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THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CANADA OF THE C. M. B. A.

On Monday evening, May 12th inst., the delegates and members of the council began to arrive at the Kerby House in the city of Brantford. After supper the representatives from the Brantford Branch invited the delegates and members who had already arrived to attend the regular meeting of the Branch at its Hall. About twenty-five or thirty availed themselves of the invitation, where addresses were made by Rev. Fathers Sullivan, Lennon, Bayard and Crinnon, and Messrs. Finn, Olette and other visiting brothers.

Tuesday, May 13th, 1884. The Grand Council convened in the hall of Branch No. 5, city of Brantford, at 9 o'clock a.m., and marched in procession to St. Basil's church, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Lennon. The choir, under professor Zinger, sang some choice selections appropriate to the month of our Blessed Mother. A large number of the parishioners honored the occasion with their presence. After Mass the delegates, accompanied by the rev. clergy, returned to the hall, when the session was opened with prayer by Rev. P. Bardou. The following representatives presented their credentials, and on the report of the committee on credentials, were admitted members of the council: Branch No. 1, M. J. Manning; No. 2, M. O'Hara; No. 3, H. W. Deare; No. 4, J. J. Blake; No. 5, J. C. Sullivan; No. 7, M. Sullivan; No. 8, S. A. Heffernan; No. 9, Wm. Sullivan; No. 10, Thos. Durin; No. 11, A. R. Wardell; No. 12, A. Kern; No. 13, C. Stock; No. 14, A. A. Lanigan; No. 15, J. Kelz; No. 16, Dr. Buckley; No. 17, Thos. O'Neil; No. 18, J. Quillinan; No. 19, T. Henderson; No. 20, J. E. Doyle; No. 21, Rev. J. J. Gehl; No. 22, Rev. James Ryan; No. 23, P. Kilakhammer; No. 24, Rev. T. J. Sullivan; No. 25, Rev. P. Bardou; No. 26, T. J. Finn; No. 27, P. H. McCaul; No. 28, Rev. T. J. Cole; No. 29, F. R. S. Campeau; No. 30, J. O'Meara; No. 31, E. J. O'Brien; No. 32, Rev. G. R. Northgraves.

In addition to the foregoing, all the officers, except 1st Vice President D. B. Olette, were present. Mr. Kelz, 2nd Vice President, took Mr. Olette's place, and Rev. G. R. Northgraves was appointed by President Doyle to fill the 2nd vice chair. Rev. Father Lennon, on behalf of Branch No. 5, extended an invitation to the members of the Council to partake of a banquet at the Kerby House that evening. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Grand President presented his report, covering a space of time from August 8th, 1882, to May 2nd, 1884. The report shows a very large increase both in branches and membership. It recommended the Council to take into consideration during its deliberations the propriety or necessity of Canadian incorporation; and of petitioning the Supreme Council to grant to this Council a Separate Beneficiary jurisdiction; and also the amendment of the present constitution in many of its provisions.

The report was very concise, compact, and to the point. It was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The secretary and the treasurer presented their reports in printed form and in a very systematic order. They were referred to committee on Finance. Mr. O'Neil read the committee's report as follows:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Secretary and the Treasurer of this Council, and find them correct. We also take this opportunity of certifying to the very satisfactory manner in which we found the books of the Grand Recorder; the affairs of the Grand Council and Branches being arranged in such a manner as to afford at a glance the financial standing of each. The Committee on Laws made a report, recommending among other matters the following: A "Separate Beneficiary jurisdiction" for the C. M. B. A. in Canada, and becoming incorporated. The adoption of a "\$1000 Beneficiary." The formation of a "Sinking Fund" the formation of a "Relief Fund." That any elective officer of a Branch be eligible as representative to Grand Council. The adoption of a Separate Beneficiary jurisdiction was carried by a very large majority, and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. J. Blake, A. R. Wardell, James Quillinan, H. W. Deare and Sam. R. Brown was appointed to draft a petition to the Supreme Council to grant the Grand Council of Canada a "Separate Beneficiary Jurisdiction," to take effect from and after the 31st day of Dec., 1884. The "\$1000 Beneficiary" was also adopted, but the "Sinking Fund" and "Relief Fund" were not adopted. The clause making any elective officer of a Branch eligible as Representative was adopted.

