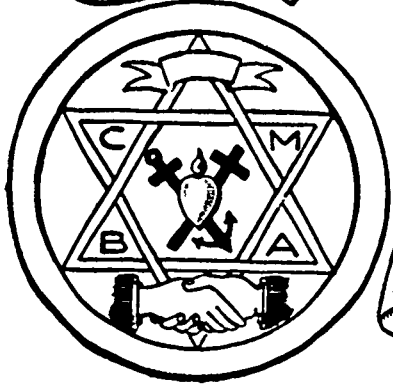


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## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

### Official Notice of a Special Assessment.

Notice is hereby given to each and every member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, that in addition to the regular No. 1 assessment for the month of January, 1898, a special assessment is also required to be paid within thirty days from the 15th January, in the same manner and of the same amount as said No. 1 assessment. This, in connection with the statement on page four of this issue, will be the only notice of such special assessment to our members, and is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of the C. M. B. A. Constitution.

Officers of branches are requested to be as prompt as possible in remitting the amount of these two assessments.

It requires seventeen thousand dollars to pay the beneficiaries of the nine deceased brothers reported on the statement of assessments for this month, and there are three other deaths of which we have not yet received the necessary proofs before publishing them.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,  
Grand Secretary.  
London, Ont., Jan. 1, 1898.

## THE GRAND COUNCIL

Of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

THE LEADING ASSESSMENT ASSOCIATION REGISTERED IN THE DOMINION.

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The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was organized in July, 1876.

The Grand Council was organized Feb. 10, 1883.

Incorporated in Ontario, January 18, 1880.

Registered in Ontario, August 22, 1892.

Incorporated in the Dominion of Canada, in March, 1883.

Received a certificate of registration from the Dominion Government, Dec. 27, 1894 and is also registered on the Insurance License Register of Ontario.

In each province in which the Association transacts business it appoints an agent under power of attorney, bearing the seal of the Association and signed by the President and Secretary, to receive service of process in all suits and proceedings against the Association in the province in which said agent resides.

The following are the names and addresses of all the agents of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada appointed to receive service of process in all suits and proceedings against the Association in the Province in which the said agents respectively reside:

Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont.  
Timothy, J. Finn, Montreal, Que.  
William E. Scully, St. John (West), New Brunswick.  
James R. Cragg, Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
Rev. Alfred E. Burke, Alberton, Prince Edward Island.  
John K. Barrett, Winnipeg, Man.  
Louis Philippe O. Noel, Battleford, North West Territories.

The Association is sanctioned and blessed by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, and has received the approbation of His Eminence, Cardinal Taschereau, and the Archbishops and Bishops of Canada.

The names of the following Archbishops and Bishops, with those of nearly all the Parish Priests and Curates in Canada, wherever branches are established, adorn the C. M. B. A. roll of membership:—

Most Rev. John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto.  
Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax.  
Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough.  
Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton.  
Right Rev. M. Decelles, Bishop of St. Hyacinthe.  
Right Rev. J. M. Eward, Bishop of Valleyfield.  
Right Rev. A. Pascal, Bishop of Prince Albert.

### WHO MAY BECOME MEMBERS.

Applicants for membership must be practical Catholics, males, not under 18 years of age nor over 50 at date of initiation, must pass a medical examination, be approved by the Supervising Medical Examiner, the Branch Board of Trustees, and elected by ballot of the branch to which application is made before they can be admitted to membership.

Three grades of policies are issued, viz., a \$2,000, a \$1,000 and \$500.

WHAT IT WILL COST TO BECOME A MEMBER.

To become a member of the C. M. B. A. of

Canada will require the payment of the following fees:

Application fee \$1.00  
Supervising Med. Examiner's fee .50  
Medical Examination fee 1.00  
One Assessment, for \$1,000 at age 21 .50  
One month's dues... .25

Total... \$2.75

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.

Rejected applicants have the \$1.00 of application fee returned to them.

### TABLE OF RATES.

For a \$500 Policy.

