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Correspondents will please remember that copy must reach us before the 15th of the month, if intended for publication in the following month's issue, and that space is limited and brevity much desired.

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BRANCHES IN ARREARS.

Branches in arrears for per capita tax, supplies, etc., are particularly requested to remit the amount due as early as possible this month.

HOW TO REDUCE OUR CONVENTION EXPENSES.

One of the most important questions that our Association must settle is: How to reduce the expenses of its Conventions. We believe that our C. M. B. A. Conventions are growing far too expensive for the amount of good done; and this cannot be otherwise so long as each branch, no matter what its membership is numerically, is allowed to send a representative to the Convention. A branch with but twelve members, and that pays but \$12 a year per capita tax, sends a representative whose railway fare and per diem allowance may cost the Council \$150 or perhaps \$200. This is a continual drain on our general fund, and leaves the Council without means to carry out important and legitimate improvements in the work of the Association.

Some contend that the advertising the Association gets from such large numbers attending the Convention is worth the outlay. There may be some weight in this, but does the increase in membership in the C. M. B. A. branches in localities where Conventions have been held justify the contention?

As a remedy, several plans have been suggested, among them the following:

1. Hold Conventions once in three instead of once in two years.
2. Have district representatives—that is, group the branches in certain localities, giving one representative for so many branches with a certain collective membership.
3. Do not allow any branch, having at the time of the Convention a membership of less than fifty, to send a representative.
4. Do not allow a representative from any branch whose annual per capita tax is not sufficient to pay the railway fare and per diem allowance of a representative from the branch.
5. Let each branch send a representative, as at present, but have the branch pay the railway fare and the Council pay the per diem allowance; and let it be optional to the branch to send or not send a representative.

Plans 1 and 5 are most in favor, and either, if adopted, would meet the requirements fairly well.

In discussing this matter the following table, showing the membership, expense, etc., at each Convention, may be found useful to our members.

Conven- tion	Where Held.	Date.	Memb- ership.	Total Expense
1st	Windsor, Ont.	1881	231	\$ 31.45
2nd	London, Ont.	1881	285	122.00
3rd	St. Thomas, Ont.	1882	501	311.15
4th	Bramford, Ont.	1884	1,375	611.00
5th	Bramford, Ont.	1884	1,411	737.00
6th	Toronto, Ont.	1885	3,225	1,331.00
7th	Montreal, Que.	1890	3,750	2,841.25
8th	Hamilton, Ont.	1892	7,750	4,284.00
9th	St. John, N. B.	1894	9,100	5,500.00



JOHN J. BEHAN, Grand Trustee.

JOHN J. BEHAN, GRAND TRUSTEE OF THE C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

A POPULAR KINGSTON CITY OFFICIAL AND CATHOLIC SOCIETY MAN.

There is no more intensely patriotic Irishman in Canada than Ald. John J. Behan, of Kingston. He came to this country with his parents when quite young, and after a short residence in Quebec city removed to Kingston, where he has resided ever since. While still young he began to take an active part in Catholic societies, and has done more to promote and advance the interests of Catholic associations in Kingston than perhaps any of his coreligionists now living. He has been connected with the Young Irishmen's Catholic Benevolent Association, Br. 483, I. C. B. U. since its organization in 1871, and was vice president, recording secretary and treasurer. He has also held the office of president for the greater part of those years, having just retired after having served 13 years as president. He represented the society as delegate at their annual conventions in various parts of the United States and Canada on 16 different occasions.

He is grand vice-president of the I. C. B. U. of the United States and Canada, to which position he has been several times elected, an honor not very often conferred on delegates. Mr. Behan was for many years president of the Catholic Literary Society. In the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association he has always been an active worker, many branches having been

started by him, among others the Brockville branch, of which Grand President Fraser is a member. In Branch 10 of this association he has held the office of vice-president and secretary, several years president and twice delegate to the Grand Council. He is now grand deputy for the district between Toronto and the Province of Quebec, also a Grand Trustee.

He is also county president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, treasurer of the old St. Patrick's Society, and was president of the Kingston branch of the Irish National League.

Mr. Behan is a member of the Separate School Board and performs the duties of secretary. He has represented Ontario Ward in the city council, has been chairman of some of the most important civic committees, and at present is chairman of the Water works committee.

Brother Behan has for several years been a member of the Reform Executive of Kingston, and for three years 1st vice president of the Reform Association of that city. He is a successful business man, having for some years conducted a thriving business in the grocery trade. He is unmarried.



CHARLES DUPONT HEBERT, Grand Deputy.

CHARLES DUPONT HEBERT, GRAND DEPUTY, C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

Charles Dupont Hebert was born at Nicolet, P. Q., October 6, 1846. He is now in his fiftieth year, but appears much younger. He received his early education from the Brothers of the Christian Schools at Yamachiche, P. Q., and he delights in recalling the happy days passed under the aegis of those good teachers. He completed his commercial and industrial course of school-training at Montreal, and while in that city was appointed Secretary treasurer of "La Société des Orphéonistes" (a musical organization), which he held from 1865 until 1868. During this time this society, under the able direction of Mr. Francois Benoit, executed the most difficult compositions of the Great Masters, and won the admiration

of all classes in the commercial metropolises of Canada.

In 1873 Brother Hebert opened an accountant's office in Three Rivers, and after being thus employed for three years, was in 1876 appointed collector of Inland Revenue for that city, a position he is still occupying. From this time he took a very active part in everything having for its object the promotion of the interests of Three Rivers and its surroundings, and was ever foremost in advancing the social condition of its people. He was President of the "Société Ste. Cécile," is now President of a branch of the "C. B. L." and of "L'Union St. Joseph des Trois Rivières," Treasurer of a branch of "La Société des Artisans Canadiens Français de la cité de Montréal" and a member of "La Société Bienveillante de St. Roch de Québec," and of "L'Alliance Nationale de Montréal."

It is to Brother Hebert's efforts we owe the existence of Branch 101, now one of the most flourishing in the association. He has been President of this branch ever since its organization in 1889, and has been its representative at the Grand Council conventions in 1890, 1892 and 1894. He was appointed a District Deputy, and is now a Grand Deputy; he organized branches in Arthabaskaville, Victoriaville, Nicolet, St. Brigitte des Saults, Louiseville, Champlain and Quebec city. At the last Grand Council convention, he was elected a member of the committee of Finance and mileage for the association and is in every respect a very thorough and competent auditor.

Charles Dupont Hebert is very favorably known among financial people and has lately been elected Vice-President of the new telephone company of the counties of St. Maurice, Champlain and Three Rivers.

In 1886 Brother Hebert married Miss Marie Blanche Corinne Berlinguet, eldest daughter of F. N. Berlinguet, Esq., architect and civil engineer of Quebec city. Madame Hebert is a very accomplished lady and takes a great interest in the work of the C. M. B. A. God has blessed them with five beautiful children, three boys and two girls. The CANADIAN wishes continued prosperity and happiness to brother and madame Hebert and their family.

Acknowledgment.

Seaford, Ont., May 15, 1896.

S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secy. C. M. B. A., London, Ont.:

Dear Sir— I receive my most sincere thanks for the prompt payment of claim for \$1,000 under policy on the life of my husband, the late Richard Dixon. The fact of the claim having been settled in so satisfactory a manner speaks volumes, and is highly commendable. In the matter of low rates, prompt settlements and unquestioned security, your association is certainly to the front, and in my opinion is the cheapest arrangement system in existence.

Your truly,

JANE DIXON, Adm. Stratistis.