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Since January 1st there have been twenty-two deaths in the C. M. B. A. ranks, of which two were in Canada and nineteen in the United States.

Assessments Nos. 4 and 5 have been issued to pay the beneficiaries of deaths 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Five of these were in New York State, one in Pennsylvania, one in Michigan, and one in Kansas.

I have received notice of the death of Mr. Thomas Sullivan, of Branch 10, St. Catharines. Mr. Sullivan died on March 23rd, 1885, at the age of thirty-five years. He joined Branch 10 on the 4th January, 1883; the cause of his death was tumor of brain. This is one of the deaths that occurred in Canada C. M. B. A. since 1st January; the other was that of James McAndrew, of Branch 18, Niagara Falls, Ont., which occurred January 5th. The death rate in the whole Association is not extremely high, and our members in Canada are thankful that the C. M. B. A. death rate here is very low, showing a truly healthy state of the Society in this country, and that our Branches, medical examiners, and supervising examiner, study the future, as well as the present, interests of the Association.

This week each Branch will be sent its account for amount due the Grand Council up to 1st April, and prompt remittance is requested. In next issue will be published, if space permits, the membership of each Branch in Canada. A new Branch will be organized, in a few days, at Cornwall, a petition for charter signed by twenty gentlemen of said town, having been sent me by Brother J. Gibson, of Branch 16. We also expect a Branch instituted at Lindsay shortly. SAMUEL R. BROWN,
Secretary Grand Council.

St. Thomas, April 3rd, 1885.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

DEAR SIR,—At our regular meeting held in the hall of Branch No. 2, C.M.B.A., last evening, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Moved by Brother William B. Reath, and seconded by Brother John Butler, that the writer of an article appearing in a late issue of the Irish Canadian, and signed a member of Branch No. 2, is unauthorized by this Branch, and is hereby censured for statements therein made.

That a copy of this resolution be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD, our official organ in Canada. P. L. M. EGAN,
Rec. Sec. Branch 2, C. M. B. A.

Essex Centre, April 5, 1885.

To my Fellow-members in the Canadian Branches of the C. M. B. A:—

DEAR BROTHERS,—I do not need to remind you how sincerely I desire the welfare of our Grand Association, and how I have directed my talents, as far as my ability went, in working for what I have honestly considered was best for all its members. Those who know me, and are not influenced by local differences, will concede this. I, therefore, beg pardon for intruding my views upon you unsolicited; but, unfortunately, the fate of all preceding institutions—not even excepting our Holy Mother, the Church—has been made to suffer from opposition, calumny and misrepresentation by those who had at some previous time been among her most trusted and faithful servants, who had worked with one heart and one head, as it were, for her general advancement. This being the case, the C. M. B. A.—an institution admirably adapted to meet the wants of Catholics of modern times, the principles of which are based upon Catholic charity and benevolence, and destined to perform many of the corporal works of mercy, laid down for Catholics to practice in the Christian doctrine taught by our Holy Church—could not hope to escape this universal rule, so suffers from ill-advised attacks by some of her own members, who, either through misguided motives or lack of judgment, seek to belittle her officers, who have to bear the brunt of the trials and troubles that are naturally experienced in guiding the affairs of so new an association.

Although nine-tenths of the members of the Branches forming the Grand Council of Canada have spoken very emphatically as to how they wish the affairs of the C. M. B. A. to be conducted in Canada, the remaining one-tenth appear to think that the nine-tenths ought to abandon their views and take up with those of the one-tenth. I will not contend, however, but that there might be a case where the nine tenths might be wrong and the one-tenth right; yet, apply the ordinary tests to the case in point, and it becomes as glaring as the sun at noonday; that it is not so with the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

If the C. M. B. A. is a Catholic institution, it will heed the advice of its clergy. The wisdom and experience of bishops and priests is not to be despised. This the nine-tenths have done and still propose to do. I am not so sure that the one-tenth are all of this way of thinking. I know there are some among them who, if they could, would banish priests from office in the C. M. B. A., and restrict them to the bare observance of spiritual duties. While I do not claim that priests, as members, are entitled to any privileges that are not common to lay members, yet their social position, their education, and other talents, constitute them safe guides to look to for advice and support in the honest and fair management of the C. M. B. A.

I am convinced that it is useless to argue with persons who are beforehand determined not to be appeased, and whom no sort of policy but their own would satisfy.

I see no way of remedying this state of affairs, except that our friends and fellow-members who have been placed in power in the Grand Council offices by large majorities should step down, and allow those in opposition to occupy their places, when undoubtedly there are among those some men of means and talent who could buy out the London CATHOLIC RECORD and conduct a C. M. B. A. column in it to suit themselves, without regard to the wishes or taste of the other nine-tenths.

