There are, unfortunately, few Irish his self-sacrifice in the exercises of his priests in Cauada west of Lake Superfor, and each year upon the occasion of the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint from every parish in the west which contained a handful of the sans of Ireland there was a desire to have Lather Sinnett preach the panegaric of St. Patrick.

During his residence in the North west Father Sinnett becam widers acquainted and is to day probably better known and has more warm friends in the west than any other cergyman who has ever lived in Western Canada lie is, indee i, truty an ideal priest, an able exponent of the doctrines of the Church of Christ, preaching always the doctrines of love and peace and ever ceaselessly striving to bring spiritual comfort and contentment to those entrusted to his care Hundreds there are, scattered over the broad, bleak prairie, who will shed a bitter tear and heave a heavy sigh when the news reaches there that the good father, who so zealously worked for their spiritual welfare and was ever ready and deeply solicitous to make happy the humblest homes and the poorest souls, has been chosen for duty in South Africa

Father Sinnett, during his residence in the west, was not unmindful of the fact that in Catholic societies there is great good In 1 will be organized and became a member of the Portage la Prairie branch of the C M B A., to the successful formation of which may be attributed the organization of a branch shortly afterwards at Brandon.

In 1505 Father Sinnett left Portage la Prairie, going to Montreal, where he was appointed assistant at St. Anthony's Church, which position he held when chosen as chaplain of the Second Contingent. Prior to his leaving for the east, the Rev. Father was presented by his Portage la Prairie parishioners with a magnificent testimonial of their love and gratitude and by his friends in Brandon he was also given a suitable token of the high esteem in which he was held even by those whom he visited only occasion ally Among the Catholics of both places, and indeed throughout the en tire Northwest, there was the deepest regret when the Rev. Father took his departure for eastern Canada, and the wish was general that he might be spared to return to the west and again engage in the noble work which he had been perferming so ably and so well.

Last year Father Sinnett made a visit to Edmonton district in the later ests of immigration and to report upon the advisability of establishing a colony of Eastern French families in the far west. It was thought that this visit was but the forerunner of Father Support's return to western Canada and the news of his despatch to South Africa came as a surprise and bitter disappointment to western Catholics.

That the good father may be spared to return safely to his native land when the war is over will be the earnest wish of his western friends who are numbered by thousands, for scarcely a settlement from Winnipeg to Calgary is without these who love and revere Father John C. Sinnett.

FAREWELL TO I VIHER SINNERT

A hearty farewell was extended by the parishionersoiS: Anthony's church, Montreal, to Rev Father John C Sinnett when he was leaving to join the Second Contingent in the capacity of chaptain. He was presented with a purse of \$250 and an address, in which .

ministry was eulogized and assurances much given him that the part-hioners would wasca are progress with deep interest on the same than the common as a second transfer of the common as a second transfer of the second t wished him a happy return. Father it is a Sinnett made a very feeling reply

Father Sinnett sated from Hautax for Suth Am a cu the P meranian en-January . h

GRAND COUNCIL TRUSTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Grand President and Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C M B A of Canada was held in St. Lawrence Hal, Montreal, Que, on lanuary . . 1 was

The following members were present: Hon M I Hackett, Grand Pres ident, P J O keeffe, J J Behan, P J. Rooney and Joseph A. Chisholm, Grand Trustees Dr Ryan, Supervising Medical I xaminer F is Latch ford, Solicitor . and Samuel R Brown, Grand Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on motion of Bro OK-effe, seconded by Bro Chisholm

The Grand Secretary presented the following statistics for the year - e. which, on motion of Bro Behan, seconded by Bro Chisholm, were or-dered to be spread on the minutes and published in the chicial organ

STATISTICS.

During the year 1-10 the C M B A of Canada issued 1" assessments

We received on Benthmary account \$179 -2017; the amount transferred to Reserve Fund was \$2.901 (0), our Reserve Fund at present, including interest, is \$ 6 71 100 we paid to heirs of deceased brothers \$171 000 66

We received on General Fund ac count, including the balance from 1898 814 230 71; our General Fund disbursements amounted to \$13,752 agr. the General Fund halance on lec-Sist, 1809, was \$475.44, we paid organizers during 1800\$1.5154.54

The total number of members initi ated was 1547 the net increase in membership was 1275 our member ship at present is 1 . .

The number of new branches organ tzed was 25, the total membership of said . brauches is i-

The number of new members ad mitted in 15 in Ontario was to teber 152 New Brunswick in Chitario was . Niva Storia 2. Prince Liward Island, 4., Manitoba, 5., and North West Territories, 11

The amount paid to "rganizers for 1-11 is as follows

•	4.
	· · ·
•	- بن و 4
	\$. 4. 2 %
	\$1 m
	200 2
	\$* * 2
	\$1 _ 1
	\$ 50
	•

John H. Feeley, Canvasser in Mon treal, received Son (x) for bringing in 22 new members.

