C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

Grand Council in Convention at the Ancient Capital.

The Grand President Points Out the Splendid Results of the Operations During the Past Two Years.

Two Thousand Five Hundred New Members and an Increase of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars in the Reserve Fund — Triennial Conventions to be Held in Future —The Next Meeting to be Held at Fraserville in the 20th Century --Officers Elected, and Other Proceedings.

The eleventh annual Convention of the Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada was opened on Tuesday, in the Ancient Capital, and was a grand success. The delegates who attended, together with the members of the local committee, are as follows:—

The Local Executive Committee:—
President—Dr. G. W. Jolicœur.
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Grand officers are:—O K. Fraser, Chancellor; Hon. M F. Hackett, President; Dr. L. I. Bellivau, Bernard O'Connell, Vice-Presidents; S R. Brown, Secretary; J. E. H. Howison, Assistant-Secretary; W. J McKee, Treasurer; P. J. Montreuil, Marshal; J. J. Weinert, Guard; Rev. M. J. Tiernan, J. J Behan, P. J O'Keefe, W P. Killackey, Trustees; T Colfer, Judge Rouleau, Committee on Laws and Supervision; J. Ronan, G W. Cooke, C. D Hebert, Committee on Finances and Mileage; E. Ryan, M.D, Supervising Medical Examiner; F. R. Latchford, Solicitor.

The delegates are:—A. J E. Belleperche, Rev. W. Flannery, D D., J. D Burke, P. F. Doyle, J. McGregor, H. O'Reilly, W. McRener, T. J. Leahy, W. Lunn, F. Rholeder, J. A. Devlin, J. J O'Hearn, W. J. Allen, T. O'Neill, P. J. Lennon, C B. Ryan, C. Kavanagh, J. C. Weber, T. F. Hinnegan, S. Lamb, J. Saunders, J. A. Murphy, P. Reynolds, T. Gallivan, T. Smith, F R. E. Campeau, J. Bogue, C Urquhart, M. Corrigan, W. H. Stafford, B L Doyle, J. O'Leary, J. W. Coffey, D S. McDonnell, V. Kirchner, J F. Rau, W. J. Rafferty, J. Laflamme, D. W Downey, H. A. Devine, P. Morand, L T Kelley, E. Gainer, Rev. H. Forster, R J. Byron, M Shanacy, D. Smith, J. P. Noonan, L.F. Dietrich, J. Bucke, R Gunn, L N. Rattey, B O'Connell, S. Beaudoin, L Relihan, J. M McNamara, T. Moran, P. J. Ryan, B Carrière, George A. Lobsinge, Alb. Goetz, J. Fitzpatrick, P. Kuntz, P. T. McDonald Wm. A. G. Hardy, J. O'Reilly, J B. Mooney, C. Daudelin, C. McKenna, Ed. Gaulin, Jos. Beland, P.J. Beach, J. Doyle, J. Mulligan, L Battle, Art. Gravelle, J. B. Sullivan, J. A. Fournier, I. N. Belleau, M. A. Valliere, J Brady, J. Donohue, F. Sehl, L P. Normand, A. I. Hudon, T. Nihill, Rev. M. McCormack, E. C. McNichol, P. Kirwin, C Gingras, W. J. Boland, D Driscoll, J. D. Page, J. Clancy, Fred. Fisher, J. A. Renaud, J. J. Griffith, J. M. Frawley, J. Robinet, Rev. J. E. Crinion, P. J. Quigley, J. W. Costello, D. L. Tining, J. J. Harrington, R. Hickey, J. A. Chisholm, W. E. Scully, P. Tole, J. F. Dubrule, A. H. Spedding, P. McCool, J. Girard, J. Kieffer J T. O'Leane, W. T. Kernahan, L Poirier, C. Barsalou, J. A. McNamara, J Malone, J. L Kelman, T. J. Queally, F. G. Murphy, C. Bisson, P. J. McManus, L. L. Kramer, L. N. Burque, J. A. McInnis, E. L. Desilets, E. Boyers, P Gobeille J. Friel, J. Brown, O M. Melanson, P. J. Fahey, F. X. Lecavalier, J. Guilfoyle, M. L. Menard, J. Stock, L. Gravelle, T. W. Butler, J. A. Doherty, A. A. Burque, L A. d'Entremont, J. A. Murphy, F. X. Durliat, E. A. O'Connor, T. Blanchard, L Hamel, J. Girard, J. Traynor, E C. Hanrahan, C. E. Olivier, P C. Shannon, J. F. Sears, Rev. J. D. Fillion, Rev. L. T. Descarries, J. A. Langis E St Laurent, R. Barrett, M. Fitzgerald, G. Roy, Angus McDonal, M. Haley, Rev. D. V. Phalen, J. D Gillespie, J. M. Durkin, L. d'Entremont, J. Langlois, A. Grant, L A. Plante, P. A McCluskey, P. Lessard, E Lods, J. P. Brennan, J. A. McNeill, S Blanchard, Rev. J. B Jobin, L Ethier, M. N. Rousseau, W. J. Moore, R. J. McDonald, E. Harvey, W. H. Whelan, J McGovern, G. E. Mercier, L. J. Collin, J. C. O'Neil, Rev E. Croteau, E. MacMahon, T. H. Thompkins, J. Dubord, D V. Landry, L. Soucheresu, C. Fortier, J. A. McDonald, J. F. Owens, S Arsenault, Ed. J. Delaney, Rev. McDonald, L. J. A. Gamache, N. Samson, Rev. R. McDonald, J. M. Burke, J. C. Amant, L P. O. Noel, C. de Lagorgendière, W. Logue, T. N. Donahoe, T. J. Bourque, L E. Martel, C. A. McCool, Rev. J. O. Barrue, C. Coyle, H. T. D'Entremont, J. J. Hogues, T. Curry, A. C. LaBlanc, M. Shortell, J. T. Halliey, Rev. J. Chatelain, A. Heroux, Rev. T. Z. Bourque, P. L. Robichau, J. A. McNeil, M. J. Hayes, J. H. Byrne, Rev. T. A. Babineau, F. W. Seikbeil, Rev. A. D'Cormier, Rev. W. B. McDonald, Rev. P. E. Beltivean, P. C. Murphy, B. J. Johnson, N. J. Gillis, E. J. Vaughan, T. E. Reynolds, Rev. C. S. Betherton, Rev. A. Lorion, N. Lamontagne, H. G. LeBlanc, C. H. Pacaud, W. Brennan, J. W. Shea, J. A. Macdonald, Rev. A. E Burke, Rev. P. McEachern, J. J. Carter.

