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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

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GRAND COUNCIL TRUSTEE MEETING.

Berlin, Ont., August 27, 1900

A meeting of the Grand President and Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was held at the Brunswick House, Berlin, Ont., on August 27 b, 1900.

The following members were present:

Hon. M. F. Hackett, Stanstead, Q. B., Grand President.

P. J. O'Keefe, St. John, N. B., Grand Trustee

J. J. Behan, Kingston, Ont., Grand Trustee

P. J. Rooney, Toronto, Ont., Grand Trustee.

Joe. A. Chisholm, Halifax, N. S., Grand Trustee.

D. Ryan, Kingston, Ont., Sup. Med. Examiner.

Hon. F. R. Latchford, Ottawa, Ont., Solicitor.

Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont., Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on motion of Brother O'Keefe, seconded by Brother Chisholm.

The Grand Secretary presented the following statement of the finances, membership, etc., of the Association from 1st January, 1900, to 1st August, 1900:

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF INITIATIONS IN EACH PROVINCE FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1900, TO AUGUST 1ST, 1900.

Province.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Total.
Ontario.....	74	57	67	132	119	103	74	630
Quebec.....	23	35	47	60	31	47	41	308
Nova Scotia.....	31	45	33	42	33	34	23	311
New Brunswick.....	19	31	50	41	32	9	21	307
P. E. Island.....	10	14	32	30	11	22	21	130
Manitoba.....	1	3	2	21	4	1	4	40
N. W. T.....	1	0	0	3	2	0	15	21
	159	189	232	333	234	214	169	1430

TABLE SHOWING INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND RESERVATIONS FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1900, TO AUGUST 1ST, 1900.

Province.	Membership Jan. 1, 1900.	Initiations.	Total.	Expenses.	Reservations.	Net Increase.	End Membership.
Ontario.	7731	626	8397	17	31	5	181
Quebec	2111	302	2713	6	20	251	2662
Nova Scotia.	1141	211	1355	5	11	222	1343
N. Brunswick	1349	207	1557	2	1	204	1561
P. E. Island	310	139	449	3	3	124	443
Manitoba.	331	49	371	1	1	28	359
N. W. T.	126	21	157	1	1	19	155
	13660	1750	15410	35	51	1129	14332

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MEMBERSHIP LIST, FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1900, TO 1ST JULY, 1900.

During the seven months ending July 31st, 1900, the Association issued nine regular assessments and one special.

On 1st January, 1900, our Beneficiary Fund balance was \$1,891.16

From 1st January, 1900, to 31 July, 1900, we received on Beneficiary Fund account \$102,552.88

The amount transferred to Reserve Fund was \$5,286.39

We paid to heirs of deceased brothers during the seven months \$103,550.91

Our Beneficiary Fund balance on July 31st, 1900, was \$62.13

Our Reserve Fund, exclusive of interest since 1st Jan., 1900, was \$102,060.45

Our General Fund balance on July 31st, 1900, was \$77.18

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership on 1st Jan., 1900, was 13,403

The number of new members admitted in the seven months was 1,579

The number of deaths was 73

The number of lapses, otherwise than by death, was 180

Our membership on 1st August, 1900, was 14,332

There were ten new branches organized, viz: 3 in Ontario; 1 in Quebec; 2 in Nova Scotia; 1 in New Brunswick; 2 in Prince Edward Island; 1 in North West Territories.

Moved by Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. Chisholm, that the statement be accepted, spread on the minutes of this meeting, and published in THE CANADIAN. Carried.

The report of the Superintendent of Insurance, as to the liability of each Assessment Association, was referred to, and it was deemed advisable to mention the matter in our official organ, showing the splendid condition of the C. M. B. A.

The Grand Secretary reported several branches that had accepted money from members who had been over three months under suspension, and in violation of Section 9 of our Constitution. All such money he, the Grand Secretary, receives under protest, awaiting explanations from the Financial Secretary of the Branch. Such explanations almost invariably exonerate the suspended members and place the cause of the money not having been received within the proper time on the Financial Secretary's neglect or forgetfulness.

It was moved by Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. Chisholm, that a circular letter be drawn up by our solicitor, calling the attention of branches to such abuses and violation of our laws, and that the Grand Secretary send a copy of said circular to each branch so acting. Carried.

The question of forming branches of the C. M. B. A. in Newfoundland was discussed.

It was moved by Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. Rooney, that this matter be left over until our next Convention and if the Convention so decided, then our Solicitor can have our Act of Incorporation amended giving us authority to introduce our Association beyond the Dominion of Canada. Carried.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had advised Rev. Father Thayer, of Revelstoke, British Columbia, that a branch of the C. M. B. A. may be instituted in said place. A petition for charter had been received from residents there, and the necessary blank forms of applications and medical certificates sent Father Thayer. Considerable discussion took place on this question, that is, the formation of branches of our Association in the Province of British Columbia. The great expense of delegates to our Conventions from such a distance and the extra hazardous risks of applicants in many parts of the province were, by some members of the Trustee Board, considered sufficient cause for delay. It was, however, decided to allow a branch to be organized at Revelstoke, but it was moved by Bro. Chisholm, seconded by Bro. Behan, that the question of having a higher rate for hazardous and extra hazardous risks be brought up at our next Convention and settled there. Carried.