In conclusion, I would inform you, my brothers, that in a very short time the Government Bill affecting Mutual Benefit Associations will pass, and the C. M. B. A. will have to accept the law, and act under its provisions, or else leave its officers exposed to legal prosecutions and heavy fines, for I have positive information that all such societies must conform, or cease to operate in Canada, but at the same time I have the assurance of Sir Leonard Tilley, made to me through our member for North Essex, J. C. Patterson, Esq., M. P., that the act will place the "C. M. B. A. in a very satisfactory position."

Yours faithfully,
H. W. DEARE.

THE REBELLION.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK.

Saturday,—News received to-day indicates the situation to be hourly growing graver. Indians throughout the territory holding war councils and preparing to rise. Half breeds complete organization, and are ready to rise at a moment's warning. Archbishop Tache denounces Riel and his confederates. Troops from Winnipeg reach Qu'Appelle. The Dominion Government decide to send 2,000 soldiers to the scene of disturbance. Military activity throughout Ontario and Quebec. Toronto troops ready to move.

Sunday,—Information received that on the 27th, Colonel Irvine, with a force of 260 police and volunteers, abandoned Fort Carlton after burning stores and other supplies likely to fall into the rebels' hands. The evacuation of the Fort was rendered necessary from lack of provisions to supply the increased force, and the exposed character of the post in the event of an attack from surrounding hills. Irvine, with his force, proceeded to Prince Albert, it being a larger settlement requiring protection. Particulars of the fight at Duck Lake show the half-breeds fired on the police during a parley with Major Crozier under a flag of truce. Hudson Bay supplies and Government stores being freighted from the North-west were seized by rebels at Batouche's Crossing. Half-breeds declare, now that blood has been shed, to fight it out to the bitter end. Military activity continues.

Monday,—Battleford captured, and Indians in possession of every house. The inhabitants escape to the barracks, upon which they expect an attack. Indians threaten to burn the town. A general Indian rising imminent. An outbreak of those on File Hills Reserve, thirty miles north-west of Fort Qu'Appelle. Three companies of Winnipeg Rifles despatched to the scene, as Gen. Middleton learns an Indian agent named Nicholas has been killed. People of Manitoba organizing and arming. Gen. Middleton applies for 4,000 troops to suppress the rebellion. Departure of the Queen's Own and 10th Royal Grenadiers for the front. Additional troops called out.

Tuesday,—Despatches from Battleford state Stoney Indians have risen and are marching to the place. Indians and half breeds sack all the houses in Battleford. Several men from the barracks attempt to reach the Hudson Bay Co's stores for supplies and are fired on by rebels, two farm instructors named Payne and Applegarth being killed. Two settlers also reported slain. A portion of the town said to have been burned. The Indians preparing to attack the barracks. Col. Herchmer with a force of Mounted Police leaves Regina for Battleford. The Seventh Fusiliers called out for active service, and loyally respond.

Wednesday,—Battleford still infested with Indians. Many Indian bands joining Riel. Troops proceeding to the front as rapidly as possible.

Thursday,—Half-breeds and Indians, while plundering houses at Battleford, are shelled out of town. The barracks still menaced. Everything in Taylor Settlement, twenty-five miles west of Battleford, destroyed. A general advance of troops from Qu'Appelle. At Touchwood Hills artillery have a skirmish with Indians, the latter being scattered, leaving two killed. Riel's headquarters at Batouche's Crossing, where he has a force of 1,900 half-breeds and Indians. The File Hill Indians return to their reserve. Col. Herchmer recalled, Gen. Middleton fearing his small force might be annihilated.

Friday,—Both Battleford and Prince Albert (where Colonel Irvine is) are besieged. Telegraph wires are cut, and there is no communication with the seat of rebellion. Everything is in readiness for the expedition to advance to Touchwood Hills.

Saturday,—News from the north is most conflicting and confusing, but sufficient is known to cause the greatest uneasiness as to the fate of the men in charge at stations and posts north of Humboldt. The latter post is now threatened by rebel forces, who have advanced to Hood's, thirty miles west, and rebel videttes are seen every day scouting around. Gurnsey, the policeman in charge at Humboldt, has wired down that he will abandon the post if a detachment is not sent up at once to guard the place. The Royal Commission appointed to investigate the claims of the half breeds, composed of W. P. R. Street, Registrar Goulet and A. E. Forget, organized in Winnipeg last night, and selected N. O. Cole as secretary. They leave for Qu'Appelle on Tuesday, thence to Touchwood Hills. They will then return to Regina, and proceed thence to Maple Creek, Calgary and Fort McLeod. They think it will be fully two months before they return. The Commissioners have issued a circular stating that they will meet the half-breed claims at the under-mentioned places:—Fort Qu'Appelle, Touchwood Hills and Regina, Maple Creek and Fort McLeod. Points where insurrection is rampant have been left in abeyance pending the result of the present military operations. The programme seems to be to put down the rebellion with force and vigor, and adjust the claims afterwards.

