

**Smoking Concert.**

Branch 215, C. M. B. A., Summerside, P. E. I., gave a very pleasant entertainment after the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10th. This entertainment, known as a "smoking concert," the first of the kind ever held here, was attended by the members and a number of invited friends, and passed off in a most enjoyable manner. During intermissions in the programme, those present who are users of the "weed," indulged in "T. D." pipes and tobacco. The following programme was rendered, Bro. Dr. Maclellan playing the accompaniments on the organ and Bro. J. B. Strong presiding:

- Instrumental music, organ and violin, Bros. Dr. Maclellan and J. M. Noonan.
- Recitation, "Dawendine," Bro. S. M. Bent.
- Vocal Solo, Bro. Dr. Maclellan.
- "A Tale of Old Ireland," Mr. Wm. Shea.
- French Song, "Un Canadien," Bro. P. C. Gallant.
- Recitation, "The Old Flute," Bro. S. J. Camoron.
- Comic Song, Bro. J. C. Macdonald.
- Vocal Solo, "There's a Dear Little Spot in Ireland," Mr. Jos. Gillis.
- Violin Solo, Bro. J. M. Noonan.
- Recitation, "Clarence's Dream," Bro. A. C. Cullen.
- Comic Song, Bro. J. R. Kenny (encored)
- Reading, "Father Roche," Bro. L. J. Reddin.
- Reading, "Putting up a Steve Pipe," Bro. O. A. Stee's.
- Vocal Solo, "Our Jack's Come Home Today," Bro. L. J. Reddin.
- Short speeches, by Mr. A. J. Maclellan, Bro. Chas. Murpby, S. M. Bent, J. T. Macnally, and L. J. Reddin, the last named responding to a vote of thanks tendered him for the successful manner in which he had inaugurated and conducted the entertainment.
- "Auld Lang Syne." God Save the Queen.—Summerside Journal.

**A. C. M. B. A. Hall for Montreal.**

On the evening of Monday, March 9, '96, at the Hall of Branch 26, Montreal, a meeting of the Presidents and other representatives of the various branches in the District of Montreal was held. The meeting was called by Grand Deputy Costigan, who presided. Amongst those present were: Chancellors T. J. Finn, A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley; President Ward, Branch 26; President Polan, Branch 50; Chancellor O'Brien and Secretary Dalry, Branch 54; President Penfold, Branch 59; President Coffey, Branch 74; Chancellor Dandelin and Bro. Carle, Branch 83; President Spedding, Branch 140; Chancellor J. A. Potvin, President Girard, Branch 142; President Olivier, Bro. Beaulieu, Branch 160; President A. T. Martin, Branch 226; President G. A. Carpenter, Bros. Ireland and Choquette, Branch 232; Bro. D. J. McGillis, Martin Egan, L. E. Simonneau, Kavanagh, Quinsey, G. A. Gadbols, Jas. Milloy, Storons, R. J. Nagle, M. Sharkoy, Hartenstein, O'Toole, Coughlin, W. Palmer, Gould, E. P. Warl, and a number of others.

District Deputies F. Reynolds and C. Dandelin occupied the vice-chairs, and Chancellor Coffey acted as Secretary. Grand Deputy Costigan opened the meeting by a brief address, in the course of which he thanked those present for their attendance in response to his invitation. The main object of the meeting was to consider various matters appertaining to the welfare of the branches within the District, and the advancement of the general interests of their grand Association. He and the District Deputies were of the one mind in the opinion that meetings such as this should be held

frequently. There was one grand object to which he would draw their attention, that was the necessity of a grand Union Hall, where all branches could meet. Chancellor Finn had at the last meeting of Branch 26, brought forward this question. The idea was a noble one, and worthy of the best and earnest consideration of all present.

Chancellor Finn, at the request of the meeting, dwelt upon the necessity of having a Grand Central C. M. B. A. Hall, a place which they could call their own, and which should be worthy of the Association. It would be a standing reminder to our fellow-citizens of the Association and the good it was doing, and would be a permanent help to its advancement and continued prosperity.