The delegates assembled in Tara Hall on Tuesday, where they are to hold their business meetings, and formed into a line and marched into St. Roch's Church, where High Mass was celebrated, at which Mgr. Gagnon officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Tiernan of London, Ont., as deacon, and Rev. Father Burke, of Prince Edward Island, as sub deacon. Two sermons were preached, one in English by the Rev. Father Henning, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and in French by the Rev. C. E Carrier, Superior of Levis College.

After Mass the procession reformed and returned to Tara Hall, where the following address of congratulation and welcome was read in English by Mr. P. Kerwin, President of Branch No 108:

For the last two years we have been longing with unsurpassed patience for the happy moment when we could welcome you in our midst: that moment has now arrived, and we hasten to tender you a sincere and hearty welcome.

We are pleased to have you amongst us, and we are prepared to show by the actions of ourselves and our friends that we appreciate your kindness in consenting to hold your convention in the grand old city of Quebec, and we mean to prove beyond doubt that you made no mistake in your choice.

You are now in a place which all true Canadians should be proud of; a city that always has been, and ever shall be, the home of civil and religious liberty.

Since the last gathering, our only enemy, death, has removed from us many of our brothers, notably our grand spiritual adviser, His Grace Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, for which, as a body, we deeply mourn.

Let your deliberations be so wise and prudent that the future may bring as much good and prosperity to us as your work in the past has done.