ENGLAND AND THE SOUDAN.

Gen. Wolseley has forwarded to the War Office a significant report made out by the medical staff attached to the Khartoum expedition. The subject of the report is the results of the exposure to the desert heat to the British troops stationed along the borders of the Soudan Desert. The report states that if the present British military stations in Soudan be maintained, fully one-half of the troops will die or be disabled by the heat before the arrival of autumn. The whole tone of this peculiar report, which was undoubtedly directly inspired by Gen. Wolseley himself, indicates that a decision having been reached to that effect, the public are being prepared to witness an early withdrawal of the whole British force from the Soudan to Egypt and a complete abandonment of the Nile-Khartoum expedition. It is announced that General Graham has been ordered by the Government to at once open peace negotiations with Osman Digna or the sheiks between Suakim and Berber possessing the power to control the natives. It is stated that Gen. Graham has been instructed to secure such terms as will enable him to evacuate the country at once. Whether it was in pursuance of these particular instructions Gen. Graham to day withdrew his whole force back from Tamai to Suakim, leaving only a small contingent at Gen. McNeill's zereba. It is believed that no operations will be undertaken against Tamanieb. The heat is practically intolerable in the desert west of Tamai, which is itself almost beyond the influence of the water of the Red Sea. The officers and men belonging to Gen. Stewart's force are completely disgusted over the negative results of the expedition, and are all anxious to be at once recalled home. The disgust of the magnificent fellows who have come all the way from Australia to help to maintain the mother country's prestige is simply supreme and indescribable.

A spy who has returned to Suakim, from Erkowit, reports that Osman Digna, with 900 men, is at Shakatel, which is a strong position between Sinkat and Erkowit. The spy says that Osman Digna's followers are openly deserting him.

MGR LAROCQUE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

We published in our last issue an interesting report of the celebration of the golden jubilee of Mgr. Larocque, formerly bishop of St. Hyacinthe, and now titular of Germanicopolis, which took place at St. Hyacinthe on the 19th of March last. Among other congratulations addressed to the venerable prelate was one from the speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, on behalf of that body. On the 27th of March Mr. Speaker Wurtele informed the House that he had received a reply to the message of congratulation he had sent in its name to Mgr. Larocque. The reply was read:

St. Hyacinthe, March 25, 1885.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec:

MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,—It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that I acknowledge the honor you have done me in telegraphing your congratulations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of my priesthood. Such a demonstration, which I had not the slightest expectation of receiving, is all the more valuable that it comes from a body occupying so high a position in society, and I, therefore, beg to tender a thousand thanks. During the course of my very humble existence, my country and everything affecting its interests have always been dear to me, and I have endeavored, within the limited measure of the talents and capacity with which heaven has endowed me, to devote myself to them.

At present, worn out by age and the infirmities inherent to our frail human nature, I live retired and in solitude, but not as an egotist. In my thoughts I follow those of my fellow-countrymen, who labor for the public weal, and, in particular, for those hard-working legislators who devote themselves to the arduous task of framing our laws and promoting, by wise measures, our various interests.

Under present circumstances especially my vigils are passed in prayer, while theirs are occupied in the fatiguing work of a legislative session, and I pray the great Law Maker to strengthen and support them in their self-sacrifice.

With sincere respect and gratitude I remain, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, your obedient servant,

† JOSEPH,
Bishop of Germanicopolis, late Bishop of St. Hyacinthe.

The reading of this letter evoked hearty applause from both sides of the Chamber. Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Taillon, Attorney-General, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mercier, leader of the Opposition, the letter was ordered to be entered on the journals of the House. The legislature of Quebec has never within our recollection done itself more honor, nor truly reflected the Catholic sentiment of the great community it represents than by the respect it has thus shown one of the most venerated members of the Canadian hierarchy.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

FROM WINDSOR.