Chancellors O'Brien, Feeley, Potvin, Spedding, Bros. Eagan, A. D. McGillis, J. Girard, Carpenter, Sharkoy, and nearly all present warmly endorsed the project, and on motion of Bro. O'Brien, seconded by Bro. Carpenter, the radius within which such a hall should be built was fixed.

Bro. Polan, seconded by Bro. Feeley, moved the question of the formation of a Joint Stock Company to carry the project into effect. The representatives were instructed to bring the subject before their respective branches, and to report back at a meeting to be held on the second Monday in April.

Grand Deputy Costigan thanked the meeting for the manner in which it had taken the matter up, and also thanked President Ward of Branch 26, for kindly placing the hall of the branch at his disposal for future meetings.

District Deputies Dandelin and Reynolds made brief addresses.

Other matters of interest to the meeting were brought forward and favorably received.

**AN INVITATION.**

The officers and members of Branch No. 13, Stratford, wish to announce to the members of the C. M. B. A. throughout Canada that they extend to them a cordial invitation to attend their assembly to be held in the city hall, Stratford, on Tuesday evening, April 14th, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock.

JAMES MARKEY, Pres.  
E. J. KNIGHT, Sec.  
Stratford, March 23, 1896.

**Honor Roll.**

Branch No. 62, Canard River, Ont., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations in the month of February, 1896, having initiated eight members.

Branch No. 256, Somerset, Man., comes next in order, having initiated six members.

Branch No. 56, Hamilton, Ont., initiated five members.

**Resolutions of Condolence.**

Guelph, Feb. 4, 1896.  
At the last meeting of Our Lady's Branch, No. 31 C. M. B. A., held Jan. 27, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Moved by C. C. Collins, seconded by Eugene Korman, that

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed fellow-member, Brother Thomas A. Heffernan, and

Whereas by his death this branch loses a sincere friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his children an affectionate father, therefore be it

Resolved, that, while humbly submitting to the will of our Divine Redeemer we desire to extend to the widow and family of our late brother associate our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but that the knowledge that he whom they and we mourn has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased and spread upon the minutes of the branch, and copies sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and Canadian for publication. Jas. Kennedy, Secretary.

Trout Creek, Ont., Feb. 10, 1896.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 197, Trout Creek, held on Feb. 7, 1896, it was moved by Bro. R. Barrett, seconded by Bro. R. Lynett,

Whereas the members of this branch have learned with deep regret of the sad and

untimely death of Rev. Bro. E. Bloom, the devoted parish priest of North Bay, and a former Spiritual Adviser of this branch;

Resolved that we tender our sincere and heartfelt sorrow to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, in the sudden demise of a devoted and energetic young priest; and to Rev. Joseph Bloom, C. S. S. R., and Miss Mary Bloom, in this sad hour of their affliction; also to Branch No. 64, North Bay, in their great loss of not only a beloved and worthy member, but one who at his death filled the sacred office of Spiritual Adviser.

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; Rev. Joseph Bloom, C. S. S. R.; Miss Mary Bloom, and to Branch No. 64, North Bay; also to the North Bay Times, the Dispatch, the CATHOLIC RECORD and our official organ (The Canadian), for publication, and entered on the records of this branch.

Orillia, Feb. 17, 1896.

Divine Providence being pleased to call our first and dearly beloved pastor, and Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. Archdeacon Kenneth A. Campbell, from the scene of his earthly labors, to the reward promised and secured to all who serve faithfully our Heavenly Father.

It was moved by Bro. R. A. Lynch, and seconded by Bro. A. Birchard, that this branch tender its sincerest, heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the Rev. Archdeacon Campbell, who, so long, faithfully and zealously labored in this parish to the spiritual and material benefit of those whose spiritual advisor he was; and we can rest assured that long after those who now bear testimony of his many good works have passed away, there will be imperishable monuments to voice the respected memory of our dearly beloved Spiritual Adviser. Further be it

Resolved that the members of this branch receive Communion on the 3rd inst., being the occasion of this month's mind to be then celebrated at the church of the Angels' Guardian for the benefit of the soul of our departed brother. Be it further

Resolved that the charter of this branch be draped for the space of ninety days, and that these resolutions be entered on the records of this branch, and published in the journals of the association. R. D. Gunn, Pres. Jan. 1, 1896

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 157, Fletcher, Ont., held Jan. 23, 1896, the following resolution of condolence was adopted moved by Bro. Peter G. Murphy and seconded by Bro. Michael Gleeson, that a vote of condolence be sent to the mother and family of our late esteemed Brother, Francis T. Phelan, that our charter be draped for the space of thirty days and a copy of the motion be sent to the Catholic Record and THE CANADIAN our official organ for insertion.

