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I have before me a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by Branch No. 1, Windsor. They bear no date but I presume they were adopted quite recently, and express the views of the majority of those present at that meeting.

The C. M. B. A. in Canada is a branch of a foreign association. To do business legally in Canada, the Supreme Council would have to deposit \$50,000 with the government.

A bill is at the point of becoming law, requiring all such Mutual Benefit Associations to become incorporated in Canada, and requiring them to take out an annual licence and make an annual report to the commissioner of insurance at Ottawa or cease to do business in Canada.

The Supreme Council constitution requires all calls to be sent to the Supreme Recorder. No separate beneficiary can be allowed under the present constitution except by permission of the Supreme Council on condition that there are 2500 members in the separate beneficiary jurisdiction set off, and the same number or more remaining under the former jurisdiction.

Of what use to Canadian members will the Supreme Constitution be if by its present provision it will have the effect of causing the C. M. B. A. to be legislated out of existence because it has not the immediate power at its command to give Canada the relief necessary to allow the Canada Grand Council to conform to the laws of Canada and the C. M. B. A. constitution at the same time.

for beneficiary assessments? And the same ratio will hold good for any number of members. It is idle talk to assert that any less number than 2,000 or 2,500 cannot guarantee and pay a benefit of \$2,000. They can. The pending legislation is insufficient cause for urgency on the part of the Canada Grand Council to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the beneficiary interests of every member.

It is greatly to be regretted that all the Canadian Branches cannot be a unit on a question of vital importance to its very existence in Canada. However, I feel confident that whatever is right will prevail.

Resolved, That this Branch take into consideration the refusal of the Supreme Council to grant said petition. We deem it advisable that the Canadian Branches should immediately form a separate beneficiary or take such steps, without prejudice whatever to American Branches, to protect ourselves, in conformity with the laws of Canada, in the change that is about to take place.

Resolved, That it is the wish of this Branch that a separate beneficiary be formed in Canada as soon as possible, and that all Branches be asked to act and vote at once on the same, so that action be forthwith taken before the closing of Parliament, which takes place on or about April 1st, 1885.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our Grand President, also to the Catholic Record of London, our official organ, for publication. H. J. BROTHLAND, Rec. Sec. Branch 3, C. M. B. A. BRANCH NO. 20, MAIDSTONE.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that at the regular meeting of said Branch, held on the 20th of February, 1885, It was moved by Chancellor J. E. Doyle, and seconded by Marshal Richard Barrett, That this Branch favours the endorsement of the resolutions adopted by Branch No. 1, of Windsor, and that its action be published in the London CATHOLIC RECORD, which motion was carried by a vote of 8 to 0.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD. F. W. ROBERT, Rec. Sec. No. 8. To date only three Branches have passed resolutions against incorporation into a separate beneficiary for Canada. Some of the Branches that opposed this at last Grand Council convention, now strongly in favor of it. We do not intend the Grand Council of Canada to think taking any further action in this matter until after the result of the Bill in re "Mutual Aid Associations," now before the Dominion parliament, is known. We will give our C. M. B. A. members whatever information we may receive on this and all other C. M. B. A. work. In the meantime we would advise our Branch officers to exert themselves in increasing the membership, as this is advisable whether Canada has a separate beneficiary jurisdiction or not.

We desire to advise our correspondents that we will publish no C. M. B. A. letters unless the writer thereof allows his name to appear, and we further desire to impress on our readers that we are not responsible for the views or utterances of any of our correspondents. SAMUEL R. BROWN, Grand Secretary for Canada. AN IMPORTANT CASE.—On Wednesday last, on motion being made by counsel for the Bell Telephone Company for a writ of certiorari to bring up into a superior Court the proceedings taken before the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa to void the Bell patent, Judge Galt directed that the motion should be enlarged until next term so that it might be heard by the full Court and stated that he did this in view of the magnitude of the interest involved and the general importance of the case, which he characterized as one of the most important that had come before the Court.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

IRELAND. The morning papers express the opinion that the proposed visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland will be a plucky and hazardous experiment, but state it is well to remind the Irish people that union between the two countries stimulates to trade, the paper states, and will be productive of good results. The Dublin Freeman's Journal hopes the Prince of Wales, when he visits Ireland, will be received with respect and cordiality. His visit will afford a welcome stimulus to trade, the paper states, but it must be clearly dissociated from politics. If the Castle authorities think to make political capital out of the Prince's visit they will be much mistaken, and it would be better that the Prince should stay at home.