With a devotional service of more than usual significance Easter Sunday was observed in St. Alphonsus church, it being not only the great festival commemorative of the glorious Resurrection of our Divine Redeemer, kept throughout the Catholic world with a beautiful fervor undimmed by flight of time, but it was the day of general communion for the C. M. B. A. of this parish. After the congregation received Holy Communion at 8 o'clock mass, ninety members of the C. M. B. A. took their ranks in the main aisle with precision due in a great measure to their military marshall, D. Cronin. They advanced, knelt at the sanctuary railings, received Holy Communion at the hands of their Director, Dean Wagner, filed down the side aisles, returning to their seats without the slightest confusion of the good order first initiated. This silent array of the society's forces, acting as a unit for the greater honor and glory of God, was very impressive, demonstrating in language more powerful than words the strength of such a union. This is a power that cannot be lightly estimated, a Catholic bulwark girding the young men of the parish with the authority of the church into a guild for mutual protection, in adversity and in prosperity, in health, in sickness, and in death they are brothers. It is our earnest prayer that in every parish in the Dominion a branch of this society may be established and maintained. At half-past ten grand Mass was sung, Dean Wagner celebrant, Father McManus deacon, Mr. Burke, of Assumption College, Sandwich, sub-deacon. Dean Wagner preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon on the Resurrection. At the service in the evening the church was crowded to the doors. On entering, the visitor was greeted with a brilliant scene. The sanctuary was illuminated by a constellation of innumerable lights, forming an immense heart, giving a gorgeous effect to the beautiful white marble altar with its exquisite decorations of golden Easter lilies. There were five hundred communicants on Easter Sunday and about the same number on Holy Thursday.

We regretted very much to lose our own "Soggarth Aroon," Father Dixon, who left last Wednesday for Port Lambton, but we are pleased to see Father McManus restored to health and able to assist Father Scanlon and our esteemed pastor, Very Rev. Dean Wagner. M.

Windsor, April 6th, 1885.

SERGT. WM. DALTON.

We have with regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Dalton, of this city, which occurred on Monday last. The deceased gentleman was born in Kilkenny in 1802, and in 1822 enlisted in the 87th regiment. In 1847 he came to Canada, settling in London, where he resided till his death. He held the position of Barrack Sergeant and Paymaster of Pensioners, for some ten years. He spent in all fifty years in the service of the government, eighteen of which he passed in the East Indies, having taken part in the Afghan campaign of 1842. He retired with the rank of Color Sergeant. His death occurred on the 6th inst. The late Mr. Dalton was a pious and sincere Catholic and died a most edifying death. His funeral was largely attended on Thursday last. May his soul rest in peace.

CONCERT IN INGERSOLL.

We are glad to learn that the concert in Ingersoll, in aid of the church funds, on Monday evening, was largely attended and was financially a very decided success. Not only was the concert well patronized by the Catholics of Ingersoll, but also very liberally by the Protestant citizens of that town and vicinity. The following programme was executed:

PART I.

Song—"Take Me Jamie Dear,".....Bischoff
Miss Cameron.
Song—"Come Into the Garden, Maud,".Balfe
Dr. Sippi.
Violin Solo—"Legende,".....Wieniawski
Master G. Fox.
Song.....
Miss Reidy.
Song—"The Isle That's Crowned with Shamrocks," Mr. John Dromgole. [Baker
Song—"Pretty Pond Lillies,".....
Miss Hughson.
Song—"Forward,".....Barri
Mr. Wm. Skinner.
Duett—"Believe me of all those Endearing Young Charms" [Moore
Miss Reidy and Dr. Sippi.
Comic Song.....
Chas. Butler.

PART II.

Violin Duett.....
Mr. Beaumann and Master G. Fox.
Song—"We'll Meet Nae Mair at Sunset,"....
Miss Reidy.
Song—"An Irishman's Toast,".....Spiers
Mr. Wm. Skinner.
Duett—"Come Where the Lilies Grow,"....
The Misses Hughson.
Song—"The Kerry Dance,".....Malloy
Dr. Sippi.
Violin Solo—"Hungarian Dance,"...Hauser
Master George Fox.
Song.....
Miss Cameron.
Song—"The Highlandman's Toast,"....Luno
Mr. John Dromgole.
Comic Song.....
Chas. Butler.

— We deeply regret to learn of the sudden death of the Rev. Father Prevost, O. M. I., chaplain to the 65th Battalion en route for the North-West. This sad event occurred at Mattawa, on the C. P. R. line. Father Prevost was a pious and devoted ecclesiastic. R. I. P.

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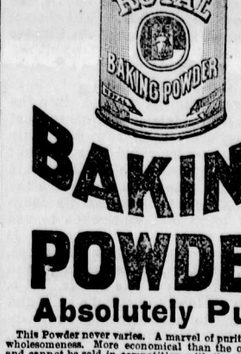

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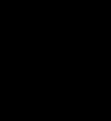

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