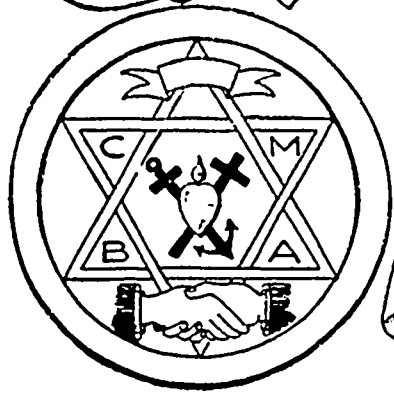


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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

THANKS.

This is to certify that I have this day received from Mr. P. J. O'Dea, Recording Secretary of Branch No. 93, C. M. B. A., Renfrew, a draft for \$2,000, being payment in full of the Beneficiary of my late husband, John McGuire, who was a member of said branch. I hereby wish to thank the officers of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, especially Grand Secretary S. R. Brown, and also the officers of Branch 93, for this prompt settlement of my claim. I therefore take pleasure in recommending membership in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association to those wishing insurance in a reliable benefit society.

(Signed)
Cathrine McGuire.

NOTES.

The open meetings of Branch 11 and 83, Montreal, were successes.

The per capita tax for the first quarter ending 31st March is now due, and we call the attention of branch officers to section 60 of constitution.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Grand Deputy Reynolds, of Montreal, has completely recovered from his recent severe illness.

Members changing residence should send us their new address, and at the same time give the number of their branch, otherwise they may not receive their copy of THE CANADIAN.

The Grand Deputies for the District of Montreal, on their appointment, started out with the determination to leave nothing undone that would tend to the advancement of our Association's interests in their division, and, with a view to combined and effective action, they have formed themselves into a board, and by unanimous request Grand Chancellor Finn was chosen to act as chairman and Bro. J. J. Costigan as Secretary of the Board. The energy shown by our Montreal Deputies is apparent by the renewed energy of the branches in their charge.

The late Hon. Elizur Wright, many years Insurance Commissioner of the State of Massachusetts, and one of the most able insurance men of the nineteenth century, gives the following definition of life insurance: "It is the standing together, shoulder to shoulder, of hosts of many men to defend each other's homes from the enemy that shoots on the sly and in the dark. It is the realization of fraternity without the destruction of independence and individuality. It is a charity without cant, which enriches the giver and does not humiliate the receiver."

A Fraternal Association is—
A coadjutor of education.
A stimulant of self respect.
A reducer of poor taxes.
A depopulator of almshouses and jails.

A conservator of estates.
A better distributor of wealth than was ever conceived by the wildest fancies of anarchy.

An aid to the execution of many biblical injunctions.

A financial bulwark to the individual, and hence an aid to national prosperity.

A public benefactor, a grand stepping stone toward an ideal civilization.—Exchange.

Don't lapse. This is wholesome advice to every member of the C. M. B. A.: Your membership should be kept up at all hazards. It is a good thing to have in times of business prosperity. It is a better thing to continue under conditions of business uncertainty.

It may stand for the difference between poverty and destitution—comfort and independence, where all else fails. It is certain—is in no way affected by commercial inactivity, fluctuations in the money market, business failures or disasters, or the changing conditions governing business investments and enterprises. We repeat—"Don't lapse."

The Grand President's circular regarding the payment of the sum of \$1 out of the General Fund of the Grand Council for each new member

takes effect with those applications received from and after January 1, 1897. At the end of each quarter the branch must send a statement to the Grand Secretary, giving the names of the members initiated during the quarter and the names of the brother or brothers entitled to the \$1 per each initiation. After receiving said statement, the Grand Council will remit the amount to the Financial Secretary of the branch to be paid to the members entitled thereon. The statement must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and sealed with the branch seal to avoid dispute. Branches may or may not supplement the \$1 by one half of the initiation fee: it is optional, but a recommendation from the Grand Council Board of Trustees.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 270 was organized on the 27th March, at Lourdes, N. S. by Grand Deputy Rev. R. McDonald.

The following is the list officers:—
Spiritual adviser Rev. W. B. McDonald.

