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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

NOTES.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be sent to the chairman of the Committee on Laws of the Grand Council on or before the 1st July, 1898.

Any amendments not so forwarded shall not be considered at any session of the Grand Council in Convention.

New branches have been instituted by Grand Organizer W. P. Killackey at Colgan and Mount St. Patrick, in the province of Ontario, and others are being organized at Stanleyville, Killaloe Station and Freelton.

Brother Killackey has held successful meetings recently at Perth, Renfrew, Smith's Falls, Pembroke, Arnprior, Almonte, Carleton Place, Huntley, Pakenham and Brondenelle.

Bro. E. J. Duggan, of Branch 26, is now Seigneur Duggan, of Murray Bay, P. Q., having succeeded to the title and Seignory, the estates of which are extensive, by the recent death of his eldest brother, the late Wm. Duggan.

GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION.

"She gleams above her granite throne:
Her gray walls gird her ample zone.
She queens the North, supreme, alone."
—Joaquin Miller.

When the readers of THE CANADIAN are in possession of this number, many of them will be brightening up their uniform and buckling on their constitutional armor to do effective work in the interests of the C. M. B. A. The information already given them may be of some service. Nothing imparted through these columns are one bit exaggerated. Many are in doubt at present, but they will be more than agreeably surprised when they learn in time that only a fraction of this information has been given them. A few more pointers to our prospective visitors: It is not necessary to carry a French and English dictionary in your pocket. The only trouble you may have is to tell a French from an English-speaking brother, and even when you hear his name mentioned you may still entertain a doubt as to his nationality. Don't be afraid to speak English plainly: we can all understand it. Don't be in a hurry: there is only twenty-four hours in every day here. Don't be impatient; every electric car is run on time. Trains are scheduled to arrive and leave at certain hours. The city is very old, but you will find the people very much up to date. Even the habitants will get ahead of you if not careful. You have no excuse to stay away from Church. Everywhere you turn you will find one. No trouble to get in either—lots of walks, lots of seats. Take a turn up and down Dufferin Terrace when you get angry; you will soon cool off. Don't be afraid of the police; they are quite harmless. If any readers should come here and is extremely anxious to test his vocal powers in the French tongues, let him go down one of the hills to St. Rochs; he will be accommodated. If you wish to get in condition for an Alpine outing or a climb up Skagaway pass take a few trips up our hills. There is more in store for you than you are aware of, and when you get back to your homes it will be with joyful remembrances of the many surprises you received in the Old Rock City; and in the years to come your minds will revert to the good and hospitable people you have left behind. So, when you come, make yourself at home, for its only what the people of Quebec would wish you to do.

In closing, the brothers of this city wish to extend their hearty welcome to all, and will endeavor to make your stay as pleasant and agreeable as possible.

Branch 108

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION.

The High Mass at the opening of the Convention will be celebrated in the church of St. Roch de Quebec.

The sermon in French will be delivered by Rev. C. E Carrier, Superior of the College of Levis, Chancellor of Branch 96 and Grand District Deputy, and the sermon in English by Rev. Father Henning, rector of St. Patrick's Church of Quebec.

His Grace Mgr. Louis Nazaire Begin with His Worship mayor S. N. Parent, member of Branch 110, and the Aldermen and Councillors of the city will receive the delegates at the City Hall.

The Chateau Frontenac will be the head quarters of the Grand Council Officers during their stay in Quebec.

Members of branches wishing to correspond with the Grand Secretary between the 19th and 25th of August will please address him to the Chateau Frontenac.

ADDRESS TO GRAND ORGANIZER W. J KILLACKEY.

Perth July 11, 1898.

To W. P. Killackey Esq., Grand Organizer C M B A in Canada

Dear Sir and Brother—The officers and members of Branch No 89 of the C. M. B. A. Perth extend to you a most hearty and cordial welcome on this the occasion of your first official visit in our midst, and assure you that they are delighted at the favor and the honor conferred on them by the same.

Your untiring zeal for the furtherance of the interests of our society and the most satisfactory discharge of the onerous duties which have devolved upon you in the various positions you have occupied in it claim our admiration and gratitude, in common with our brethren throughout the Dominion of Canada, who have shown due appreciation of your very eminent talents and great services by elevating you to one of the most honorable positions in their gift.