In conclusion, dear Brothers, we extend to you a hearty greeting, and our earnest wish is that the meeting in your able hands will be as successful as all past ones have been, and redound credit on yourselves and our noble Association.

On behalf of branches 96 and 249, of Devis, and 97, 108, 110 and 238 of Quebec.

DR. WILL. JOLICŒUR,
President,
J. A. DEMERS,
Secretary

This was acknowledged by the Hon. Mr. Hackett, after which the address was repeated in French by Dr. Jolicœur, President of the Executive Committee, and responded to by Dr. Beliveau, of Shediac, N.B., First Vice-President of the Grand Council.

The afternoon session was marked by the delivery of an able speech by the Grand President, Mr M. F. Hackett, M.L.A., during the course of which he reviewed the history of the organization, and in a manner that commanded the attention of the delegates. Mr. Hackett commenced by giving some statistics and extracts from the annual reports, and stated that since their meeting in Ottawa two years ago, 2,500 new members had been added to the association, and thirty new branches had been organized since that date, with every prospect of there being many more.

The reserve fund in 1896 said the speaker, amounted to $55,349.39, but the association to-day enjoys a reserve fund of $80 500, the whole of which is deposited in the following banks:—Canadian Bank of Commerce, Merchants' Bank of Canada, Bank of Toronto, British North American Bank, Bank of Montreal, and the Eastern Townships Bank in Stanstead. The general fund was found to be in excellent condition, as the association owes nothing and has sufficient funds on hand to defray the expenses of the convention. He also said that he had much pleasure in stating that at no previous convention was the association in as sound and as good a financial condition as it was at the present time. The total amount collected up to July 1st amounted to $1,495 296 83, and this amount, less the $89,000 which has been sunk in the reserve fund, had been paid out.

Continuing, the Grand President referred to the obstacles which the organization had to overcome in its infancy. He was not unmindful of the fact that in this province there were many religious and national benevolent societies appealing for the usual sympathy and support of the public, but the field was broad enough for all, and the C.M.B.A. of Canada had no rivalry with any other kindred organization except in doing public and private good. He trusted they would not deem him egoitical if he cherished the hope, and ventured the prediction, that the fruit of the present convention, now being held in Quebec's rock bound capital, would impart new life and vigor to the work, would stimulate their members, and cause them to take a more active interest in the organization, so that when they met again in convention he hoped Quebec would take the place as the banner Province of the Association. Mr. Hackett referred very feelingly to the death of the late lamented Archbishop Walsh, whose loss he stated had brought sorrow to many a Canadian heart, but doubly so to the C.M.B.A. of Canada, of which he had been from the foundation of its Council to the time of his death the Grand Spiritual Adviser. Referring to the officials, he said: I would not be true to the best interests of the organization if I did not recognize the most valuable assistance tendered times without number by our Grand Secretary Brother Brown. To his indefatigable and untiring zeal, his unceasing ardor, and his sterling worth, is due in a large degree the success of this association. To the Board of Trustees, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Medical Adviser, the Solicitor, and to the Executive at large, I return my most sincere thanks for their ever kind and fraternal co-operation in endeavoring to advance the interests of the Association.

A comparative statement of members of the C.M.B.A. at July 1, 1898, shows that there were 159 branches in Ontario with a membership of 7,019, being an increase of 583; 67 in Quebec, with 2 295 members, and an increase of 71; 24 in New Brunswick, with 1 070 members, and an increase of 143; 22 in Nova Scotia, with 956 members, and an increase of 198; 11 in Prince Edward Island, with 260 members, and an increase of 104; 8 in Manitoba, with 297 members, and an increase of 15 and 5 in the North-West, with 115 members, and an increase of 14. In all, 296 branches with 12 012 members, and an increase of 1,078 over the preceding year.

The night session was devoted to a discussion of many proposals, such as that of raising the rates, but the preponderating sentiment was against such a move. One of the decisions reached, however, was that triennial instead of biennial conventions would be held in future.

