by Grand Trustee O'Keefe, seconded by Rev. M. J. Tierman, that Brother P. J. Montreuil, of Branch 96, Lewis, Que., be hereby appointed as C. M. B. A. organizer for the Province of Quebec for two months, and Brother W. P. Killackey, as organizer for Ontario for two months, and that the date on which said organizers are to begin work and the remuneration they are to receive be left in the hands of the Grand President.

It was deemed advisable for the members of the Executive to visit branches when possible to so do, and endeavor to arouse more enthusiasm in C. M. B. A. work.

Solicitor Latchford agreed to visit the branches in Ottawa Valley.

Grand Trustee Behan and Supervising Medical Examiner Ryan, the branches in Berlin, Waterloo, Trenton, Brockville, etc.

Grand Trustee Rooney, the branches in Barrie, Owen Sound, Lindsay, etc. The Grand President and Grand Trustee O'Keefe are to arrange for the Maritime Provinces.

The Grand Treasurer requested an expression of opinion from the Board in regard to the manner in which he issued cheques or drafts in payment of claims. He said some complaints were made on account of the drafts not being payable at par anywhere. The members of the Board expressed themselves as well satisfied with the Grand Treasurer's system of remitting, and did not desire him to make any change.

After a general discussion on C. M. B. A. matters, Grand Trustee Behan moved, seconded by Grand Trustee Rooney, that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees be held in the city of Montreal, Que., in the month of May, 1898, on a date to be decided upon by the Grand President.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Grand President.

SAM. R. BROWN,
Grand Sec.

HONOR ROLL.

Branches No. 76, Belleville, Ont., and No 222, Gravenhurst, Ont., head the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of August, having initiated five members each.

Branches Nos. 44, 126, 151, 193 and 245 come next in order, having initiated three members each.