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UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT

(Being Chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes of Canada and amendments thereto)

Ottawa, 31st March 1900

THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION NO. 8 issued by the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada for the transaction of Assessment Life Insurance business in the Dominion of Canada, is hereby renewed till the thirty first day of March, 1901.

J. M. COURTENAY

Deputy Minister of Finance

W. Fitzgerald,
Superintendent of Insurance



DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, ONTARIO

No. 74.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY AS AN INSURANCE COMPANY

Whereas by the application of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, made pursuant to the Insurance Corporation Act, 1897 and the Acts amending and consolidating the same it has been made to appear to the undersigned, the Inspector of Insurance for the Province of Ontario, that the said applicant is entitled to registry as an insurance company:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said company is accordingly registered for the transaction of Life Insurance on the Assessment Plan in the Province of Ontario, for the term beginning on the first day of May, 1900, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 1901, subject to the provisions of the aforesaid acts.

J. HOWARD HUNTER

Entered on the Insurance License Register No. 1413, Folio 141.

WILL. J. VALE, Entry Clerk.

G. M. B. A. PICNIC AT CORNWALL

Branch No. 38, of Cornwall Ont. have arranged for a monster C. M. B. A. demonstration and picnic in St. Laurence Park on Wednesday, June 20th.

Invitations have been issued to all C. M. B. A. branches in Montreal, and all Ontario east of Kingston

As this demonstration is designed for the purpose of bringing the members of the C. M. B. A. together, it will certainly be of much benefit to the Association in this part of Canada

Our Cornwall brothers promise a first-class programme of sports, with boating and fishing facilities. It is expected that the Grand President and other Grand Council officers will be present, and addresses will be delivered by prominent C. M. B. A. men.

We are sure that those who are fortunate enough to attend will enjoy a splendid days outing.

WHAT IS SAID OF THE C. M. B. A. BY OUR HIERARCHY.

There are other societies which bear the name of Catholic, and of these the best, to my mind, is the C. M. B. A. It has an entirely unselfish object. The benefit to be derived from membership would be conferred only after the member had himself gone to his reward — Archbishop O'Connor

I have been associated with a Branch of the Association for years, and in leaving my parish one of the cords hardest to sever was that which bound me to the C. M. B. A. I admire the Association: I bless the Association. Its methods have the sanction of the Church, and therefore must be right and good. Distress had found relief through the C. M. B. A., and charity had been distributed by it. By the payment of small rates the father, brother or son became a member, and when the bread earner was called away and the widowed wife and orphaned children were left to themselves the society stepped in and cared for them and protected them. What a truly noble mission this is! Furthermore, I look upon the C. M. B. A. as an auxiliary of the Church. Every branch formed in a parish is a great help to the clergy. The ultimate object of the society is the salvation of souls, and it thus becomes an instrument in the hands of the Church. — Archbishop Gauthier

I have a great interest in the C. M. B. A. I have been a member for a great many years, and have watched it very closely. I wanted to see the working of the Association before I joined it: and, after observing its development and worth, had become a member. I advise all who can possibly do so to join the C. M. B. A. at once. One became more thoroughly imbued with the Catholic spirit by becoming a member. We are influenced by our surroundings, and moral advice and assistance is obtained in the C. M. B. A. I wish the C. M. B. A. unbounded success. — Archbishop Brien

Not content with condemning Freemasonry and kindred associations, the great Pope goes further and says: "There are various sects of men, which, though in name, rites, form, and origin, they differ, yet in same

ness of aim and likeness of first principles they are bound together, and they thereby agree with the Masonic sect, which forms for a common centre whence all proceed, and to which all return. Though they, just now, seem very much to have cast off the garb of secrecy, and hold their meetings before the eyes of the world, and even have their own daily press, when we look in to the matter we find that they still retain all the characteristics of secret societies." Now dearly beloved brethren, we have many such societies in our midst, and we notice with alarm and regret, that Catholics sometimes enroll themselves under their banner. Perhaps, without realizing the danger to which they are exposed, they allow themselves to become members because, they expect some social or pecuniary assistance from their membership. Let it not be said, by way of extenuation, that these societies to which we refer have not the formal condemnation of the Church. It is true, they are not formally condemned, but on the other hand they are not approved, and Mother Church always looks with suspicion on fraternal societies that are beyond her control. For this reason Pope Leo XIII. gloriously reigning, cheerfully blessed the general intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for last September, viz. "The Struggle against Secret Societies." For the same reason we join our voice to that of the great pontiff, by exhorting all pastors laboring in this diocese to endeavor to keep away from all such societies, the faithful committed to their care. And you, dearly beloved brethren of the laity, do not lend an ear to those who come like wolves in sheep's clothing to allure you into any of the societies, that have not the formal approbation of the Church. In other words, do not give your name to any society that has not a priest as spiritual advisor or chaplain.

We appeal to you on this occasion, all the more readily, because, we have now firmly established in this diocese a fraternal society enjoying all the temporal advantages claimed by the others and at the same time honored with the highest approbation of our Holy Mother the Church. We refer to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada. It is our earnest wish that the above named Association should grow and flourish in our midst, until there be a branch in every parish in this diocese. We recommend to all pastors of souls, that they explain to their people the internal workings of this Association, and impress on the minds of their hear-

ers, the many advantages to be derived from it. — Bishop Meade

APPEAL.

Tilbury, Ont., March 20, 1900

To the Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, Brothers Branch No. C. M. B. A., Tilbury. — It seems to me an urgent duty to appeal to its sister branches on behalf of Bro. Wm. Campbell, who has been seriously ill for the past ten years. He has been living here for twenty three years, and has always been working hard trying to make a living. Under unatey, last fall the poor fellow was stricken down with consumption brought on by overwork and exposure to all kinds of weather. He is now unable to do any work and is in very poor circumstances. His neighbors and the members of our branch have helped him all they possibly can. He has no means what ever, has nothing that he can turn into money, and unless he obtains assistance from his C. M. B. A. brothers, he, his wife and children will be in great distress. Indeed, this is certainly a sad case, and if there ever was a worthy appeal it is that of Brother Campbell.

The members of Branch No. 38 have responded to every appeal and we hope and pray that this will be allowed and that our sister branches will help Brother Campbell in this his hour of need.

We remain, yours fraternally,
SAMUEL MATHIAS, P. P.,
T. J. BELANGER, Secy.

This is to certify that Brother Campbell is very much in need of assistance, that I approve of this appeal and hope it will meet with the approval of the Grand President and Board of Trustees and the response it deserves from the association.

P. LANGLOIS, P. P.,
Tilbury, Ont.

P. P. — All contributions to be sent to Rev. Father Langlois, P. P., Tilbury, Ont.

London, Ont., April 1900
T. J. BELANGER, Esq.,
Recy Secy Branch No. C. M. B. A. Tilbury, Ont.
Dear Sir and Brethren: — I appeal from your branch on behalf of Bro. Wm. Campbell, who is in need of help. We recommend to all pastors of souls, that they explain to their people the internal workings of this Association, and impress on the minds of their hear-

WILLIAM J. BROWN,
Grand Secretary