

the Waves," which was played in a manner that would have done credit to professionals.

Prof. Gallant, Egmont Bay, gave a piano solo, a mazurka, which was beautifully rendered and loudly applauded.

Mr. Joseph Macdonald, Seven Mile Bay, followed with the stirring vocal solo, "The Sword of Bunker Hill," to which he did justice, winning liberal applause.

Bro. Thos. N. Donahoe, of Kensington Branch, gave a comic song, "The Bird Played Out," in good style, and won an encore, to which he responded with another humorous selection.

The anniversary address was delivered by Bro. Charles Murphy of the Customs Department here, and it was most appropriate to the occasion. He began by referring to the growth of the C. M. B. A. in this province and throughout Canada, and to the fine class of men in the organization, there having so far been only one death in the ranks of the order in Prince Edward Island, and that by accidental drowning. He spoke of the strong financial standing of the order, and the inducements and advantages it held out, and instituted some comparisons between straight line and assessment assurance, the latter, he claimed, being much the older of the two, as there were at the present day in England fraternal benefit and insurance companies, on the assessment plan, that were about seven hundred years old. He closed with some eloquent remarks concerning the fraternal advantages of the C. M. B. A., and the immense good it had done the widows and orphans of deceased members. Bro. Murphy's address was eloquent, practical and to the point, and well merited the prolonged applause it received.

Mr. Charles Birch followed with a vocal solo, "Happy be thy Dreams," which he rendered in a very pleasing manner, winning much applause.

Next came an instrumental selection, "Merry Princess," by Miss Ella Stilliphant, mandolin, and Miss Strong, piano. This was a very pretty piece, and was given in a style that pleased the audience.

The vocal solo, "I'm Sailing Home to Sweet Kathleen," was rendered by Miss Bella Gaudet, now of Summerside and recently organist of Miscouche church, in such excellent style that she had to respond to an encore. She bids fair to become a favorite on concert programmes here.

The recitation, "Spartacus to the Gladiators at Capua," by Miss Ida E. Gough, was one of the gems of the evening. It was splendidly rendered, and justly merited the encore it received.

Mr. M. D. Ready, Irishtown, came next, with the vocal solo, "Give My Love to Nellie," which he rendered in first rate style, receiving an encore, to which he responded with another pleasing solo.

"The Frenchman's Mistake," a humorous reading by Bro. A. C. Cullen, was well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the audience, and generously applauded.

Rev. E. V. P. O'N. Byrd's solo, "Norine Maureen," was a vocal gem, and so well did he please the audience, that they insisted upon hearing him again, and he responded with "The Meeting of the Waters."

The closing number was a comic song by the old favorite, Bro. Jas. R. Kenny, who sang, "O! Mistress O' Flaherty, What do ye mean by that?" in a manner that caused roars of

laughter. He was encored twice, the audience insisting upon hearing him again and again.

The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

The members of Branch 215 hereby express their thanks to all those who kindly took part in the entertainment, and to those who, by their presence, assisted in making the concert the grand success it was—P. E. I. Agriculturnist.

### APPEALS.

Deemerton, Oct. 12, 1896.

To the President and Members of Branch No. 15, C. M. B. A.

Brothers—The object of our Association being mutual aid, Branch 69, located at Deemerton, deems it proper to appeal to the fraternal charity and Christian hearts of all our C. M. B. A. Brothers in behalf of unfortunate Brother Geo. La France, one of the charter members of our branch.

Brother La France has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism and asthma for the last few years, and thus his large family of six small children have been deprived of their natural support. With business reverses and the loss of his house and home by fire during the last year, Brother La France has been left practically penniless.

We hope therefore, Brothers, that you will be as charitable as usual and make a generous response to our appeal, and thus show your sympathy and fraternal feeling for our severely-afflicted Brother, who has always been a true and constant member of our beloved C. M. B. A.

We remain, fraternally yours,

GEO. N. SCHMIDT,

President.

All contributions to be sent to John Lobsinger, R. S., Deemerton P. O., Bruce Co., Ont.

Approved by the

Rev. JOSEPH F. WEY,

Spiritual Adviser.

London, Ont., Sept. 10, 1896.

Dear Sir and Brother—The petition for an appeal in favor of Brother La France has been allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

Yours fraternally,

SAM. R. BROWN,

Grand Secretary.

Hall of Branch No. 124,

Biddulph, August 14th, 1896.

To the Grand President, Grand Secretary, and Grand Trustees, Officers and members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada:

Brothers,—It is with a deep sense of Christian charity and fraternal duty that we, the officers and members of this branch are impelled to appeal to the branches of the Association (through the medium of your kind and considerate board) on behalf of Brother Anthony O'Dwyer, who is now in very distressing circumstances owing to the long and serious illness of his wife, who is now a helpless invalid, and has been so during the last four years. After vainly consulting all the local doctors at a great cost, he took her to Stony Point about two years ago, and to Ste. Anne de Baupré this summer.