Some of the amendments to the constitution, passed at the session on Wednesday, were: To admit honorary members to the social privileges, but not to the benefits of the Association, on payment of a monthly fee of 25 cts; to provide that a court which was represented on the Grand Council should not be allowed another delegate; also to fix on Niagara Falls, Ont., as the place for the next meeting in 1901.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Hon. M. F. Hackett, re-elected Grand President.

Dr. L. Beliveau, re-elected 1st Vice-President

Mr J. E. Loughrin, elected 2nd Vice-President.

Mr. S. R. Brown, re elected by acclamation Grand Secretary.

Mr. W. J. McKee, re elected Grand Treasurer.

Mr. J. J. Weinert, re elected Guard.

Mr. J. Galvin, elected Marshal.

A large number of delegates were nominated for the office of Trustees and the following five gentlemen were elected:—P. J. O'Keefe and T. Rooney, standing members, and Rev. Father Tiernan and Bros. Behan and Chisholm, new members.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Committee of Laws:—Bros. Coffey, Rouleau and Murphy.

Finance—Bros. Rowan, Cook and Hebert were re elected.

It was resolved that the salary of Mr. Brown, Grand Secretary, be increased by $500, and that the Committee of Trustees buy him a typewriter for the use of the office.

It was also resolved that the salary of Mr. Houston Assistant Secretary, be increased by $200.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers and the proceedings were brought to a close.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

Annual Pilgrimage of the League of the Sacred Heart,

Held to Lanoraie, Was a Great Success — Seven Hundred Parishioners Attend.

A pilgrimage, in honor of the Sacred Heart, took place last Wednesday, the 24th of August, to the Shrine of the Miraculous Statue of the Sacred Heart at Lanoraie. The pilgrimage was under the direction of the Rev. Father Driscoll, director of the League of the Sacred Heart of St. Patrick's parish. Nearly seven hundred persons were on board the steamer Three Rivers. Professor Fowler and several members of St. Patrick's choir, assisted by a large number of lady singers, took charge of the musical programme, which was very devotional and well rendered. Three priests of St. Patrick's led in the devotions—the Rev. Father Quinlivan (the parish priest), Rev. Father Driscoll and Rev. Father Fallon.

A spirit of piety and devotion prevailed during the whole pilgrimage. Numbers of tapers continually burned before a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart on board, placed there by the kindness of the Messrs. D & J. Sadlier. The beads were recited in two parts of the boat simultaneously. A sermon was given on the boat by the Rev. Father Fallon, on the imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the four great desires of that heart. A love of the Blessed Eucharist: "With desire have I desired to eat this Pasch with you before I suffer." A desire of suffering: "I have a baptism wherewith I am to be baptized, and how am I straitened until it is accomplished?" A burning thirst for the salvation of souls expressed by the words on the Cross: "I thirst." The fourth and most powerful desire to glorify His Father: "I am come to cast a fire on the earth, and what will I but that it be kindled?" All listened with great attention to the sermon. The beads were said again before landing. When Lanoraie was reached all the people walked religiously in procession to the church, where Rev. Father Quinlivan preached an interesting and instructive sermon on Pilgrimages, and commented on several of the wonderful promises made by Our Lord to those who should honor His Sacred Heart.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then given by the Rev. Father Driscoll, and a time was given to private devotion, and all returned to the boat for the homeward trip, during which the third part of the Rosary was said.

All were pleased with the Pilgrimage. It was edifying and did much to strengthen the bonds of Christian affection and unity and the family spirit of devotion which is so encouraging and consoling to our devoted English speaking Catholics, and certainly all would gladly see such a Pilgrimage repeated at least yearly for the mutual acquaintance and edification of our good people.

The following notice was posted in a pleasure boat belonging to a steamship company on the Sur: "The chairs in the cabin are for the ladies. Gentlemen are requested not to make use of them till the ladies are seated."

THE FORESTERS AT HULL.

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and Lefebvre. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel presided, and was assisted by Rev. Fathers Valiquette, Grandfils and Therien. Rev. Father Groulx, of the Basilica, acted as master of ceremonies.