Members' Ages.	Am't of Ass'ts.
From 18 and not over 25	25c.
" 25 " " 30	28c.
" 30 " " 35	30c.
" 35 " " 40	35c.
" 40 " " 45	40c.
" 45 " " 50	45c.

For a \$1,000 Policy.

From 18 and not over 25	50c.
" 25 " " 30	55c.
" 30 " " 35	60c.
" 35 " " 40	65c.
" 40 " " 45	75c.
" 45 " " 50	85c.

For a \$2,000 Policy.

From 18 and not over 25	\$1.00
" 25 " " 30	1.10
" 30 " " 35	1.20
" 35 " " 40	1.50
" 40 " " 45	1.75
" 45 " " 50	2.00

### THE PROBABLE YEARLY COST ON \$1,000 BENEFIT

For a Member at Age of 21.

Eighteen assessments at 50c. each... \$9.00  
Twelve months' dues at 25 cents... 3.00

\$12.00

The Constitution provides for fifteen fixed assessments and also for special assessments in case the fifteen fixed assessments be not sufficient; but the total assessments can never, according to the laws, exceed twenty-four in any one year; as, should it be necessary, through an epidemic or any other cause to require more money than said number of assessments would bring, the Reserve Fund is drawn upon. Eighteen assessments is the greatest number we have had.

The rate fixed for the age at which an applicant becomes a member remains the same throughout.

### HOW TO START A BRANCH OF THE C. M. B. A.

Send to the Deputy in charge of your district, or any of the officers of the Grand Council, for a blank application for a charter. Call on the parish priest, solicit his approval of the formation of a branch in his parish, and get him to become a charter member if qualified so to be; get as many other applicants as possible to sign the application for a charter, and the parish priest to certify that the applicants are practical Catholics. Then send said application for charter to the deputy, who will forward it to the Grand Secretary. On receipt of the same he will send you application for membership and medical certificate blanks; and E. Ryan, M. D., Supervising Medical Examiner, King-

ston, Ont., will arrange with you as to the appointment of a physician in the locality to examine the applicants.

Each applicant shall pay the medical fee, \$1.50 to the physician at the time of examination. This physician should immediately forward the medical certificates to Dr. Ryan.

A certificate of birth, or a satisfactory declaration as to age, must accompany every application.

As soon as a sufficient number (not less than 12) have been approved, the deputy, or organizing officer, will receive a report for the institution of the new branch and also a set of supplies from the Grand Secretary. He will then arrange with you the date for instituting the branch.

The welfare of a branch depends in a great measure upon its first officers, and the way in which they discharge their duties.

A copy of the Constitution and By Laws of the Association should be in the hands of each member; and members should study it well and comply with its regulations.

Now branches pay \$25 for a set of supplies, and charter, and the Grand Council pays the expenses of the Deputy who organizes the branch.

For the amount of business done, the cost of management of the C. M. B. A. is infinitely lower than any other assessment association or life insurance organization on the continent of America.

Quebec, Jan. 4, 1898.

S. R. Brown, Grand Sec. C. M. B. A., London, Ont.

My dear Brother Brown: We have just heard of the terrible calamity that has befallen your city, causing death and injury to so many of your citizens. Please convey to all the heartfelt sympathy of the members of Branch 108, C. M. B. A. of Canada.

Yours fraternally,  
P. E. LANE, Rec. Secretary.

We have received from C. M. B. A. members throughout Canada a great many messages similar to the foregoing. Our association was fortunate in having one of its members among the killed. One or two were slightly injured.

The prizes offered by Grand Deputy Brother W. J. Power of Halifax, N. S. to the branch in Nova Scotia including Cape Breton, that initiated the greatest number of members in 1897 has been won by Branch No. 132 of Halifax said branch having initiated 21 members. Brother Power's action is very commendable and other Grand Deputies might follow his good example.

### AT HOME.

The members of Branch 251 Kensington, P. E. I., gave an At Home on November 23rd. Ninety couples responded to invitations. Messrs Dempsey and Bavan furnished the music, and Mr. Thos. N. Donahoe was floor director. Between 9 and 10 o'clock supper was announced at the Clark Hotel, after which the guests repaired to the hall and spent an enjoyable time.