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DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP WALSH.

The sad announcement of the death of His Grace, our beloved Archbishop, was a terrible shock to all our people, but to none more so than the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada. He was our Grand Spiritual Adviser from the time our Council was instituted, and to his wise counsel, kind encouragement, and timely warning, may be attributed the great success and progress of the Association throughout Canada. No one is in a better position than the writer to know what interest our dear Archbishop took in C. M. B. A. matters. On many and many an occasion we sought his advice on matters of vital importance to the work of the Association. This advice was never sought in vain. It was given as a loving father to his children, and, being followed, always proved to be for our best interests. He joined the C. M. B. A. by becoming a charter member of Branch No. 4, London, on August 6, 1879. He remained a member of this branch until after his consecration as Archbishop of Toronto, when he received a transfer card to Branch 141, of that city. He was strongly in favor of financial separation from the C. M. B. A. in the United States; pointed out the breakers ahead, and showed us the way to avoid them. He watched closely the changes made from time to time in our Constitution, and took a deep interest in our official organ, THE CANADIAN, with the management of which he frequently expressed himself as well pleased.

The loss of our beloved and venerable prelate will be, indeed, most keenly felt.

Archbishop Walsh was born May 23, 1830, in the parish of Mooncoin, county Kilkenny, Ireland, and was educated at St. John's College, Waterford, and the Grand Seminary, Montreuil, having come to Canada in April, 1852. He received the tonsure from Bishop Laroque in 1853, and minor orders from Bishop Bourget. A year later he was ordained by Bishop de Charbonnel at Toronto. His first charge was the Brock mission, on Lake Simcoe, Ont., where he was also the first resident

pastor, and endured much hardship. In 1857 he was appointed to the charge of St. Mary's parish Toronto, and in 1859 was promoted to the rectorship of St. Michael's Cathedral, being further promoted to the vicar generalship of the diocese in 1862. He visited Rome in 1864, and was received with marked attention by His Holiness the Pope. In 1867 Mgr. Walsh succeeded Bishop Pinsonneault as Bishop of Sandwich, subsequently removing the episcopal center of the diocese to London, the title of the see being changed accordingly. He did much important work in this diocese in the way of building churches, etc., the magnificent cathedral in this city being an evidence of his untiring energy. He was regarded as the natural successor to Archbishop Lynch in the archdiocese of Toronto on the death of that prelate in 1889, and was appointed in August of that year, the installation taking place in St. Michael's Cathedral on Nov. 27.

The funeral of Archbishop Walsh took place on Thursday morning, August 14, the ceremony beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting till after 1 o'clock. Mass was celebrated in the various chapels of the cathedral from 6 o'clock.

Over one hundred and fifty priests were present, including many from outside the diocese. There were also many high church dignitaries, including Bishop McQuade, of Rochester; Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa; Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton; Bishop O'Connor, of London, and Bishop O'Connor, of Peterboro. The cathedral was crowded some time before the opening of the service.

The Governor General was represented by Major Denton, A. D. C. Many prominent men were present, including the Hon. Mr. Hardy, premier; Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, representing the Dominion Government; J. P. Whitney, and many members of the Legislature; Mayor Shaw, and the members of the city council, and a large delegation representing the London Old Boys' Association, and delegations from all the Catholic societies of the city.

The pall-bearers were Revs. Father Edward Kernan, Toronto; Father Dolard, New Brunswick; Father Connolly, Ingersoll; Dr. Teffy, Toronto; Dr. Flannery, St. Thomas; Father Davis, Madoc; Father Brennan, St. Marys; Father Moyna, Toronto.

Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton, assisted by Very Rev. Vicar General McCann, administrator of the diocese. The sermon was preached by Bishop McQuade, of Rochester, who in the course of his remarks said that Archbishop Walsh had often opened his heart to him regarding the relations of Canada to the United States. Archbishop Walsh had strongly concurred in the view held by himself the preacher that Canada should preserve her independence, and have as little to do with the United States as possible. There was nothing which the United States could give Canada which she did not possess, while on the other hand annexation might bring difficulties for Canada which she did not find at the present time. Going on to eulogize the deceased prelate, Bishop McQuade said that Archbishop Walsh was born in the year after emancipation in England, a word, said the preacher, used, as are many other long words, to cover up a crime, and Archbishop Walsh's character for justice and hatred of tyranny had been formed largely by his knowledge of the condition of Ire-

land before emancipation, and by his experiences during the famine which occurred shortly before he left Ireland for Canada.