THE BANQUET. The members of the Brantford Branch and a number of visiting brethren from Paris, St. Catharines and Cayuga, with the members of the Grand Council, assembled in the drawing room of the Kerby House a little before 8 o'clock. While awaiting the summons to the dining hall the time was pleasantly occupied in social intercourse, singing, and music. In a short time, however, the signal being given, the company went down and took seats around the tables, to the number of about 90. The Rev. Father P. Lennon acting as chairman, with the Grand President on one side and the Very Rev. Vicar General Dowling on the other. Rev. J. Lennon occupied the vice chair. About ten or twelve other Priests were also seated to the right or left of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, while among the laymen were Barristers, Physicians, Teachers, Merchants and various other callings. When in the due course of events the time arrived for the toasts, the first,

"Our Holy Father," was most eloquently responded to by V. G. Dowling. This was followed by the "Queen and Royal family," "The Catholic Hierarchy of Canada, its illustrious Archbishops and Bishops," "The Army and Navy," "Our Visiting Brothers," "The Supreme Council," "The C. M. B. A.," "The Pioneer Branch No. 1, of Windsor," "The Manufacturing Interests," "the Legal and Medical Professions" and the "Press."

All of the toasts were most ably and eloquently responded to by those who had been selected, or were spontaneously called upon. Among the clergy the Rev. Fathers Bardou, Bayard and Tiernan responded to that of the "Hierarchy," F. R. E. Campeau, of Ottawa, responded to the "Army and Navy," and Major O'Rielly sang the "Red, White and Blue." "Our visiting Brothers" was responded to by Grand President Doyle, Rev. James Ryan and Mr. Wardell. The Supreme Council by its second Vice-President, T. Coffey, Pioneer Branch, No. 1, by T. A. Bourke. The Manufacturing interests by J. Barry; "The Professions" by Messrs. O'Meara, Wardell, Blake, Buckley, M. D., and Brennan. The C. M. B. A., by Rev. Frs. Cole and Gehl, and J. E. Lawrence and J. C. Sullivan, and lastly "the Press" by T. Coffey, of the Record, and T. J. Finn of the Montreal Gazette.

It was a little past midnight when the party retired. The tables were handsomely decorated with elegant fruit and floral centre pieces, with natural flowers, arranged with exquisite taste, and the guests were served with the best of everything the market afforded, and in that pleasant, civil and attentive manner for which the Kerby House has acquired a celebrated reputation.

During the noon recess the next day a collection was taken up among the members for presentation to the dining room maids, upon whom much extra work was imposed in consequence of the late hour at which the banquet broke up, for which they returned thanks through Mr. J. C. Sullivan, saying that such generosity had never before been shown towards them by any body of representatives of any other association.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION. The Council opened on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with prayer as usual.

The report of the finance committee, recommending the mileage and pay of members, was adopted. Further propositions for amending the Constitution were submitted and reported upon by the committee on laws. All the recommendations of the Committee were taken up one by one, and were mostly adopted. This occupied the time of the council until nearly 3 p. m., when the nominations for officers for the ensuing term were made as follows:—

For President:—Rev. J. P. Molphy and J. E. Lawrence; for 1st Vice-President, T. J. Finn and J. C. Sullivan; for 2nd Vice-President, J. O'Meara and J. Kelz. For the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal and Guard the present incumbents, Messrs. S. R. Brown, D. J. O'Connor, Major J. H. Reilly and Joseph Reaume, were re-elected by acclamation. For Trustees, Rev. P. Bardou, Rev. T. J. Cole, W. J. McKee, and Chas. Stock. For representatives to the Grand Council, A. Forster, A. R. Wardell, Rev. P. Bardou, M. J. Manning, T. O'Neil and D. J. O'Connor. Of these were elected Rev. J. P. Molphy, Ingersoll, President; T. J. Finn, Montreal, First Vice-Pres.; J. Kelz, Toronto, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Rev. P. Bardou, of Cayuga; Rev. T. J. Cole, of Ottawa, Trustees. Rev. P. Bardou, D. J. O'Connor, of Stratford, and T. O'Neil of Paris, Representatives to the Supreme Council.

Stratford was selected as the place of holding the next regular Grand Council session.

It was decided to hold the next biennial session in August, 1886.

Rev. J. P. Molphy resigned his office of Trustee and Mr. J. C. Sullivan was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at \$450 per annum.

The Post and True Witness, of Montreal, and the Family Album, a French monthly published in Ottawa, were added to the CATHOLIC RECORD as official organs of the Grand Council.