The proposed visit to Ireland of the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Queen, who desired Prince Albert Victor to make a tour of the country with his father, Earl Spencer, opposed the visit of Albert Victor, doubting his reception. It is reported the Queen has instructed the Cabinet to consider the subject of permanent residence in Ireland for Prince Albert, United Ireland, comment on the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales, disclaims any gratuitous respect for the Prince, but says if Castle flunkies organize mock demonstrations of enthusiasm there will be counter demonstrations which will overshadow any manifestations Earl Spencer may inaugurate. At Abbeyfeale, Ireland, to-day, eleven farmers with their families were evicted for non-payment of rent. The police prevented disorder.

The Prince of Wales will start on his tour through Ireland on April 2nd. He will reside first at Dublin Castle. Subsequently the Prince will be the guest of Earl Kenmore at Killarney. The festivities will be arranged in the most sumptuous manner, and will include a levee at Castle Grand, a drawing room reception and ball in St. Patrick's Hall, besides a round of less formal balls at the castle. There will be a military review in Phoenix Park, a gala performance at the theatre, several State dinners and receptions and a series of visits to all principal places of interest in Ireland. A Dublin despatch says:—Lord Mayor O'Connor, who is a strong Nationalist, displayed no enthusiasm over the official notice of a visit of the Prince of Wales, O'Connor's judgment is made in the coldest and most formal terms. It contains neither mention of a civic welcome nor hint that the Prince will be welcomed at the Mansion House.

At a meeting of Dublin municipal council at which the Mayor presided, a councillor gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the monument of King George I, standing in the Mansion House grounds should be removed to some lumber yard. Sir George gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a committee to frame an address of welcome to the Prince of Wales upon his visit. Mr. Clancy jumped up and said he desired to give notice that he would move that the monument be removed to some lumber yard. The motion was carried by a vote of 12 to 10.

ENGLAND. Knabley, an English journalist, who is alleged to have written the reports of the Irish dynamite convention in Paris, has been arrested there on the charge of attempting to shoot the editor of La France, who accused him of fabricating the story. In the House of Commons Lord Hamilton's amendment gave notice that he would move for the effect that the Government had failed to indicate a policy justifying the confidence of Parliament or of the country was rejected by 299 to 277. When the motion was put the Parliaments sitting hall was cleared and the speaker rose in a body and went with the Conservatives.

EGYPT. General Buller has arrived at Korti. Wolsey has issued an address to the black troops which served under Gordon, specially eulogizing the engineer and a Gambia officer who commanded the motor which took General Wilson to Khartoum. Wolsey says he will recognize all promises made by Gordon. A portion of Gordon's troops will be sent to reinforce the Mudir at Birt. Two Arab merchants arrived from Berber in twenty days. They report the rebels crossed to the right bank of the Nile and are ready to oppose the English. The inhabitants of Berber were forbidden to read the Koran, but were ordered to read Mahdi's books. Mahdi instructed his troops not to charge the English, but to fight them from a distance, saying if his men would do this God would destroy their enemies.

The remainder of Buller's force will leave Gakdul gradually, spilling wells as they retire. The troops are suffering from the severe strain of trudging through the desert without camels. The Mudir of Dongola is encamped north of Korti. He made a reconnaissance towards Howelait, but was attacked by rebel marauders who were obliged to retreat. The friendly troops had three wounded and report three missing. News from Gen. Brackenbury is hourly expected. It is difficult to induce the natives to carry dispatches, as they are incensed at the British for destroying native property. Another sortie against El Mahdi's men had been made by the garrison at Kassala, resulting in defeat for the garrison and the loss of 25 officers and 632 men killed. A letter has been received at Korti from a man, taken prisoner when Khartoum

THE REAL PALMS.

Thos. D. Egan, 42 Barclay St., N. Y., has issued his circular for supplying real palms for Palm Sunday. This is Mr. Egan's tenth year of attending to this business. He has exhibited great industry and skill in its management, and has given, we may say, universal satisfaction. As he was the originator of this business, that has been so grateful to the Catholic community, he ought to be encouraged. In fact there is not enough of profit in the thing to admit of wholesome competition, and Mr. Egan supplies the real palms at as low a figure as it can be had, and satisfactorily, he done. Almost every year some party or other starts up, hoping to make a few dollars by getting some of Mr. Egan's customers. Those who have tried these newcomers have invariably found reason to regret it; and we hope this year will be no exception.—New York Freeman's Journal.

We have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Egan for many years, and heartily endorse all written in his favor by our contemporary, the Freeman's Journal. The reverend clergy of the Dominion who patronize him will, we feel assured, be suit with the most honorable and business-like manner.

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