Mr. Burnston, who had made application for membership to Branch 56, Hamilton, and who was approved, etc., for said branch, left Hamilton before he was initiated. He went to Brockville, and the branch in Brockville desired permission to initiate him and thus have him become a member of Brockville branch. The Board, on motion of Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Rooney, decided to grant the request, providing permission was obtained from Branch 56.

A question pertaining to the payment of the bonus on three new members in Branch 111, Toronto, was referred to Grand Trustee Bro. Rooney, with power to settle. This was carried on motion of Bro. Chisholm, seconded by Bro. O'Keefe.

A number of protests from branches, regarding the action of the Quebec Convention re Representatives, were read by the Gr. Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. O'Keefe, that the matter be hereby referred to our Solicitor, Bro. Latchford, and whatever decision he arrives at, be communicated to the Grand President, Grand Trustees, and branches by the Grand Secretary. Carried.

A number of branches were reported as not having complied with our regulations regarding the payment of the premium on bonds for their Financial Secretaries and Treasurers. It was moved by Brother O'Keefe, seconded by Brother Rooney, that the Grand Secretary notify all such branches that if the sums due for premium on bonds be not remitted to the Grand Secretary within thirty days from the date of said notice the branch not paying shall be suspended by the Grand President. Carried.

The attention of the Board was called to the fact that one or two branches had raised money by means of lotteries. The Solicitor stated that such lotteries were illegal and that no C. M. B. A. branch should adopt such means of getting money, no matter for what purpose intended. The Board, on motion of Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Rooney, upheld the action of the Grand Secretary in not publishing in THE CANADIAN any news referring to such lotteries.

A member of Branch 193 was, at time of his initiation, placed in a class five cents per assessment lower than he should pay. This was done through the mistake of the Financial Secretary. The Grand Secretary claimed the arrears caused by the difference in rates. The member in arrears asked the

Board of Grand Trustees to exempt him from paying this difference, saying the mistake was not intentional and not his fault. The Board, on motion of Bro. Chisholm, seconded by Bro. Behan, decided that the Branch should remit the Grand Secretary the arrears due by said brother.

A letter was received from Branch 247 regarding the Canadian Aid Association. It was decided to again publish in THE CANADIAN the action of this Board regarding the Association referred to. It is as follows:

THE CANADIAN AID ASSOCIATION OF THE C. M. B. A.

Under the direction of the Grand Council Trustees we publish the following notice relating to the society called "The Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A." An impression has got abroad that the C. M. B. A. of Canada is in some way connected with this organization. There is no ground for this, further than the use of the letters "C. M. B. A." in the name of the Canadian Aid Association. The use or misuse of these letters by the Canadian Aid Association has never been authorized by the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. We do not mean that there has been any attempt on the part of the officers of the Aid Association to make use of the name wrongly. In fact in their constitution they proclaim their entire independence of the C. M. B. A., as is evident from the following:

"Sec. 47. The Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A. is alone responsible for sick and funeral benefits, and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association is in no way connected financially with this Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A. and will not be held responsible for any action of the Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A. or for any debts incurred by this Association."

It is therefore quite apparent that the officers of the Aid Association have no desire to mislead. The fact, however, remains that a great many have been misled; and it is with a view of removing the false impressions which have been so formed, and preventing any misconception in the future, and perhaps possible injury to the C. M. B. A., that the notice referred to is published.

NOTICE.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Grand Trustees of the C. M. B. A., of Canada held at London this day, the attention of the members of the Association is directed to the fact that the society called "The Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A." has not now, and never had, any connection with the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada; and that all reference to the C. M. B. A., contained in its name or in the printed matter used by the Canadian Aid Association are made without the authority or sanction of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, and that such Grand Council is not in any way responsible for any act or default (if any there be) of the Canadian Aid Association of the C. M. B. A. London, November 11th, 1895

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Rev. Father Burke, in which was stated that a Mr. A. Gaudet was fifty years old on August 2nd, and that on August 3rd he was initiated in Branch 281, Tignish, P. E. I., on the condition that the initiation was to be approved by the Grand Council Board of Trustees or Grand President. Solicitor Latchford advised that such initiation was illegal and a direct violation of our Constitution, and that Mr. A. Gaudet could not be placed on our roll of C. M. B. A. membership.

The Grand Secretary was instructed by the Board to write Rev. Father Burke and also Branch 281 that the initiation of Mr. A. Gaudet cannot be approved or accepted.

A communication from Branch 178, Memramcook, N. B., asking a reconsideration of the appeal on behalf of Brother Thaddeus M. Legere was read.

Moved by Bro. Chisholm, seconded by Bro. Rooney, that this appeal be reconsidered as soon as we are furnished with better proof and more information regarding the brother's condition. Carried.

The Solicitor, Bro. Latchford, explained to the Board his action re the