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## LAND A. O. H.

### Successful Convention Held Last Week. Scholarship to be Perpetuated.

In annual convention here last week, the Northumberland county division of Ancient Order of Hibernians advanced an elaborate proposition for the maintenance of the scholarships for this district. The number of A. O. H. students at the St. Thomas' College will be increased as a result of the plan undertaken. C. J. Morrissey was re-elected president and the old board of officers were also chosen.

With Mr. Morrissey presiding the delegates in attendance included the following:

William Goggin, county vice-president, W. F. Cassidy, financial secretary, W. J. Moran, recording secretary, Charles A. Cassidy, treasurer, Division No. 4, Newcastle—M. McCarron, Hon. John Morrissey, John Fallon, P. Hennessy, Amurose Ryan, P. J. Ryan, Geo. Duteher, David Neif, John T. Morrissey, Edward Morris, Bryan Hennessy, Fred Daly.

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Division No. 8, Barnaby River—Richard Gill, William McGrath.

Division No. 9, St. Margarets—James Hackett.

The county president, in his report, which was subsequently adopted, referred to the fact that the various divisions were in a flourishing condition and there was a noticeable increase in the members. The scholarship project had been effectively carried out along the lines adopted at the provincial convention in Sydney. Mr. Morrissey expressed it as his conviction that with a little effort the scholarship fund would be augmented. He said the attendance was gratifying and the interest manifested was encouraging.

The financial secretary submitted a report, showing the finances to be in a healthy condition.

After endorsing the steps already taken in regard to the scholarship fund, the meeting adopted a resolution levying a fixed assessment per month for educational purposes hereby perpetuating the scholarships. The convention was pronounced as the most successful yet held and a vast increase in membership is anticipated.

Action was taken at the county convention of the A. O. H. in the matter of arranging a celebration for St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The observation it was decided, will be held in Newcastle. A committee, consisting of the presidents of the county divisions and the county president, was appointed to make plans for the observation.

### FAVORABLE REPORT OF AUDITOR

(Memorandum of the Committee of the Executive Council upon the report of the Auditor General on conditions existing at Campbellton, N. B.)

The Relief Committee of the Town of Campbellton, appointed by the citizens of that town immediately after the disastrous fire of July 11th last for the purpose of receiving and distributing relief to the inhabitants who were rendered homeless and destitute thereby, having submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council the names and duties of the said Committee, and the manner in which the same had been carried out, the Auditor General was appointed to go to Campbellton and investigate the existing conditions and requirements and to report the results to Council, which he has done.

The Auditor General reports, among other things that "On the 19th of September, at Campbellton I met the Chairman of the Relief Committee, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as other officers, who explained the methods under which the several committees were working. These methods I found to be entirely satisfactory and would judge that every safeguard is being used for the equitable distribution of the funds and supplies.

All cash received for relief purposes is deposited in the three local banks in the joint names of the three members of the Finance Committee, consequently no monies can be drawn unless the checks bear the signatures of the three members of that committee.

The total amount of cash received by the Relief Committee to the 17th of September inclusive was \$98,206.23; total expenditure to same date was \$10,392.96; leaving a balance on hand of \$87,813.27; \$52,000.00 was appropriate to the building committee to give aid to the needy in rebuilding their home, and also to pay for three small houses now in course of erection at a cost of \$300 each. The committee are in hopes that the tent now in use as living quarters, may be entirely dispensed with by the middle of October next.

To enable the committee to provide the poor with food and fuel dur-

ing the winter months, they estimate that \$25,000.00 more will be required and are depending upon the good people of Canada to forward that amount.

The said report also gives a statement of the bonded debt of the said town which at the time of the fire amounted to \$300,400.00 the annual interest charge upon which was \$12,900.00.

The amount required in the immediate future to provide for the usual town services, such as Electric Light Plant, Water & Sewerage Plant, Fire Protection Plant &c., and for which it is proposed to make a new issue of debentures is estimated at \$136,919.00, which sum is reduced by insurance from old school building and Electric Plant to \$113,119.00.

After a reference to the industries that are being rebuilt, and the epidemic of typhoid fever and its causes, the report concludes with the statement that "considering the great individual losses the people suffered by the fire, they appeared cheerful and have strong faith in the future prosperity of the new Campbellton."

Upon consideration of the said report the Council is of opinion that the measures adopted by the Relief Committee of the town of Campbellton to meet the requirements of the unfortunate situation in which the inhabitants of that town were placed in consequence of the almost total destruction of their homes and effects have been in the best interest of the afflicted people, and that the distribution of the relief placed at their disposal has been made with due care, honesty and impartiality, and that their strenuous labours merit commendation and the committee of Council therefore recommend that upon His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, approving this Minute that a copy thereof be furnished the said Relief Committee.

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