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### NOTES.

Brother Thomas Gorman, of Branch 134, St. John, N. B., has been appointed, by the Local Government, a member of the School Board of his city.

How many mothers and children have had reason to be thankful that the husband and father, when taken from them by death, was a C. M. B. A. member!

The members of branch Star of the Sea, No. 172, Collingwood, attended Holy Communion in a body at 9 o'clock, Mass in St. Mary's church, Collingwood on Easter Sunday morning.

We are pleased to know that Bro. Chas. J. Grant of Branch 172 has received well deserved promotion and is now Captain of one of the Lake Barges sailing from Buffalo N. Y.

Recording Secretaries, in sending us the Applications for Membership of newly-initiated members, should not forget to give the address of such members. There is a place on the application for the address; and it is necessary, in order that our mailing list may be correctly kept.

Brothers Judge Landry and John L. Carleton paid a fraternal visit to the newly-established branch, No. 242, at Fredrickton, on April 9, and were heartily welcomed. This branch promises ere long to be as healthy in numbers as it is to-day in the class of men who compose it.

The steady growth and continued success of the C. M. B. A. of Canada is a matter in which "mutual congratulations are surely in order," and it only needs a more widespread and extended knowledge on the part of our Catholic people in the benefits which our Association offers, to ensure much greater success in the future.

You insure your house? That may never burn. Do you insure your life? That is sure to terminate. Would your death be a pecuniary loss to your family or friends? Then it is

your duty to make the best possible provision against such loss, by procuring membership at once in the C. M. B. A. if you are eligible.

Beginning with No. 5 Assessment, all branches must use the new Monthly Assessment Report when remitting Assessments. A supply of those forms, together with the new Financial Secretary's Assessment Register, have been sent to the Recording Secretary of each Branch by express.

THE CANADIAN is mailed monthly to each member of the Association, and any member not receiving it should immediately notify us, sending us, at the same time, his full address and the No. of the branch to which he belongs. It may happen occasionally that numbers of our paper sent to members are lost in the mails; but, in case you do not receive a number when due, if you will advise us, we will cheerfully forward a duplicate of the missing number.

Brother Frank J. Sweeney, the son of an Irishman, presides over the Moncton, N. B., branch, which is composed largely of French members. Brother Professor Belliveau, the son of a Frenchman, is president of the Fredericton, N. B., branch, in which he is the only man of his nationality. The same is true of other parts of Canada, and thus we have striking examples of the catholicity of the C. M. B. A. which recognizes neither race nor color, only the common brotherhood, within the fold of the one Faith.

Owing to the delay in getting our new form of policies printed and lithographed, and not being allowed to use the old form since the 1st January, it was impossible for us to issue policies for the past three months as promptly as usual. We expect the new policies will be ready in the course of a few days, still, on account of the extra work in this office, it will take considerable time before we will be able to supply with policies all the members admitted since said date. We

respectfully ask the kind consideration of all branches and members in the event of vexatious delays occurring.

During the past month we received a large number of notices from postmasters advising us that the parties to whom THE CANADIAN was addressed refused to take it. This, no doubt, is due to a misunderstanding. These members are not conversant with the arrangements made at the St. John Convention of our Association, by which a monthly official organ was to be established and mailed to each member, the expense to be paid out of the per capita tax received from branches by this Council. Members save nothing whatever by refusing to take the paper; but such action on their part might lead to their suspension. THE CANADIAN is now our only means of giving official notice on any C. M. B. A. matter to our members; it is our only means of giving notice of special assessments, and if any member refuse to take THE CANADIAN he will not receive such notice, and therefore violate section 9 of our Constitution, and cause his suspension. Brother, do not refuse THE CANADIAN, your number is paid for and your refusal to take it out of your post office might be a very great loss to your family.

### PRESS COMMENTS.

The official organ of the C. M. B. A. for Canada has just been issued from the office of the Catholic Record, London, Ont. It is edited by Grand Secretary Brown, assisted by a corps of able assistants in all the provinces of the Federation. The number before us is a bright and interesting one, and, like good wine, we feel sure that the organ, which is called THE CANADIAN, will improve as it grows older. Any journal having before it the high purpose of this one, and earning so esteemable a name, deserves to mount to the very top by leaps and bounds like the splendid Association of which it is the mouth piece. Success to THE CANADIAN success to the C. M. B. A.—P. E. I. Watchman.

At the session of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. in this city last September it was decided to establish an official organ. The first number has just been issued, and is called THE CANADIAN. The paper is sent to all the members and published monthly, under the management of Mr. S. R. Brown, the able and efficient Grand Secretary of the Association. The journal is published at the office of the CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont., and its first appearance is excellent.—St. John, N. B., Globe.

### C. M. B. A. Assembly.

The fourth annual assembly of St. Patrick's Branch, No. 118, Quebec, held recently in Tara Hall, was a remarkable success, even for an association whose social events are always thoroughly enjoyable, and reflects great credit on the energy and taste of the managing committee. The ball was most beautifully decorated with flags and devices of all sorts, stars, mottoes, badges, etc., and the Chinese lanterns in great profusion shed a many-colored lustre over the whole scene. On the rear gallery the inscription "Welcome, Fourth Annual Assembly, C. M. B. A." hailed the guests, and one of the prettiest decorations was a Maltese Cross in gas jets. Light refreshments were served during the course of the evening, and something more substantial at midnight in the shape of a most appetizing supper, concerning which it is sufficient to say that it was well supplied by the well-known caterer to the public taste, Mr. W. McWilliam, recruited the flaming specialties of the diocese, and sent them back into the city to keep up the pleasant exercise far into the wee sma' hours of the morning. The music was as inspiring as the refreshments, provided as it was by the Italian orchestra and a band; and nothing could exceed the courtesy and attention with which the members of the managing committee looked after the comfort and pleasure of their guests. Messrs J. W. Proctor and P. Maloney had the musical arrangements in charge, and the management committee was composed of Messrs J. J. Timmons, M. Enright, P. Hagan and T. Morrissey, who will be long remembered for the pleasant evening they organized and carried out.

### NEW BRANCHES.

Branch 247 was organized on April 4, 1895, at Fraserville, Que., by District Deputy I. J. Montreuil. The following is the list of officers: Spiritual Adv., Rev A. Cots; Pres., J. Amable Theriault; 1st Vice-Pres., Nap. Samson; 2nd Vice Pres., Alphonse Borube; Rec. Sec., Philippe Leclere; Asst. Rec. Sec., Alfred Parent; Fin. Sec., Arthur LeBel; Treas., Sylvio Pelletier; Marshal, Joseph Caron; Guard, Joseph Dionne; Trustees, J. B. Lizotte, Chas. Dion, Simon Bellay, Donath Parent and Pierre Bouchard.

Branch 246 was organized on April 9, 1895, at New Glasgow, N. S., by District Deputy Rev. D. J. McIntosh. The following is the list of officers: Spiritual Adv., Rev Ronald MacDonald, P. P.; Pres., James McGillivray; 1st Vice-Pres., Mathew Mahoney; 2nd Vice-Pres., John Halar; Rec. Sec., Wm. E. McCarran; Asst. Rec. Sec., Nell McLean; Fin. Sec., John C. McKinnon; Treas., Jas. McArthur; Marshal, Patrick Joe Phelan; Guard, Thomas P. Phelan; Trustees, Duncan Chisholm, Jas. Dunn, Robert E. McDonald, Wm. McKinnon and John Dunn.