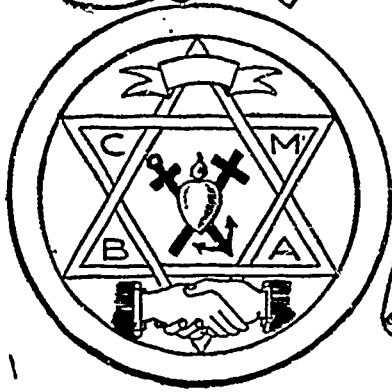


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Assessment System.

Official Notice of a Special Assessment.

Notice is hereby officially given to each and every member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, that in addition to the regular No. 6 assessment for the Month of May, a special assessment is also required to be paid within thirty days from the 15th May in the same manner and of the same amount as said No. 6 assessment. This, in connection with the statement on page four of this issue, will be the only notice of such special assessment to our members, and is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of C. M. B. A. constitution.

Officers of Branches are requested to be as prompt as possible in remitting the amount of these two assessments.

It requires twenty thousand dollars to pay the beneficiaries of the twelve deceased brothers reported on the statement of assessments for this month.

Sam. R. Brown,
Grand Secretary.
London, Ont., 1st May, 1896

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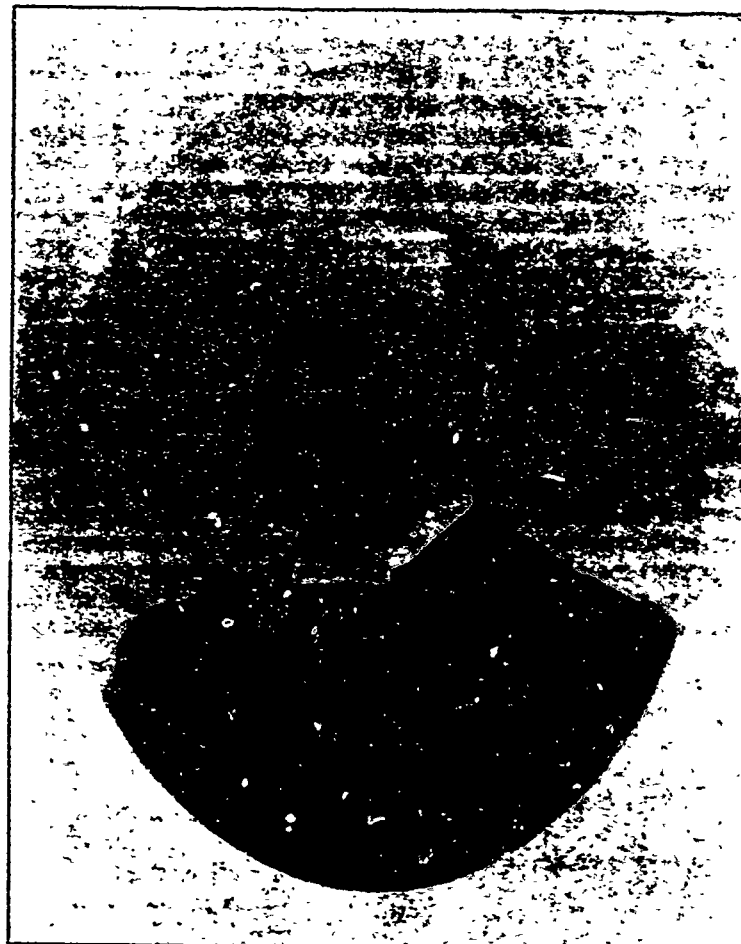
An exchange says: "Don't mind the unfriendly criticism of unsuccessful rivals. The best apple tree has the most sticks under it."

A member initiated in any month in which there is more than one assessment, is liable for only one, that is, the assessment he pays in compliance with section 1 of constitution.

Branches must use the new form of "Notice and Proof of Death," also the new form of "Transfer Cards." The old forms shall not be accepted hereafter.

On the evening of April 10th, Branch 20, Picton, Ont., held a very successful concert in their hall, and on the 20th a pedro party for the members and a number of invited friends.

If you have a relative or a friend who is not a C. M. B. A. member, and



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whom you think eligible for membership, you should use every argument possible to induce him to join. By doing this you will benefit yourself, your friend, and the whole Association.

Branch 1, Windsor, still leads in membership, but there are four or five Branches giving it a close run, and we are informed that Branch 13, Stratford, is determined to head the list by the time of the next Convention. Our Stratford brothers generally succeed when they undertake anything.

A sworn statement is made annually to the Government of the income and expenditure, the assets and liabilities, membership, etc., of the C. M. B. A.;

and the Superintendent of Insurance, from time to time examines the books and vouchers, so as to verify the said annual statement.

The story of life insurance is mainly a story of self thrust aside to make room for love and careful solicitude. He who sets apart a portion of his income in order that the family of which he is the head shall not have the dread of making heavier the tears of bereavement, is an example of the class through whom this world is made God's world. Catholic father, why not join the C. M. B. A., and thus help to make your family feel more secure.

We have lately received several

letters, strongly political, with a request to publish them in our official organ. This we had to refuse, as we consider such letters would not tend to the welfare of the Association. The CANADIAN and the C. M. B. A., for which it speaks, knows no party, class or race, as such, and views all political contests with an impartial eye. Brothers, any reasonable request you make we would like to grant, if in our power, but do not ask us to publish political letters.

In connection with a "Fancy Fair" held lately by the ladies of St. Mary's parish, Toronto, with the approval of the Very Rev. V. G. McCann, a competition was started as to who was the most popular member of Branch 20 of the C. M. B. A., a gold headed cane being set up by the ladies as the pivot of vote radiation. Four names were selected. The result was in favor of the esteemed President of the branch, Bro. R. J. Byron. While all were worthy, there could be but one winner. To the winner, therefore, we give congratulations, and to all, praise for the friendly and successful contest, resulting, as we understand it did, in enhancing the funds accruing from the Fair for the purpose of reducing the debt on St. Mary's Church.

When Branch 26, of Montreal, which is the parent branch of our Association in the Province of Quebec was founded in 1803, the charter members were all members of the St. Patrick's Temperance Society, which is the parent Catholic Temperance Society of America, and consequently a strong attachment exists between the two. The Branch and the Temperance Society jointly, on the fourth Sunday of every month, attend Holy Communion in a body at St. Patrick's Church, and we noticed by a recent exchange that, of the 21 officers elected by the Temperance Society for the ensuing year, no less than 15 are members of the C. M. B. A. The St. Patrick's Temperance Society was formed in 1840, and has a very large membership.