

Superior Council of Canada for 1893 contains the following statistics of the Society in Canada. It is composed of a Superior Council and ten Particular Councils, having jurisdiction over one hundred Conferences, besides works of patronage and other associations of the same kind. There are 4,304 active members, and they kindled 3,071 families. The receipts for the year amounted to \$54,814.67, and the expenses to \$48,526.40.

The Councils and Conferences of Ontario are as follows:

Toronto—Particular Council—President, J. J. Murphy.
Conference of Our Lady—Pres., M. Kelly.
Conference of St. Paul—Pres., J. J. Mallon.
Conference of St. Mary—Pres., Martin J. Burns.
Conference of St. Basil—Pres., J. F. Kirk.
Conference of St. Patrick—Pres., Wm. Burns.
Conference of St. Peter—Pres., John Rodgers.
Conference of the Sacred Heart—Pres., P. Jobin.
Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes—Pres., Patrick Hughes.
Conference of St. Helen—Pres., V. P. Fayle.
Conference of St. Joseph (not aggregated)—Pres., James Pape.
Hospital Board—Pres., Patrick Hynes.

Ottawa—Particular Council—Pres., John Gorman.
Conference of Our Lady—Pres., James Carroll.
Conference of St. Joseph—Pres., Martin Clancy.
Conference of St. Patrick—Pres., Wm. Kearns.
Conference of St. Mary—Pres., J. W. White.

Conference of St. Patrick (Aspirant)—Pres., E. L. Sanders.
Particular Council of St. Louis—Pres., A. Potvin.
Conference of Notre Dame—Pres., J. A. Dostaler.
Conference St. Anne—Pres., J. P. M. Lecourt.
Conference St. Jean Baptiste—Pres., N. Larochelle.
Conference Sacre Cour—Pres., A. Potvin.
Conference La Salle School—Pres., A. Davis.

London—Particular Council—Pres., J. M. Keary.
Conference of Our Lady—Pres., D. Labelle.
Conference Sacred Heart—Pres., James Hurley.

Hamilton—Particular Council—Pres., H. Arland.
Conference of Our Lady—Pres., T. Walsh.
Conference of St. Patrick—Pres., John Roman.
Conference of St. Lawrence (not aggregated)—Pres., M. Brackin.

Almonte—Conference of St. Mary—Pres., John O'Reilly.

Barrie—Conference of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (not aggregated)—Pres., John Devine.

Brantford—Conference of Our Lady—Pres., Wm. Cutmore.

Collingwood—Conference of St. Mary—Pres., J. J. Long.

Guelph—Conference of Our Lady—Pres., J. E. McElderry.

Lindsay—Conference of Our Lady—Pres., P. J. Hurley.

Newmarket—Conference of Lady of Lourdes—Pres., (vacant).

Orillia—Conference of Guardian Angels—Pres., Wm. Thomson.

Pembroke—Conference of St. Patrick—Pres., Michael Howe.

Peterboro—Conference of St. Peter—Pres., A. Vinette.

Stratford—Conference of St. Joseph—Pres., D. J. O'Connor.

Windsor—Conference of St. Alphonsus (not aggregated)—Pres., Joseph DeGurse.

THE CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.



THE CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION was organized at the village of Niagara Falls, N.Y., in July, 1876, and was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York in 1879.

The organization of this Association was first suggested by the Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo, and by its members he is referred to with pride and affection as the "Father of the C. M. B. A." His name, with many other distinguished prelates and a large number of the reverend clergy throughout the United States and Canada, adorns its rolls.

The mother branch, No. 1, of New York State, was organized at Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 3rd, 1876, by Rev. Father Moynahan, the parish priest, and fourteen other zealous Catholics.

The First Grand Council Convention was held in October, 1877. Bishop Ryan was present, and in his address said: "So far as I can judge I see nothing in the C. M. B. A. but what is deserving of my warmest support."

The Association is sanctioned by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., and has received the approbation of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, and the Archbishops and Bishops of Canada. The Association is composed of a Supreme Council, Grand Councils and Branches. In the United

States the Supreme Council is the chief governing body.

The first branch in Canada was organized at Windsor, Ontario, in February, 1878. The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was organized also at Windsor, Ont., February 10, 1880. At that date there were but six branches in Canada, viz.: No. 1, Windsor; No. 2, St. Thomas; No. 3, Amherstburg; No. 4, London; No. 5, Brantford, and No. 6, Stratford, with an aggregate membership of 224.

The charter-members and first officers of the Grand Council were:

Grand Spiritual Adviser—Rt. Rev. John Walsh, Bishop of London (now Archbishop of Toronto)
Grand President—Thomas A. Bourke, Windsor, Ont.
First Vice-President—J. H. Barry, Brantford, Ont.
Second Vice-President—John Doyle, St. Thomas, Ont.
Grand Treasurer—M. J. Manning, Windsor, Ont.
Grand Secretary—Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont.
Grand Marshal—C. W. O'Rourke, Amherstburg, Ont.
Grand Guard—C. W. O'Rourke, Amherstburg, Ont.
Grand Trustees—Rev. J. P. Molphy (Stratford, Ont.), C. W. O'Rourke, J. Doyle, T. A. Bourke and J. H. Barry.

The installation was conducted by Supreme Deputy J. T. Keene, of Detroit.

The Grand Council was incorporated in Ontario January 18, 1890; registered in Ontario August 22, 1892, and incorporated in the Dominion of Canada in March, 1893. On 31st December, 1892, the C. M. B. A. of Canada was formed into a Separate Beneficiary Jurisdiction, and there is