At the conclusion of the sermon the body was blessed and lowered into the grave in the sanctuary of the Cathedral. Requiescat in pace.

ELEVENTH CONVENTION.

Notice is hereby officially given that the next regular convention, being the eleventh, of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, will be held in the city of Quebec, Province of Quebec, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1898, commencing at nine o'clock, A.M.

M. F. HACKETT,

Grand President.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,

Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC CONVENTION.

RAILWAY FARES

The rates for the Convention at Quebec will be on the standard certificate plan; that is, single fare to be paid to Quebec, and standard Convention certificates obtained at point of starting. This certificate is to be certified to at the Convention by the Grand Secretary. Then return tickets will be issued free by ticket agent at Quebec on the surrender of certificate, which was signed by the Grand Secretary.

Delegates must purchase first-class fare one way tickets. A standard certificate receipt will be supplied free by the agent from whom the ticket for the going journey is purchased. No other form of certificate will be recognized.

No refund of fare will be made on any account whatever because of failure of the delegates to obtain certificates or to observe the requirements of same.

Wives of delegates accompanying their husbands to Convention may procure same rates as delegates.

The above-mentioned railway rates are obtained on condition that we have at least 300 attending the Convention. We therefore advise those who intend being present to comply with the regulations regarding such rates, and not take advantage of any excursion that may possibly be from any particular point, if such would have a tendency to reduce the number holding certificates to less than 300, and thus, of course, all those holding certificates would have to pay one-third fare to return.

HOTEL RATES.

Hotels.	Accommodation.	Rates.
Chateau Frontenac.	Unlimited.	\$2.50
Hotel Victoria.	25 to 20	1.50 to \$2.00
Clarendon.	20 to 25	1.50 to 2.00
Mountain Hall House.	20	1.00 to 1.50
Richards.	30	1.50
Michael Henchey's.	25 to 30	1.25

Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against the jewels of all the earth.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Following are the proposed amendments to our C. M. B. A. constitution:

BRANCH 1.

Recommends triennial instead of biennial conventions; also the increasing of the Reserve Fund at the rate of 10 per cent instead of 5 per cent.; also that the Grand Council be empowered to retain the amount of one full assessment from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying beneficiaries; also that Grand Deputies be elected by districts.

BRANCH 3.

An Endowment Plan as follows: First: A person who has been ten years a member of the C. M. B. A. of Canada and in good standing and is, by accident or sickness, rendered unable to make a livelihood for himself and family after it has been certified by three physicians, members of the C. M. B. A., and signed by the spiritual advisor of his branch, such member be entitled to half his beneficiary and the other half at death if he has continued to pay his monthly dues and assessments. Secondly: A person who has been forty years a member and in good standing, be entitled to half his beneficiary and the other half at death, if he has continued to pay his monthly assessments and dues.

BRANCH 5

To amend the Reserve Fund Law so as to allow the Grand Council to appropriate \$20,000 or a sufficient sum of the Reserve Fund to be placed in a drawing account for the purpose of paying beneficiaries as soon as satisfactory proof of death is completed.

BRANCH 8.

To amend Section 131 by striking out "and all branch officers" in the second line, and the last four words of the section; to amend Section 132 by adding after the word "all" the words "Grand Council;" to amend Section 133 by adding after the word "all" the words "Branch Financial Secretary and Treasurer," and after the word "Canada" the words "who shall receive 50c. per each hundred dollars of security furnished, to be added to the General Fund of the Grand Council."

BRANCH 9.

Recommends to strike out the words "separate ballot" in section 161, and substitute therefor the words "separate or combination ballot."

BRANCH 11.

To add after the word "business," in section 157, the following: "except in branches numbering less than fifty members, in which case five members shall constitute the quorum."

BRANCH 12.

That section 94 be amended by striking therefrom in the first and second lines the word "representatives," and that there be added at the end of said section "and the Grand Council shall pay its branch representatives at the rate of \$2.50 per day during their attendance at regular or special conventions, including each day necessarily spent in coming to and going from the convention, but not including railway or other travelling expenses, berth, fare, board and hotel bills: the travelling and berth fare expenses so excluded shall be defrayed by the branches directly from which the branch representatives are respectively delegated."