During the session telegrams of fraternal greeting were received from each of the other Grand Councils, in session at Bay City, Mich.; Franklin, Penn.; and Lockport, New York, to which similar responses were promptly sent.

After the usual resolutions of courtesy to the retiring officers and others entitled to such, the council adjourned, after prayer, sine die.

OFFICIAL. Notice is hereby given to all C. M. B. A. members and Branches, also all Branch Medical Examiners and others whom it may concern, that M. J. Hanavan, M. D., Stratford, Ont., has been appointed Supervising Medical Examiner for the C. M. B. Association in Canada, his duties as such to begin on the 1st day of June, 1884, and to continue until cancelled by proper authority according to our C. M. B. A. laws.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of Canada of the C. M. B. Association at Brantford, Ont., May 14th, 1884. SAM'L R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

Rev. P. BARDOU, Chairman Trustee Board.

Notice is hereby given that, on the 31st day of May, 1884, the duties of Thomas Sullivan, M. D., St. Catharines, Ont., as Supervising Medical Examiner of the C. M. B. Association in Canada, shall cease.

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ENTERTAINMENT AT DUNDAS.

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DEATH OF A VENERABLE GENTLEMAN.

Mr. Robert Joseph Ignatius Monteith, of Carstairs, M.A., J. P., and D. L. in the county of Lanark, Scotland, died on the 31st March in his 73rd year. He was the son of the late Mr. Henry Monteith, M. P., of an ancient and highly respectable, though not very wealthy family, by his first wife, Christina Cameron, a daughter of Lochiel, and was thus the descendant of a long line of Scottish Chiefs. He married, in 1845, Wilhelmina, daughter of Mr. Joseph Mellich of Blythe, Motts, and leaves issue. His grandfather, Mr. James Monteith, was the chief founder, as stated in the Illustrated London News, of the Glasgow Cotton trade, now so great and important. His father, Mr. Henry Monteith M. P., acquired great wealth and purchased the magnificent residence of Carstairs in the County of Lanark. The estimable gentleman whose death we record, employed his ample fortune in exercising hospitality, forwarding the work of the church, and promoting railway undertakings. He will be much regretted and his memory long cherished in the country where he was so highly esteemed. Requiescat in pace.

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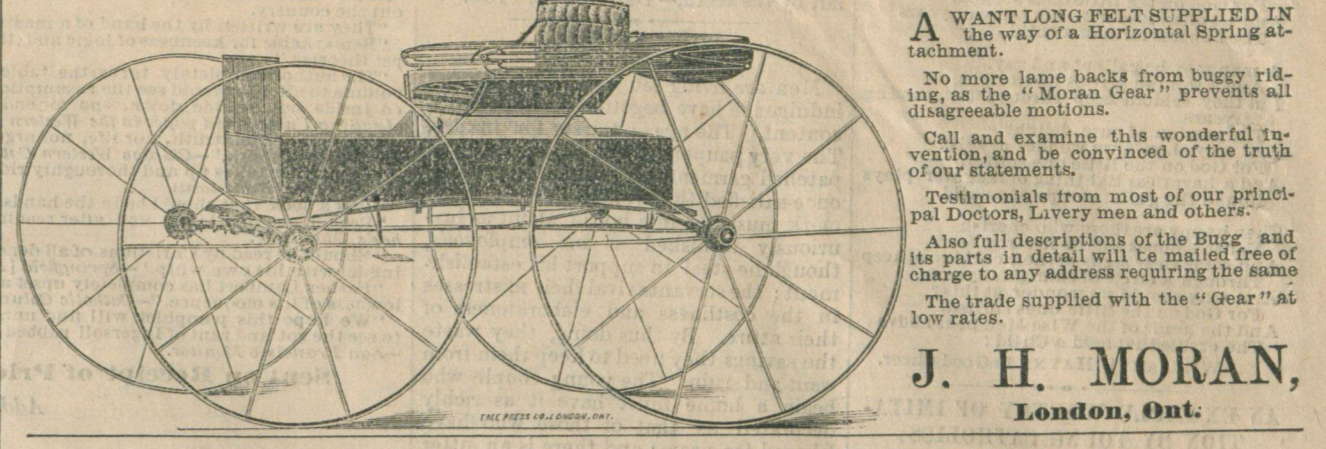
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