On the 13th day of October, A. D. 1885, scarcely ten years ago, our branch was founded. At its incepti n barely enough members could be found to make up the requisite number to enable a branch to be formed but under the guidance and instruction of the Rev. Dean O'Connor, who was the first Spiritual Adviser of the branch, and who was always found ready and willing to assist both by precept and example anything which would further the interests of his people, the membership steadily increased

After Rev. Dean O'Connor's removal from here to other fields of labor his successor was the Rev Father O'Donohoe, and he in turn became the Spiritual Adviser of the branch and continued in the good work so ably begun until called to his eternal reward by his Divine Master, whom he served so faithfully. During his pastorate our branch made rapid strides both in numbers and influence. We trust his memory will ever be cherished with profound reverence and respect, standards by those who owe much to him. I can do no more than express.

We are happy in having the same solicitude for our success continued to us by our present beloved pastor, Reverend Father Dollard, who has so worthily assumed the same position and whatever of success has attended our Branch of late years is due chiefly to his untiring interest in our welfare. We are pleased to be able to state that our membership has now reached nearly the century mark, and the Branch as a whole is one of the most flourishing in Eastern Ontario, and we only hope and pray that he may be long spared to guide us in all our undertakings during the Branch and that we may profit by the great advantage of his wisdom and counsel.

We fervently wish that your visit to our town may prove a pleasant one for you, and we are sure that it will mark a new epoch in the advancement of Branch Number 89, both in material prosperity and in the growth of fraternal union among us.

That God may grant you many years of usefulness and happiness is the ardent prayer of each and every member of Branch Number 89.

Signed on behalf of Branch Number 89 of the C. M. B. A., Perth.

JOHN DOYLE President.
H. Y. NOONAN, 1st Vice President
A. W. DWARE 2nd Vice-President
CHAS J. FOY.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Brantford, Aug 4th, 1898

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

Dear Sir.—I hereby acknowledge receipt of cheque for $1900 (nineteen hundred) being amount due me on the beneficiary certificate held by my late husband Arthur Savage. I desire to express my thanks for your prompt attention to the settlement of this claim.

I wish also to thank the officers and members of Branch No. 5 Brantford for their sympathy and kindness to us in our bereavement

MARY SAVAGE

Prescott, August 9th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of Branch No 16, C. M B A, Prescott.

Gentlemen—Please accept my most sincere thanks for cheque for $1,500 through your Recording Secretary, Mr W. J. Bruder, being amount of Insurance Policy in your association on the life of my late husband, John Driscoll. Again thanking you for your prompt remittance, and wishing your society every success,

Yours respectfully,
MRS J DRISCOLL

Montreal, Que, Aug 10, 1898

Dear Sir and Brother—Be kind enough to present to the Grand Council the thanks of Branch No 207, for the prompt settlement of the insurance of the late Brother J. Bte Wilson

E F Lariviere, President

REPRESENTATION IN THE GRAND COUNCIL

We have received from one of our Halifax brothers a communication on the question of Representation in the Grand Council Among other important statements he says:

The feeling has been growing that Nova Scotia is not sufficiently represented in the Grand Council. The growth of the C M B A has been in Ontario, and [illegible] and the Province of Quebec, [illegible] in such a phase he [illegible] the Association. The [illegible] should not, however, be [illegible] all difference that [illegible] accorded to Nova Scotia [illegible] according to the [illegible] published in THE CANADIAN we have [illegible] members of the [illegible] Nova Scotia as there are in New Brunswick. But [illegible] the representation. New Brunswick has the First Vice President [illegible] and one member of the Laws Committee. Nova Scotia has a member on the Finance Committee, and that member is from the border town of Amherst. The result of the [illegible] representation is that the branches in Nova Scotia are not so completely in touch with the Grand Council as they should be. This treatment cannot be accounted for on the ground that we do not send good representatives. At any convention of the C. M. B. A. in which Nova Scotia was represented I venture to affirm that the representatives from this province were equally morally and intellectually, the peers of the representatives of any of the other provinces, and yet they were always [illegible]. The result of this is that the Association is not making anything like the progress it might make in this province, and [illegible] was the Macedonian cry to the Grand President to come over to help us. I [illegible] which I mention is one [illegible] discussed among the brethren here, and hence do I communicate it to you.