

St. Lawrence, we had a procession of forty brethren. My brother, late mayor, acting as Master, the Captain, Senior Warden, and my father, Junior Warden. We had a splendid banquet, given by our worthy Captain. We settled in the township of London, Ontario, where I remained over fifty years. If this meets the eye of an older brother, or any of my shipmates, I will feel most happy to have them write to me, to which I will reply by giving their address.

There was a brother, a native of County Antrim, died at Ingersoll—a few miles from London—four years ago, who had been ninety-three years a Mason. He was 112 years old. A much older brother than P. McFadden, or myself may turn up yet.

TOAST.—To him that drank out of the cup that was not made by the hand of man.

REPLY.—To the memory of him who cut the stone that covered the tomb of old Cymon.

Most respectfully and fraternally yours,

THOMAS PARKINSON.

The Napanee *Beaver* says: "Our neighboring contemporaries have been lifting up their horn and blowing loudly about the oldest Mason, but we have found one that will out count them all. The venerable gentleman is Mr. William Henry Getty, of North Fredericksburg, who was made in 1808 at Carranbag Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 574, County Antrim, Ireland. Mr. Getty is eighty-six years old, and was initiated at the age of seventeen by dispensation. He has in his possession now a certificate of his father's, given 102 years ago.—*Pictou Times*."

## LONDON MASONIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of this Association took place in London on the 26th of January, Bro. the Rev. G. M. Innes, President, in the chair. The first order of business was Bro. Sippi's motion in reference to a "Reserve Fund." This brought up a motion from Bro. P. B. Campbell, seconded by Bro. W. D. Hammond, a scheme, which they had printed and distributed, known as the "Wardsville Scheme," viz., that of paying Beneficiaries by a sliding scale; those dying within 5 years, 20 per cent. deducted off; second 5 years, 15 per cent., &c., &c., after debate, this being put to the meeting was declared lost by 716 nays to 201 yeas.

The next order being new business: It was moved by W. Bro. Wm. Hendry, and seconded by Bro. W. C. L. Gill, that a scheme, known as the "Hendry Scheme," viz., that forming a new class called B out of class A and subdivided into subdivisions of \$1,000 policies; application fees being graded according to age, from 22 to 60 years, and their monthly calls graded from 67 cents to \$2.60, according to age, on each death. This scheme was also printed and fully circulated amongst the members, and was very lucidly and fully placed before this meeting by W. Bro. Hendry, both as an actuary and otherwise, so much so as to gain a very hearty vote of thanks for the very able manner in which he had submitted his scheme. W. Bro. Hendry being asked if he would do away with the clause of medical examinations, so far as the members of class A now stood, said no, as from the low calculations made in the tables exhibited, it would not admit of any but examined lives. The scheme on being put to the meeting was declared lost by 606 nays to 321 yeas.

The next scheme was moved by W. Bro. I. Waterman, seconded by W. Bro. R. Lewis, and known as the "Director's Scheme." This was also printed and circulated and was ably laid before the meeting by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, to be known as class U, limiting the amount paid to beneficiaries to \$2,000, but not limiting the membership, and the highest amount called on the members in any one year was to be \$32. and less if required. The scheme on being put to the meeting was declared lost by 577 yeas to 350 nays, as it requires according to the Constitution, a two-thirds majority on all schemes for amending such.

At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. R. W. Otto Klotz moved that the two schemes the "Directors" and the "Hendry" run concurrent for this year, with the present class A; this, on being put to the meeting, was lost, so that class A remains as heretofore.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, that the words after "rejected," in clause 14, page 8 of Constitution, in reference to the returning Doctor's fee of \$2 be expunged, as said words were not found in the original manuscript, and also, that the Secretary, in future keep close to the By-Law in reference to the recall for non-payments.

Notice of Motion for Annual Meeting, '77, by Dr. J. K. Oliver.—"I give notice that at the next annual meeting of this Association, I shall bring up an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws to provide for compensation to members, who may have been a member of this Association for a period of ten years and over, and who shall prove to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Directors, that he or they are not in a position to pay such calls; said compensation that may be decided on by said Board to be paid over to his or their heirs, at his or their death, together with the interest