

lackey's death, and that such resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting and also published in THE CANADIAN

The following statements were presented by the Grand Secretary, and on motion of Brother Chisholm, seconded by Rev. M. J. Tiernan, it was decided to have said statements spread on the minutes and published in the official organ, THE CANADIAN:

MEMBERSHIP.

Total membership 1st January, 1899	12,145
Total number initiated from 1st January to 1st August	821
	13,014
Total lapses on account of deaths, expulsions and resignations from 1st January to 1st August	96
Present membership	12,918

Table showing the number of initiations in each Province from January 1st to August 1st, 1899.

Province.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Ontario	36	57	123	103	56	88	58	550
Quebec	10	10	13	13	14	14	8	86
Nova Scotia	4	4	18	16	13	13	14	90
New Brunswick	12	12	6	13	8	8	25	79
Prince Edward I	4	4	1	1	1	1	3	19
Manitoba	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
N. W. Territories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	59	120	127	225	90	129	119	889

Table showing the branches organized since 1st January, 1899; where and by whom instituted, and the number of new members admitted to said branches at date of institution:

Branch No. and Location	Organizer	New Members	Date of Organization
304 Ancienne Lorette, Que.	J. E. H. Howison	8	March 24, 1899
305 Quebec City, Que.	J. E. H. Howison	11	" 24, "
306 Church Point, N. S.	Rev. Father Sullivan	12	" 27, "
307 Toronto Junction, Ont.	W. P. Killackey	22	April 19, "
308 Kingston Mills, Ont.	W. P. Killackey	11	" 25, "
309 Chosterville, Ont.	W. P. Killackey	17	June 9, "
310 St. Paul, Que.	J. E. H. Howison	8	" 15, "
311 Phipps, Ont.	W. P. Killackey	13	" 20, "
312 Rogersville, N. B.	H. J. Johnson	11	" 26, "
313 Loggsville, N. B.	H. J. Johnson	11	July 24, "
314 South Durham, Que.	J. E. H. Howison	14	Aug. 3, "

London, Aug. 11th, 1899
Statement showing the amount paid each Organizer from 1st January, 1899, to 1st August, 1899:

AUGUST, 1899.	
ONTARIO.	
W. P. Killackey, salary for 6 months	\$190 00
expenses, 6 months	490 20
Total	\$680 20
QUEBEC.	
J. E. H. Howison, salary for 6 months	\$500 00
expenses, 6 months	224 79
Total	\$724 79
NOVA SCOTIA.	
F. MacDonald, salary for 4 months	\$200 00
expenses, 4 months	127 78
Total	\$327 78

NEW BRUNSWICK.
R. J. Johnson, salary for 3 months \$150 00
expenses, 3 months 121 00
Total \$271 00

NOTE.—Brother Killackey's 6 months was to 30th June, 1899; Brother Howison's 6 months was from 1st February to 1st August, 1899; Brother MacDonald's 4 months was from 1st April to 1st August, 1899; Brother Johnson's 3 months was from 1st May to 1st Aug., 1899.

At the time of making out this statement Brother Johnson had not sent in his account of expenses for July.

Condition of the various funds at this date:

BENEFICIARY FUND.

1899.	Dr.
Jan. 1st, to balance on hand	\$ 2,034 50
Aug. 1st, to total amount received from branches from 1st January to 31st July	89,921 04
Total	\$91,955 54

1899.

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Aug. 1st, by total amount paid beneficiaries from 1st Jan to 31st July	\$61,040 00
balance on hand	30,915 54
Total	\$91,955 54

RESERVE FUND.

1899.

Dr.

Jan. 1st, to amount on deposit	\$33,750 33
Aug. 1st, to total amount received from the 5 per cent. on assessment money from 1st Jan. to 31st July	4,733 08
Total	\$38,483 41

1899.

Cr.

Aug. 1st, by total on deposit, not including interest since 1st January	\$38,483 41
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GENERAL FUND.

1899.

Dr.

Jan. 1st, to amount on hand	\$ 61 57
Aug. 21, to amount received from branches from 1st Jan. to date	6,614 75
Total	\$6,676 32

1899.

Cr.

Aug. 21st, by total expenditures from 1st January to date	\$6,732 02
balance on hand	55 30
Total	\$6,787 32

The Grand Secretary read the various tenders received for printing, mailing, etc., THE CANADIAN, and in compliance with instructions from the Board, the contract was awarded the Catholic Record office, as Mr. Coffey's tender was the lowest and most satisfactory in other respects.

Moved by Brother Bhan, seconded by Rev. M. J. Tiernan, that this contract be and is hereby approved and ratified by this Board. Carried.

Tenders were called for a supply of seals, ballot boxes, and gavils, as such articles at present form part of the set of supplies furnished new branches.

Four tenders were received, the most satisfactory being from Brother T. P. Tansy, of Montreal. The contract was accordingly awarded Mr. Tansy.

Moved by Brother P. J. O'Keefe, seconded by Brother P. J. Rooney, that said contract be and is hereby approved and ratified. Carried.

A communication was received from Brother Metz, of Berlin, in regard to supplying the Association with members' receipt books. The Board decided to continue using our present "members' receipt card."

A communication from Mr. W. F. O'Connor, barrister, Halifax, and a resolution from Branch 160, were received and read. They referred to the claims of the late Edmund Fultz.