President James Mahoney.
First Vice Pres. Edw. Chs. O'Reilly.
Second Vice Pres. Roderick Campbell.

Rec. Secretary, Alexander Gillis.
Asst. Rev. Sec. Lawrence Mahoney.
Financial Sec. James Savage.

Treasurer, Mathew Mahoney.
Marshal, John P. Lepou.
Guard, Duncan D. McKenzie.
Trustees—John Savage, Wm. Savage, Angus D. McDonald, Laughlin McIsaac, Daniel Martin.

Branch Officers for 1897.

Branch 83, Montreal, Que.
Chancellor S. Gaudry, president P. A. Boucher, 1st vice J. McBrion, 2nd vice F. H. Gauthier, recording secretary T. Delisle, assistant secretary J. Davidson, financial secretary H. Howison, treasurer L. O. Bevin, marshal L. N. Carle, guard S. St. Jean, trustees L. N. Carle, E. R. Hubert, T. Delisle, J. Daudelin, A. Daudelin.

Branch 110, Fergus, Ont.
Spiritual Adv. Rev. P. C. Grove, President Frederick Fischer, 1st Vice John Haley, 2nd Vice James McGregor, Rec. Sec. and Treas. E. J. Downey, Fin. Sec. Wm. Fitzpatrick, Ass. Sec. A. Woddick, Marshal Wm. McDerholt, Guard John Griffin, Trustees M. McLeister, A. Keamsman, Wm. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Kirby, James McGregor.

Initiations in February, 1897. Initiations du Mois de Fev, 1897.

Br.	Initiated Members.
251	Meteghan, N. S.
108	Quebec, Que.
4	London, Ont.
180	Sydney, N. S.
28	Quebec, Que.
28	Ottawa, Ont.
28	Quebec, Que.
28	Pleton, Ont.
102	Moncton, N. B.
102	Anticosti, N. S.
28	Fort William, Ont.
270	Georgetown, P. E. I.
1	Amherstburg, Ont.
7	Montreal, Que.
11	Montreal, Que.
1	Arthur, Ont.
56	Hamilton, Ont.
93	Renfrew, Ont.
93	Levis, Que.
121	Sudbury, Ont.
143	St. John, N. B.
160	Shidiac, N. B.
180	Yarmouth, N. S.
202	Chatham, N. B.
212	Owen Sound, Ont.
254	Kenilworth, P. E. I.
257	Truro, N. S.
270	St. Alexandre, Que.
1	Windsor, Ont.
8	Chatham, Ont.
9	Kingston, Ont.
12	Berlin, Ont.
13	Stratford, Ont.
27	Seaforth, Ont.
27	Petrolia, Ont.
27	Wincham, Ont.
27	Hamilton, Ont.
45	Texonch, Ont.
45	New German, Ont.
45	Montreal, Que.
45	Trenton, Ont.
45	Beleville, Ont.
45	Gananque, Ont.
45	Montreal, Que.
45	Terrebonne, Ont.
45	Orangeville, Ont.
45	Quebec, Que.
45	Quebec, Que.
110	Sherbrooke, Que.
1	Wexford, Ont.
128	Parkhill, Ont.
128	Halifax, N. S.
128	St. John, N. B.
128	Montreal, Que.
128	Toronto, Ont.
128	Halifax, N. S.
128	Carleton Place, Ont.
128	Rock Island, Que.
128	Amherst, N. S.
128	Fairville, N. B.
128	Trout Creek, Ont.
128	Alexandria, Ont.
128	Parrsboro, N. S.
128	Murray Bay, Que.
128	Pakenham, Ont.
128	Frederickton, N. B.
128	New Glasgow, N. S.
128	St. Joseph, N. B.

Total 110.
N. B.—The initiations in the last branch are charter members.
Les initiations de la dernière succursale sont les membres fondateurs.

Honor Roll.

Branch No. 271, Meteghan, N. S., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of February, 1897, having initiated twelve members.

Branch No. 108, Quebec, Que., comes next in order, having initiated six members.

Branch No. 1, London, Ont., initiated five members.