W. F. Higgins, Organizer for Nova

Social, recovered with salary for the Br. is had secreted by a

5 buttoer of energiates in the go the custon factor the second of the control of the second . test grow was the night ter 1 12 F title of the title of suiters W 4-

Trere Ate members boding 15. ment har a h ing -The am my of the state of the Breech the st Armary . :- -

The am time of the Dest ten that lap-ed by death am un et ti -

The membership in cotarie on the WATER STREET ist annar. 111 New Brunswick . NA d - Mantiona Arch West Ter ritories, 1 · total,

The Secretary reported that a large number of branches were in arrears for per capita tax, etc., and he asked the Buard what action should be taken. as the constitution in this matter was continually violated

It was moved by Bro chaefe seconded by Bro Rooney, that the branches in arrears for the per capitatax, initiation, supplies and Supervis; ing Medical Examiners fees be again notified by the Grand Secretary that all such arrearages must be paid with in thirty days from date of notice, and also that the attention of the members of said branches be called to the nezlect of the branch offi ers in complying with Sections is it and ... of our Constitution Carrried.

The following resolution was moved hy Bro Chisholm, seconded by Bro OK-effe, and carried unantmously

Whereas His Lordship Bishop Mac Donald, of Charlettetown, P. E. I., has recently addressed a circular letter to his clergy in which he warmly recommends the Catholic Mutual Benefit As sociation of Canada to his people as an organization highly deserving of the confidence and support of all Cathodes

Resolved that this Burd, on beha ! of the Association at large put on record its sincere thanks to His Lordson for thus grantuct emphasing the Caims of our Assertation up in the support of the Cachelles of the D mittee to

i urther rescived that this reso uto n be spread on the minutes and a logic of the same be forwarded to Hes Loraship B. hop MacDonaid

A deputation from the Montreal branches waited on the Board to discuss the question of devising some other means of adopting some better pian than at present in existence to increase the membership of the Association, particularly in the Province of **Quebec**

The following Grand Diputies and brothers were present :

A H Spedding, A B. Pottevin. F. Bourgeau, Chas Fortler, J. H. iceley, J. J. Costigan, i' Reynolds, C Daudelin and H Auciair Grand Organizer Howson was also present

The members of the Board were very much pleased with the remarks made by the various speakers, and promised to careful y consider the suggeetlons given, and if at all possible would comply with the leputations' request.

A question was brought up as to the legal standing of a certain member of one of the Toronto Branches.

After some discussion it was moved by

that the matter selected in the I recommended to the second se the time on a fine courts to At 1 reports of seed gale and A : Frit (At-

a Att the a · At. 1 h r -e 4114 et at e 7 41 the country * Marin the Assessin that I betreet to be the time to be builded Wan to ber tentert be ! Pt cvers . 'abi it. Assurance e er cati i. . im. ed and the terand to a last pay he followmeant of the premium in one the fremium for the bonds of -uin each bras h must be semitted to the terar d Secretary The race is - ats. for each . . berd. The amount of the bond as arranged by the Con-"I'u icu is " + for each member on the branch to Frampie A firstch has say members the total bond usering the binancia be retarn and the breakurer would be a second the total premium would be a la

The heard considered the arrangement very sat factory and it was moved by him over seconded by Branch and carried unantto usive that the action of the solicitor and the terand Secretary be hereby ratified

The Grand Secretary real a letter sent him for publication, and as said setter was not in accordance with the regulations g verning T in such marters, he asked the Board for their opinion

After a short discussion it was deemed advisable to not publish the letter unless the writer arrowed his name to be given

Letters and petitions were presented requesting the introduction of the C M. B. A. into a tush Caumbia and Newfoundiand The matter was left to the hands of Bro Behan, olicitor stehford and the ferand Secretary Inc enormous expense of lelegates from British Columb a to Grand Counto C liverit to was an expect rabio fea'nra

The contract the recomment of And desirate the transfer of an executive and extremition of Blazies. A finite first, was for the manifestal than the last and a transfer and the first are a first and the first are a fired and the first are a first and the first are a first and the fi en this point

₹ m.m. A . B was real to be ing the app totues gas of Pears to a rate of a terrated I optive. The date twas a with the teravil Pres feet

A communication to , Depaty : amean, or Deputy roumen, come a come regarding at a ben rough a come with C. M. E. A. B. a. come was read by the terand fire- set, and a time was taked thereon

The teraid overtary was costructed to furnish each of the exchange ers with a treat I have an

Moved by life to nan, seconded by i'm comme that the am unt of the Reserve run theoreting monthly from the per ent, of the sum received on each assessment from and after let bebruary until further notice, he feposited in a chartered bank in - in Sectia Such bank to be designated by fire inishelin. Carried Moved by fire Behan we do it is

Bro tikeeffe, that, after hearing the views of the Grand mark Dr. Ryan's fees as Superv - be ratilly the Council quarterly, with a watting for the Branches to pay arried

Moved by Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro Rooney, that inganizers be aboi-