Moved by Brother Bhan, seconded by Brother Rev. M. J. Tiernan, that the Grand Secretary write to the Branch to furnish him with the regular proofs of death of Mr. Edmund Fultz, and that the beneficiary be paid in the usual manner. Carried.

The Solicitor was authorized to procure 4,000 policies of denomination

\$2,000 from Mortimer & Co., of Ottawa, at same price as heretofore charged.

The Grand Secretary reported to the Board the condition of the branches in arrears for assessments and per capita tax. It was decided to send Grand Deputy Quillman to Branch 114, Welland, and have the business of said branch set right, if at all possible. If this cannot be done, then the branch is to be dissolved, and the members who are in good standing transferred to another branch.

Branches in arrears for per capita tax are to be again notified and, if said branches do not pay all arrears within thirty days from date of said notice, they shall stand suspended. This is also to apply to branches in arrears for assessments.

A letter from Organizer Johnson was read, referring to a new branch to be organized in Richibucto Village, and requesting a Grand Deputy sent there. The Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Brother Johnson to send Grand Deputy David Landry to institute such branch.

The Grand President and the Solicitor, in answer to questions relating to recent legislation in Quebec and also in the Dominion, concerning fraternal insurance associations, stated the acts passed recently do not in any way affect the C. M. B. A.

It was decided to leave the same committee in power to watch future legislation on same question.

The Grand Secretary asked instructions from the Board regarding the charge for advertisements in THE CANADIAN.

It was moved and seconded that the Grand Secretary put a notice in THE CANADIAN to the effect that he is now prepared to receive advertisements for THE CANADIAN that the charge will be \$10.00 per column per annum; \$7.00 per card of one inch space per annum, and proportionately for larger or smaller spaces or time. Carried.

A general discussion took place as to the results of Organizers' work. The Board did not consider the results satisfactory, especially in the Province of Quebec, and passed certain resolutions pertaining to the matter, and instructed the Grand Secretary to write the Organizer for that Province officially, giving him the purport of said resolutions. It was left in the hands of the Grand Council Trustees of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to attend to the Organizers for those Provinces respectively.

Dr. Ryan, Supervising Medical Examiner, explained to the Board the particulars of the case of Mr. Joseph M. Chaisson, an applicant for membership to Branch 272, Wellington, P. E. I.

Moved by Brother Bhan, seconded by Brother Rooney, that Dr. Ryan's action be and is hereby approved. Carried.

The Grand President addressed the Board regarding an offer made by La Presse, of Montreal, to get up a C. M. B. A. picnic if the Board would advance \$50.00, and stating that Brother Howison thought it advisable to have the \$50.00 placed in his hands for said purpose. Moved and seconded that said offer be not entertained. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Organizer for Ontario hereafter receive \$5.00 per month and actual travelling expenses, said expenses to not exceed \$2.50 per day. Carried.

Several communications were read regarding the advisability of appointing a special C. M. B. A. canvasser for the city of Montreal.

special canvasser for the city of Montreal, said appointment to continue during the pleasure of the Grand President, and that Brother Feeley receive \$1.00 for each member he brings into the Association, said fee to be paid Brother Feeley after the applicants are initiated. Carried.

Brother Chisholm, having stated that he thought Organizer MacDonald intended resigning his position soon, it was moved by Brother O'Keefe, seconded by Brother Rooney, that the selecting and appointing of another organizer for Nova Scotia be left in the hands of Brother Chisholm, and that the salary, etc., be the same as paid Organizer MacDonald. Carried.

There were twelve applicants for the position of Organizer for Ontario. After the applications and testimonials of each applicant were read, it was decided to leave the selection to the Ontario Trustees. After carefully considering the matter, said Trustees reported to the Board that they would submit two names to be voted upon, viz., Brothers W. G. Hardy, of Belleville, and Joseph Kidd, of Goderich.

Moved and seconded, that Brother Joseph Kidd be Organizer for Ontario.

Moved, in amendment, and seconded that Bro W. G. Hardy be Organizer for Ontario.

The amendment was lost. The original motion was carried.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Mr. Joseph Kidd be Organizer for Ontario for three months or such longer period as the Board may consider advisable, at a salary of \$7.00 per month and actual travelling expenses, said expenses not to exceed \$2.50 per day.

Brother Kidd accepted the position, and said he would do all in his power to be successful.

Moved by Brother Bhan, and seconded by Brother O'Keefe, that all contracts between this Association and any person or persons be drawn up and attended to by our Solicitor. Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that Mr. Kidd, Organizer, be under the direction of Brothers Bhan, Rooney and Brown. Carried.

A communication from the branches in Hamilton was read, inviting the Board to hold its next meeting in that city. The Secretary was instructed to answer the communication, stating that the Board regretted not being able to accept the invitation.

Moved and seconded that the next meeting of this Board be held in Montreal in January, 1900, and that the day and date on which the meeting be held be left in the hands of the Grand President and Grand Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe, that we do now adjourn to meet at the call of the Grand President. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear CANADIAN—Last month you published a letter signed "J. Dixon, M. D.," which calls for a word from me. The medical points involved in this matter I shall leave to the efficient examiner in question to settle and, no doubt, out of your correspondent's own mouth will be abundantly confounded. Apart from his travesty of the circumstances of his first examination, and subsequent doctoring, for a branch in which he was altogether unknown, there is little for me to reply to except the ridiculous and impertinent charge of not minding my own business. As I happened to be Pro-