Rev. Father Fallon of St. Joseph's, Ottawa, preached an eloquent sermon in English. His text was "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethern to dwell together in unity."

Brotherhood, he said, is the watchword of the age in which we live. This is a century of organization. In every sphere of human activity, in commerce, in politics, in all branches of society, men banded themselves together for the furtherance of common aims and objects. The individual counts for nothing, it is the organized body that wields power. In order not to lose their influence it became an absolute necessity under the circumstances for Catholic laymen to unite together as brethren with certain well defined purposes for mutual support and personal advancement. The Catholic order of Foresters is one of the results of this necessity. It is another society. Written across the first page of its character are these sublime words: 'The object of this organization shall be to promote friendship and unity and true Catholic charity among its members; friendship in assisting each other by every honorable means; unity in associating together for mutual support of one another when sick or in distress; true Catholic charity in doing to each other as we would that others should do unto us.'

These are noble aims, and when men unite for such purposes the blessings of God and of God's church will be upon them, and indeed the Catholic Order of Foresters are visibly blessed. In the few years of its existence it has spread throughout Canada and the United States. The explanation of its success is found in the fact that it has been true to its title, 'Catholic,' and as long as it remains faithful to its Catholic principles it will flourish and be successful.

The preacher went on to explain the pride which Foresters should take in being faithful Catholics. A good Forester would be a good Catholic. A bad Catholic never could be a good Forester.

The sermon concluded with an exhortation to the members present to be faithful to the principles of their order, which were approved by the Catholic Church. They would go on and increase and become a great power for God's glory, the interests of Catholicity and the spiritual and temporal welfare of Foresters everywhere.

Rev. Father Valiquette delivered the sermon in French.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr P. H Durocher, rendered William Fiske's Mass.

The procession, at the close of the services at the church, marched to the City Hall, where Mayor Barrette welcomed the delegates. He said: 'Allow me as the representative of Hull to attest to the pleasure we feel to be this day honored with your presence amongst us and to offer you the cordial hospitality which you should receive at our hands for having selected our humble city as the seat of your convention. Knowing, gentlemen, that the delegates who are now before me represent the choice of the Catholic Foresters' Courts of the Province of Quebec, I dare not promise that you will be as worthily received as you deserve. I, however, trust that you will perceive that the citizens of this city can appreciate the honor which you have bestowed on them, and I beg that you will accept at their hand and on my part our most sincere thanks. Be then welcome amongst us and believe that our most ardent desires are that you will be satisfied with the reception which shall be made to you here.

Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Gibeault, Belodeau, Ryan, Fosbre, Jackson, McGoldrick and others.

The report of the Secretary, which was presented at the session on Wednesday, dwelt at length upon the great progress made during the year. The growth of the Order can be appreciated when it is considered that on the first of Aug., 1897, there were in the province 139 courts, and 9,424 members in good standing. Since then four courts have been struck out, viz: Court No. 169, suspended for non payment; No. 237, united with La Garde Ville Marie Court, No. 277; No. 340, united with St. Michel Court, No. 385 and Ste. Scholastique Court, No. 245; finally, No. 277 united with St. Jean Baptiste Court, No. 222. Deducting these four courts from the report of last year, there are 135 courts left; eight new courts have been instituted, and the number of members has increased by 1 342 so that on the 1st of August, 1898, we had the satisfaction of counting 143 courts and 10,786 Brother Foresters.

The reports received show 42 deaths of $1 000 one death of $2 000 and one of $3 000. Thirty eight courts have not reported. Assuming the same proportion, we have 62 deaths for the twelve months, an average rate of six per thousand.

From the statistics received from 105 courts, there has been paid for sickness the sum of $15,489.39, and, assuming the same proportion, $21,095.06 for the 143 courts, which gives an average of $2 per member per annum.

Owing to the difficulty which some courts meet in paying sick benefits, the report contained a suggestion of a plan aiming to centralize the sick and funeral funds. This would allow the payments to be made from one place.