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.**

April Assessment. Cotisation au mois d'Avril. No. 5. Deaths } Nor. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Décès }

**The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.**

Secretary's Office, London, Apr. 1, 1896. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1 Av. 11, 1896.  
Dear Sir and Brothers—You are hereby officially notified of the status of the following named brothers:

NO.	NAME.	BRANCH.	LOCATION.	POLICE.	ADMITTED.	DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
NO.	NOM.	BRANCH.	SIÈGE.	POLICE.	ADMIS.	DÉCÉDÉS.	CAUSE DU DÉCÈS.
21	John O'Brien	180	Yarmouth, N.S.	2000	July 22, '92	Feb. 25, '96	Acute Phthisis
25	Wm. W. Groom	27	Peterborough, Ont.	2000	July 17, '84	Mar. 2, '96	Paresis
26	Nicholas Hall	38	St. Lambert, Ont.	2000	Sep. 10, '85	Mar. 15, '96	Pneumonia
27	John Cadigan	30	Peterborough, "	2000	May 9, '88	Mar. 16, '96	Heart Disease
28	Lorenz Datzler	100	Baden, Ont.	2000	Nov. 25, '85	Mar. 25, '96	Tuberculosis of Lungs
30	H. B. McPherson	131	N. Sydney, N.S.	2000	June 15, '94	Mar. 23, '96	Cancer of Throat

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for March, 1896. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois d'Avril, 1896.

**BENEFICIARY FUND. FONDS DES BÉNÉFICES. DE.**

Amount on hand March 1st, 1896	Montant en caisse le 1er Mars, 1896		\$ 118 10
Received during March from Requidant	Reçu durant le mois de Mars	No. 15 Assessment	355 74
		No. 1	1,659 84
		No. 2 & special	15,267 06
		No. 3 and 4	258 67

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Mar. 7, Benefits paid on account of Bénéfices payés à compte de	C. G. Prevost, Orders 231 & 235.	\$ 1,000 00
18, do	F. T. McCaffrey, " 236	2,000 00
14, do	J. Backel, " 237	2,000 00
16, do	Rev. R. A. Campbell " 238 & 239	2,000 00
20, do	T. A. Heffernan, " 240	2,000 00
21, do	J. Schmidt, " 241	1,000 00
21, do	J. L. Lynch, " 242	2,000 00
30, do	Rev. F. Baudot, " 243	2,000 00
31, do	R. Hough, " 244	2,000 00

April (Avr.) 1st, 1896, Balance \$17,659 91 \$17,659 91

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date... \$387,517 48  
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéfices collecté depuis le 1er Janv., 1893, à ce date... \$387,517 48  
Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date... \$185,857 57  
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres déçédés à ce date... \$185,857 57

**RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE.**

Amount on hand March 1st, 1896	Montant en caisse le 1er Mars, 1896	\$ 51,161 56
Amount accrued since last report	Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport	923 41
Total		\$ 52,084 97

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

**To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada:**

Brothers.—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 5 (April Assessment) is given in compliance with Sec. 7 of Beneficiary Fund Law: the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this assessment to the Financial Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of May, 1896. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this assessment accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report on or before the 9th day of May, 1896. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

**Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.**

Frères.—L'état précéant de la cotisation No. 5 (cotisation du mois d'Avril), est donné en conformité de la Clause 7 de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéfices; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est donné dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer cette cotisation au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 3ème jour de Mai, 1896. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de cette cotisation, accompagné du Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle, le ou avant le 9ème jour de Mai, 1896. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des Succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

Fraternellement à vous,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.