

rights, and our association offers every thing that is necessary for that end.

The insurance feature was instituted for the especial benefit of the ladies whom I am happy to see so numerous here to-night. We have a reserve fund of over \$190,000 in the banks of Canada. Moreover, we have a sick benefit department, in which the youngest members, by paying 25 cents a month can secure, in case of illness, \$5 a week during 13 weeks, the rate rising, of course, with age, but remaining always very moderate. Such is the C.M.B.A."

Continuing in English, the Hon. M. F. Hackett, spoke with admirable fluency and fervor. He said: "The Catholic missionaries were the true discoverers and founders of this country. Wherever the Catholic Church sends her missionaries, there progress must ever follow. The families of to-morrow will reap what the families of yesterday have sown in the past. Every monument erected to commerce owes its foundation to the pioneers who came here first. It is the object and aim of this association to follow along this line of the brotherhood of men, to make Catholic children understand that they need a cord uniting hands and hearts, a cord woven by every eligible Catholic in Canada, a cord that will safeguard what belongs to the Catholics of this country. The aim of the C.M.B.A. is not only to insure the lives of its members, but to lift up Catholics to a higher plane and enable them to take their stand among the other peoples of the earth, and to make Catholics stand shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand and heart to heart. It is not a society that appeals to origin or class, but spreads its protecting folds from the Atlantic to the Pacific, asking only that Catholics be true to God and country."

After sketching the origin of the C.M.B.A., and its spread from Niagara Falls on the American side to Windsor, and then east and west, Mr. Hackett added: "We have, since 1892, distributed three million dollars of insurance money. If you want to know what that means, go to the young men who, though bereft of the bread-winning parent, found in his foresight the means that enabled them to receive a good education."

We should take pattern from our separated brethren. Protestants combine in a thousand ways. Why should we not imitate them? Do not forget that this association was established for the Catholic women of Canada, to prevent the widow from being left to the cold charity of a cold world.

From institutions such as the one I am speaking in, from the Catholic schools all over the country, there are issuing every year worthy young men who should be members of the association. It is the duty of the members to see that opportunity to do so be offered them. Let every Catholic understand that the C.M.B.A. has the approval of the hierarchy from one end of the country to the other. Everywhere they were told that they were the right arm of the Church and an aid to Catholicity. That being the case, every Catholic's duty is to belong to it. This is an age of combination; the man who stands alone is impotent. Our Order has a noble aim, and I ask every member as a commemoration of my visit to get one other member and see that he be initiated before Christmas."

Mr. J. J. Behan, the Grand Secretary, then spoke of how the first Canadian branch was founded in the mixed French and English town of Windsor, Ont., the next branches were established in German settlements, the next in Polish centres, the next in French Canadian districts, the next among the Acadians of the maritime provinces, and finally in the extreme east the C.M.B.A. gathered in the hearty Scotchmen who were perhaps the sturdiest workers. Yet the representatives of all these races, who used half a dozen languages in their local meetings, were all united in love for Mother Church.

The last 25 years have shown the good work done in Canada by the C.M.B.A. Its success is above all due to the support and endorsement of the clergy. It is the only Canadian fraternal association that has never been obliged to change its system of assessments.

The Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas, being asked to speak, said humorously, that he was going to praise himself, for he had two titles to the respect and affection of all the members: First, he was chaplain of the St. Boniface branch, and secondly, he was the most zealous promoter of the C.M.B.A., recommending it frequently from the pulpit.

President Bertrand then played a trick on Senator Bernier, introducing him as one who wished publicly to express his regret at never having become a member. The honorable Senator, thereupon rose, protesting that he had

never asked to speak, but adding that he was glad to welcome the Grand President and especially to honor in him the eloquent man who had had the courage to use the words quoted by the local President in his address. (Applause) As to his (the Senator's) not being a member of the C.M.B.A., the color of his hair explains that he is too old. He would say to the people of Quebec that if they did not come west that growing influence of the West, of which the Grand President had spoken so well, might be exercised against them.

The reception then closed, all the prominent persons present coming up to be introduced to the distinguished guests.

RECEPTION AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Monday was spent by the two Grand Officers in taking in as much of the city as their short stay would permit. With Mr. Daniel Smith as cicerone they travelled on cars and in a carriage through a large part of the city, chiefly the business sections, and also made a trip to the overhead bridge on the C.P.R., enjoying a very fine view of the city from that point. In the evening they attended a reception at St. Mary's schoolroom arranged by branch No. 52, to give its members an opportunity to meet the distinguished visitors. The attendance was large and the function was a very pleasant one, beginning with music rendered with much taste by Miss Barrett (soprano), Miss Maloney (contralto) and Mr. J. Evans (piano). A gracefully worded address of welcome, expressing the gratification of branch No. 52 at receiving a visit from a chief of whom they were so proud, was presented to Grand President, the Hon. M. F. Hackett, K.C., M.P.P., by Mr. W. J. Kieley.

Grand President's Reply

Mr. Hackett replied with eloquence which completely fascinated his audience. Having thanked the members of the C.M.B.A. in Winnipeg for the very warm reception which had been accorded the Grand Secretary and himself, Mr. Hackett went into raptures in his praises of Winnipeg and the western country, saying he had never anticipated half the beauties or the business stability which he had seen in the last few days. Reviewing the history of fraternal societies from the days of pagan Rome to the present the speaker related how the C.M.B.A. was established at Niagara Falls in 1876 and had grown throughout North America, until there were now branches in every province of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all bound together by the bonds of brotherhood, and helping one another to be better citizens and better Catholics. Some idea of the good the association had done might be got from the fact that it had already distributed three million dollars among the widows and orphans of its members, but its financial affairs were of secondary importance compared with the union of hearts and brotherhood which were its great object. The association had now 20,000 members in the Dominion, and he hoped that by the end of the year they would see an increase to 25,000. Mr. Hackett concluded with an appeal to the Catholic young men of Winnipeg to join the great brotherhood of the association, and so fulfil a duty to their dependents and themselves.

Grand Secretary Speaks

He was followed by Mr. J. J. Behan, who dealt more fully with the business side of the work, pointing out the duty and advantages of life insurance and the sick benefit section of the association, both of which cost the members but a few cents a day, though in case of sickness or death they received very considerable provision for the distressed of bereaved.

The Rev. Father Cherrier also spoke and promised that when Mr. Hackett and Mr. Behan paid a second visit to Winnipeg they would find the local branches of the C.M.B.A. stronger than they were at present.

A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded the visitors for their inspiring addresses, Mr. N. Bawlf and Dr. McKenty being the mover and seconder. The Chairman, Mr. D. Smith, in moving the vote, said that in Winnipeg he knew several cases where families had been saved from poverty and had been able to acquire good education through the father having been a member of the association.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Chairman and this concluded a very successful and enjoyable function.

On Tuesday the Hon. Mr. Hackett and Mr. Behan left for Brandon to visit the local branch there, whence they will visit all other local branches in the west as far as the coast. They hope to return via Winnipeg, for they are deeply impressed by our city.



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OBITUARY

Oswald Lalonde died at the early age of 22 after a brief illness, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, at the residence of his parents, 216 Austin street, on Monday last. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from the family residence to the Church of the Immaculate Conception and thence to St. Mary's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilmour, of 73 Martha street, mourn the loss of their infant son, who died Tuesday morning. The funeral took place from Gardiner's undertaking chapel to St. Mary's cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 4.30.

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