During the afternoon His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, accompanied by Mgr. Routhier and Rev. Father Valiquette, paid a visit to the delegates and delivered an address. At last night's meeting Mayor Barrette, with Ald. Welsh and Fortin, also visited the convention, and speeches were delivered by Rev. Father Lepailleur, Provincial Chaplain, and the city representatives.

Yesterday the convention unanimously voted in favor of a reserve fund.

The new administration is as follows: Provincial Chief Ranger, A. A. Gibeault, re-elected; Provincial Vice Chief Ranger, F. S. Tourigny; Provincial Secretary, F. X Bilodeau, re-elected; Treasurer, Peter Jackson; Physician, Dr. Pelletier.

Directors—W. G. Proulx, Montreal; Ed. Piché, Quebec; Dr. Lalonde, Ste Cunegonde; Nap. Page, Hull; M. M G. Flanagan, Montreal; M Laviolette, Montreal; M. P. McGoldrick, Montreal.

Delegates to the International convention at Burlington: Messrs. Pelletier, Leonard, Bernard, Murphy and Morrissette, to represent the District of Sherbrooke; Messrs. Tourigny, Dr. Beland, Capt. Talbot, Lemoine and Sullivan, to represent Quebec district and Messrs. A. A. Gibeault, F. X. Bilodeau, Rev Father Lepailleur, Dr. Lalonde, Eng Godin, J. Grise, Z. Renaud, F. Fosbre, John Poulin, R. St. Amour, and M. M. G Flanagan, to represent Montreal.

It was decided that the next Provincial Convention would be held at Fraserville, Riviere du Loup.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT QUEBEC.

The Commissioners Hold an Informal Meeting.

Lord Herschell Elected to Preside Over its Deliberations--Some of the Questions Which Will be Discussed--A Probable Adjournment For Two Weeks.

QUEBEC, August 24.

The entire absence of display, even of flag flying, which characterized the opening of the great Conference on Tuesday last, in no way militates against its importance in the eyes of the general public, though there is certainly a section of our people who attach much value to the pomp and pageantry which accompany the opening and closing of our Local Legislature, and who would have been more deeply impressed if the advent of the Commissioners had been heralded by salvos of artillery and martial strains.

Thinking men will approve the quiet, unostentatious mode adopted, and will further approve the decision to deliberate with closed doors, as tending to encourage fuller, freer and more friendly discussion than if every statement made, or sentiment discussed, was to be subject to gallery comment or criticism.

The proceedings on Monday were purely preliminary and formal. Lord Herschell was elected to preside over the sittings, on motion of Senator Fairbank, one of the American representatives and an adjournment to Tuesday was agreed upon.

Leaving the Council Chamber, the Commissioners were conducted to the Legislative Assembly room, when they were formally welcomed by the Mayor in an address which His Worship read, first in French, and then in English. To this a very friendly and eloquent reply was made by Senator Fairbanks, who was followed by Lord Herschell. Assuming that the Senator voiced the sentiments of his colleagues, the American members of the Commission are evidently approaching the conference in the very best spirit and with an earnest desire that its proceedings shall be of a character to emphasize and confirm the better feeling which now happily marks the relations between them and Great Britain and her colonies.

At the conclusion of the proceedings connected with the address presentation, the Commission dispersed, to meet, on Thursday. It is thought that, in deference to the wishes of the United States representatives, the Commission will then further adjourn for several weeks.

In addition to the weighty International issues to come before the Conference, as stated in the Protocol, many topics of minor importance are to be brought to its attention; and it is hoped that, at least in the case of questions affecting both Canadian and American interests, they will be considered as coming within the scope of its powers. Prominent amongst these are the abolition of tolls on the St. Lawrence and Welland canals, which, it is contended, would be of great advantage to the commercial interests of both countries, and the Ontario lumber law, which the Michigan lumbermen contend is unjust to them and constitutes an international grievance which should be dealt with by the Commission. Another question it is proposed to submit is a suggested change in the "Rush Bagot Convention of 1817" by which Great Britain and the United States bound themselves not to "build and maintain" war vessels on the Great Lakes. The shipbuilders of Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and other lake cities desire the elimination of the word "build," to enable them to compete for the construction of vessels to be delivered at Seattle—which they cannot now do, because of the convention referred to. These are some, though only a few, of the questions the conference is to be asked to consider—how they will treat them remains to be seen.