She was under the medical care of doctors in Toronto for five months, at a cost of twenty dollars a week. Mrs. O'Dwyer is now entirely powerless in all her limbs, and has been so for three months, so that she has to be fed and otherwise attended to, the same as an infant, by her husband. They have nine small, helpless children, being between the ages of ten and two years.

Brother and Mrs. O'Dwyer have no female relatives, and as it is impossible for them to hire a nurse, it is through the kindness and charity of good neighbors that his children and home are

kept in a respectable condition. A year ago Brother O'Dwyer notified the branch of his intention to withdraw from the Association, being unable to pay his assessments. We persuaded him to hold on, and that we would continue to carry him on, we having been doing so for some time previously, and are still doing so, though we cannot well afford it.

Brother O'Dwyer was not in good circumstances previous to his wife's illness, owing to various losses and troubles too numerous to mention in detail. In addition to what we have already stated relative to the case, Brother O'Dwyer's barn and other out buildings, together with all his farm produce and implements, also all his

stock, were totally destroyed by fire about three years ago. We might also mention that he lost heavily on imported horses, two valuable horses having died on him.

And therefore, knowing his case to be a sad one, with his large and helpless family, we appeal to that inherent fraternal and Christian charity which so truly characterizes the brotherhood of our noble association. Earnestly hoping that this, our appeal on behalf of our sadly afflicted brother, will meet the approval of your board and a hearty and generous response from the brotherhood.

P. J. QUIGLEY, President.

P. O'SHEA, Rec. Sec.

### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTÈME DE COTISATION.

December Assessment. Cotisation du mois de Dec. No. 15. Deaths. Nos. 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94.

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A.C.B.M. du Canada. Secretary's Office, London, Dec. 1, 1896. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1 Décembre, 1896. Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the status of the following named brothers:

NO.	NAME.	BRANCH.	LOCATION.	POLICE.	ADMITT'D.	DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
NO.	NOM.	BRANCHE.	SIÈGE.	POLICE.	ADMIS.	DÉCÉDÉS.	CAUSE DU DÉCÈS.
86	Rev. J. T. Wagner	1	Windsor, Ont.	3400	Feb. 11, '75	AUG. 26, '96	Hypertrop. of Heart
87	Henry King	26	Montreal, Q.	3000	July 10, '91	Oct. 16, '96	Accidentally Killed
88	Edward Kennedy	232	Montreal, Q.	3000	Mar. 29, '91	Oct. 29, '96	Pneumonia
89	Edward Carey	31	Montreal, Q.	1600	July 3, '89	Nov. 3, '93	Diabetes Mellitus
90	Thomas Sikorski	67	Pembroke, Ont.	1000	Dec. 26, '80	Nov. 3, '96	Cancer of Stomach
91	R. G. J. S. Steffen	35	St. Agatha, Ont.	2000	Oct. 22, '91	Nov. 6, '96	Accidentally Killed
92	Richard H. Barry	11	Morrisburg, Ont.	2000	June 2, '91	Nov. 11, '96	Peritonitis
93	John Galvin	212	Owen Sound, Ont.	500	Mar. 11, '95	Nov. 21, '96	Heart Disease
94	Rev. Joseph Hutter	12	Berlin, Ont.	2000	Sep. 28, '95	Nov. 27, '96	Heart Disease

Deaths Nos. 86 and 87 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time.

Les décès Nos. 86 et 87 ne sont pas rapportés dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for November, 1896. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Nov., 1896.

BENEFICIARY FUND—FONDS DES BÉNÉFICIAIRES.		Dr.
Amount on hand Nov. 1st.	1896	\$ 619 14
Montant en caisse le 1er Nov.		
Received during Nov. from	No. 10 Assessment	619 81
Reçu durant le mois de Nov.	No. 11 " "	5,033 63
	No. 12 " "	6,321 79
	No. 13 & 14 " "	166 24

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Nov. 10, Benefits paid on account of	J. W. Tierney, Order 368..... \$ 1,000 00
Bénéfices payés à compte de	P. Curran, " 308..... 1,000 00
11, do	H. Hundeshagen, " 375..... 2,000 00
14, do	J. Liddy, " 371 & 372..... 2,000 00
20, do	T. O'Rourke, " 373..... 2,000 00
28, do	J. E. Fitzgerald, " 374..... 2,000 00
30, do	C. T. Boyce, " 375..... 2,000 00
December (Décembre) 1st, 1896, Balance	..... 790 31
	\$12,790 31 \$12,790 31

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date... \$506,517 85  
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéficiaires collecté depuis le 1er Janv., 1893, à cette date... \$506,517 85  
Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date... \$515,757 57  
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres décédés à cette date... \$515,757 57

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE.		
Amount on hand November 1st.	{ 1896 .....	\$ 57,957 0
Montant en caisse le 1er de Nov.		
Amount accrued since last report	{ .....	659 3
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport		
Total.....		\$ 58,616 6

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada: Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada

Brothers,—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 15 (December Assessment) is given in compliance with Section 7 of Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this Assessment to the Fin. Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of Jan., 1897. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this Assessment, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report, on or before the 10th day of Jan., '97. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally,

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Fraternellement à vous,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.