

1st. day of July, A D 1896, and ending on the 30th day of June, A D. 1897, BE DEEMED TO BE SEVERALLY REGISTERED AS INSURANCE AGENTS OF THE SAID CORPORATION ONLY, within the intent of the Acts hereinbefore recited, and subject to the provisions thereof.

In witness whereof this Agents Certificate of Registry is issued to the said corporation under the hand and the seal of office of the said Inspector of Insurance, this 1st day of July, A D 1896

HOWARD HENRIK, Inspector of Insurance.

Letter from the First Vice-President.

In the course of the kind greetings which the honorable Mr. Hackett sent to all our brothers through the medium of the December issue of THE CANADIAN, he clearly set forth the maxim, "charity knows neither creed nor climate."

This truth, thoroughly Christian, received an exemplification in the prompt and sympathetic welcome which the delegates of the C. M. B. A.—at the time of their last general convention in Ottawa—accorded the project presented by the representatives of the Executive Committee of the Lefebvre Monument.

Since a year ago it has been sufficiently demonstrated that this Lefebvre Monument, which is now in the course of erection at Memramook, N. B. has a particular significance in the general and patriotic movement to which the intelligent citizen have been called on to participate in during the past thirty or forty years.

Redistributive justice demands that Catholics no matter to what rank or nationality they belong, receive their share of the gifts of science and high education.

Circumstances did not permit us to enjoy this privilege in New Brunswick before the year 1864. It was at this date and in the midst of very many obstacles that Rev. Father Camille Lefebvre endeavored to build St. Joseph's college. He succeeded in his laudable object and "generalized its usefulness to the profit of all creeds and nationalities."

Therefore, in our Province, all the friends of education have given a helping hand to honor the memory of this apostle of education and to recall to future generations the new era, in the maritime provinces, by the foundation of a college wherein the Acadians would be as well educated as others in their mother tongue.

So, as the delegates of the C. M. B. A. so well understood in August last, the importance of our request, we now pray all the branches, which have taken charge of a book of lottery tickets for the Lefebvre Memorial Hall, to kindly forward the stubs of the tickets and the amount collected, to the address of the treasurer of the committee before the 25th of the present month.

Praying all our Brothers of the C. M. B. A. to accept the thanks of the Executive committee of the Lefebvre Monument, together with our wishes of happiness and prosperity for the new year which commences this day.

I remain your most devoted brother,
L. J. BELLIVANT, 1st Vice President,
Shediac, 1st January, 1897

Notes From Branch 145.

The following notes from the inaugural address of Bro. J. D. Warde, President of

Branch 145, Toronto, may be of interest to other branches.

After thanking the branch for his election by acclamation, Bro. Warde went on to say: "I think that the idea of having some little amusement at the second meeting of the month, when the regular business is easily disposed of, is a good one, and I shall endeavor to make these evenings as interesting as possible. The plan recently adopted of crediting members' accounts with fifteen cents for each meeting attended, has increased the average attendance, and the equity of recognizing the services of those members, who by their presence and labor, carry on the work of the branch, will, I am sure, continue to commend itself to you. The discussions we have had during the past year on the reduction of the cost of Conventions, has awakened much interest in the subject, and I hope the matter will continue to receive attention at your hands."

The plan outlined some time ago of rendering our meeting hall interesting, by hanging therein portraits of the Past Presidents, has, as you see, resulted in our receiving the portraits of the gentlemen who occupied the chair during 1893 and 1894, and our President of 1895 promises his at once.

I now come to a matter of the utmost importance, not only to each and every member of our branch, but to the whole Association. I regret exceedingly to find that a species of dry rot, or paralysis, afflicts the Association in this city, which, if allowed to continue, will very soon prove fatal to C. M. B. A. effort in Toronto. This paralysis is due to carelessness on our part in failing to bring in new members. We have in this city and immediate vicinity at least 40,000 Catholics; we have nine parish churches; we have seven branches of the C. M. B. A., and yet during the year ending 31st October, 1896, THE CANADIAN only shows that 22 members were initiated in the entire city. These were divided amongst the several branches as follows:—Branch 15 initiated 11 members; Branch 49, 4; Branch 85, 3; Branch 111, 9; Branch 144, 1; Branch 145, 1; Branch 200, 1.

I have no data at hand showing the expulsions and suspensions during the same period, but as two members were suspended in our branch, I believe they exceed 22 in the 7 branches. This being the case, we have the spectacle of the C. M. B. A. in Toronto decreasing in membership. This is all the more extraordinary because the growth of the Association outside the city is very satisfactory. This must be remedied. We should all make it our business to canvass for and bring in new members. These members should, as far as possible, be young men. So long as we can keep up the accession of young members, so as to keep down the average minimum age limit, and thus reduce the number of assessments, we can be assured of our stability and perpetuity. But only work on the part of each and every member will accomplish the end desired. Unless also new blood be introduced in the branches, the members grow old and rusty. Allow me, in conclusion, to wish yourselves and your families a happy and prosperous New Year.

Marriage of Brother John D. Burns of Branch 134, St. John

At the Cathedral at 6 1/2 on the morning of Nov. 18th a very interesting wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Casey. The bride, Miss Evelyn M. Enslow, youngest daughter of the late Isaac Enslow, was attired in a very pretty travelling gown of navy blue, with a hat of like material, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. She was attended by Miss E. Gallivan, who wore a handsome gown of shot green, trimmed with jet and honiton lace; a hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom, Brother John D. Burns, now of Halifax, was supported by John J. Maher of Halifax. The ceremony was

witnessed by many of the friends of the bride and groom. Several altar boys, former pupils of the bride, assisted in the ceremony. Immediately after the nuptials a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother on Duke street. Mr. and Mrs. Burns left on the early train for a honeymoon

trip through Nova Scotia. The presents to the newly wedded couple were numerous and valuable. Brother Burns, who used to reside in St. John, was entertained at supper the previous evening at the Cafe Royal. Brother John L. Carleton presided, and a few hours were very pleasantly spent.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

January Assessments. Cotisations du mois de Janvier. Nos. 1 & Special. Deaths. Decés. Nos. 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, and 107.