The greater questions, such as the Behring Sea difficulty, reciprocity in trade, the Atlantic fisheries, the Alaskan boundary, bonding privileges, preservation of fish in contiguous waters, alien labor, wrecking laws, etc., will probably be reserved till the smaller and less important ones are disposed of, or, at least, discussed. This seems desirable, as, if anything like a serious difference should be encountered in dealing with the greater matter, it might prejudice the discussion of the lesser ones, however little they might provoke difference of opinion on their merits.

The general impression is that the sitting will be a long one, and this is confirmed to some extent by the fact that Senator Fairbanks has brought his family with him, and his colleagues show that they have come prepared for a long stay.

There can be no doubt that Quebec is fully sensible of the honor conferred upon it by selecting it as the scene of this the most important negotiation that has taken place between the two countries since the separation of the American colonies from the motherland. That the old city, renowned through all all time for its hospitalities, will prove itself equal to the present occasion, was foreshadowed by the Mayor's address, and will be practically shown as the session proceeds.

This evening, the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will entertain the Commissioners and a select company to a dinner.

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NEWFOUNDLAND LETTER.

Samples of marble, granite and copper ore were viewed in St. John's, the latter being high grade, weighing heavy for size, and showing a high assay of silver.

There is a great revival of the whale industry. These animals are populating the waters and within the last 15 days one a day has been captured, averaging 75 feet in length. The method is that of the latest Norwegian. Instead of sailing vessels steamers are being used; the harpoon, planted in the bow is shot at the whale, and striking it explodes, filling the whale with gas, thus killing and floating him at the same time.

The city of St. John's, Newfoundland, has been almost rebuilt, though the line of fire is still plainly perceptible.

One thing that impressed the traveller greatly was the service on the Intercolonial Railway, which was described as excellent. Luxurious Wagner cars had been put on and the dining car service was the finest seen on any railway.

The growth of interest in Newfoundland as a sporting and touring country is day by day progressing. Never in our history has there been such an influx of Canadian and American visitors as this summer of 1898. Newfoundlanders settled in the States and Canada have come back and prominent American citizens, clergymen, professors, mercantilemen, &c., have spent their summer holidays here, and the voice of one and all is this, that in point of climate, coastal scenery, folk lore and history, Newfoundland is bound to take the lead.

AVALONICUS.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. Seifert, the Director of the Montreal Conservatory of Music, and Mrs. Seifert, have returned from their summer vacation at the Adirondack Mountains, N.Y. During their stay the Director instructed several Sisters of Mercy at the McAuley Academy, Keeseville, at which institute Mr. and Mrs. Seifert were guests.

Rev Father Connelly, secretary to His Lordship Bishop Monaghan, of Wilmington, Del., passed through Montreal on his way home on Monday, after having visited Ste. Anne de Beaupré.

Leo XIII., whose enlightened spirit recognizes the value of all the modern scientific additions to the comfort of the individual, says an English exchange, has instituted a complete system of electric lighting for the vast palace of the Vatican, which is being constructed and will be put in operation in January. Every pleasant morning, contrary to the repeated statements of his feebleness and serious condition of health, the Pope walks in the garden of the palace to view the progress of the work upon the building where the dynamos will be placed. This is a short distance from the Leonine tower, where the Holy Father lives in summer.

DIED.

HALLINAN—In this city, August 22nd, 1898, Anne Horan, widow of the late John Hallinan, aged 70 years.

The funeral took place from the residence of her son-in-law, 1696 Ontario street, on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 8 o'clock a.m. to St. Patrick's Church. Interment to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. [American papers please copy.]

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