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, Jan. 1, 1897. Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the status of the following named brothers:

NO.	NAME.	BRANCH.	LOCATION.	POLICY.	ADMITTED.	DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
NO.	NOM.	BRANCHE.	SIÈGE.	POLICE.	ADMIS.	DÉCÉDÉS.	CAUSE DU DÉCÈS.
15	John J. Shea	76	Belleville, Ont.	500	Dec. 15, '91	May 20, '91	Alcoholism
96	Thos. Pender	52	Winnipeg, Man.	200	Jan. 22, '90	Nov. 16, '90	Pleurisy
97	D. J. O'Brien	52	Hamilton, Ont.	200	Apr. 29, '87	Nov. 18, '90	Tuberculosis & App.
98	J. B. Ouellet	58	Ottawa, Ont.	100	July 18, '91	Nov. 25, '90	Heart Disease
99	John Colombo	10	Badou, Ont.	500	June 10, '88	Nov. 27, '90	Not known
100	John McFigue	91	Beaufort, Ont.	500	Jan. 2, '92	Nov. 30, '90	Heart Disease
101	Thos. Fitzgerald	26	Montreal, Que.	500	Apr. 8, '91	Dec. 1, '91	Hemorrh. of Lungs
102	W. F. Connors	29	Montreal, N. B.	100	June 8, '93	Dec. 7, '90	Braemite
103	E. X. C. Feetun	28	Quebec, Que.	100	Dec. 19, '91	Dec. 15, '91	Pneumonia
104	Victor Laporte	27	Ottawa, Ont.	500	Jan. 18, '84	Dec. 17, '90	Influm. of Lungs
105	Henry Carr	27	St. Marys, Ont.	100	Oct. 6, '87	Dec. 19, '90	Broncho-Pneumonia
106	James Lockert	21	Thorold, Ont.	200	Apr. 8, '90	Dec. 20, '90	Pneumonia
107	Bernard Walter	68	Deererton, Ont.	200	Mar. 3, '86	Dec. 27, '90	Cancer of Stomach

Deaths Nos. 95, 96, 97 and '93 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time. Death No. 93 having taken place in California, we had great difficulty in procuring satisfactory proofs.

THE AMOUNT OF TWO ASSESSMENTS IS REQUIRED FROM each member—the regular No. 1 for January, and a Special Assessment.

Les décs Nos. 95, 96, 97 et 93 ne sont pas rapportés dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps. Le décs No. 93 ayant eu lieu en Californie nous avons eu beaucoup de difficulté à nous procurer des preuves satisfaisantes.

LE MONTANT DE DEUX COTISATIONS EST REQUIS DE chaque membre—la cotisation régulière No. 1 pour Janvier, et une Cotisation Spéciale.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for December, 1896. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Dec. 1896.

BENEFICIARY FUND—FONDS DES BÉNÉFICES.		Dr.
Amount on hand Dec. 1st.	1896.....	\$ 790 31
Montant en caisse le 1er Dec.		
Received during Dec. from	No. 11 Assessment	253 44
Reçu durant le mois de Dec.	No. 12 "	3,757 89
	No. 13 & 14 "	13,302 36
	No. 15 "	378 40

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Dec. 5, Benefits paid on account of	E. Roe,	Order	370
Bénéfices payés à compte de	F. Bourgeois,	"	377 & 378
	M. Phillips,	"	379
	P. Curran,	"	380
(2nd half) do	T. Walsh,	"	381
	A. Dubuc,	"	382
	A. Parent,	"	383
	J. Miller,	"	384
	J. H. Kennedy,	"	385
	H. J. Ryan,	"	386, 387, 388
	E. Kennedy,	"	389
	E. Carey,	"	390
	T. Sikocki,	"	391
January (Janv) 1st, 1897, Balance			\$20,492 16 \$20,492 16

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date..... \$521,250 63
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéfices collecté depuis le 1er Janv. 1893, à ce jour..... \$521,250 63
Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date..... \$325,257 57
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres décdés à ce jour..... \$325,257 57

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE.		
Amount on hand December 1st.	1896.....	\$ 58,000 62
Montant en caisse le 1er de Dec.		
Amount accrued since last report		1,037 71
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport		
Total.....		\$ 59,038 33

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. 1 (January Assessment) and a Special Assessment, is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay the regular No. 1 Assessment to the Fin. Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of Feb. 1897, and the Special Assessment on or before the fifteenth day of Feb. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of the regular No. 1 Assessment on or before the 23rd day of Feb. and the Special Assessment on or before the 21st day of Feb. accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report. 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.

Frères—L'état précédent de la cotisation No. 1 (cotisation du mois de Janvier) et d'une Cotisation Spéciale, est donné en conformité de la Clause 7ème et 8ème de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéfices; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est donné dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer la cotisation régulière No. 1 au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 3ème jour de Février, 1897, et la cotisation Spéciale le ou avant le 15ème jour de Février. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de la cotisation régulière No. 1 le ou avant le 23ème jour de Février, et la cotisation Spéciale le ou avant le 21ème jour de Février accompagné du Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des Succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

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