O'Rourke, T. A Bourke and J. H. Barry, Trustees

T A Bourke, Representative to Supreme Council.

They were installed by Supreme Deputy Keena of Detroit

The second Convention of the Grand Council of the C. M B A of Canada was held at Welland, Ont, commencing Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1881

The third Convention was held at St Thomas, Ont, commencing on Tuesday, the 8th day of August, 1882

The fourth Convention was held at Brantford, Ont commencing on Tuesday, 13th day of May, 1884

The fifth Convention was held at Stratford, Ont, commencing on Tuesday, 10th August, 1886

The sixth Convention was held at Toronto, Ont, commencing on Tuesday, 14th August, 1888

The seventh Convention was held at Montreal, P Q, commencing on Tuesday, 2nd September, 1890

The eighth Convention was held at Hamilton Ont, commencing on Tuesday, 30th August, 1892

The ninth Convention was held at St. John, N B, commencing on Tuesday, 4th September, 1894

The tenth Convention was held at Ottawa, Ont, commencing on Tuesday, 25th August, 1896

The eleventh Convention was held at Quebec, P. Q, commencing on Tuesday, 23rd August, 1898

The Grand Council of the C M B. A of Canada was incorporated in Ontario January 18th, 1890, and in the Dominion of Canada, March, 1893 It received a Certificate of Registration from the Dominion Government December 27th, 1894 thus authorizing it to do business in any part of Canada

In 1892 the Grand Council of the C M. B A of Canada formed itself into a separate beneficiary jurisdiction, thus severing its connection with the Supreme Council of the C M. B. A of the United States. It retained all the Reserve Fund that had accumulated to that date in Canada, and in December of the same year it issued beneficiary certificates to all members under its jurisdiction, returning to the Supreme Council all the beneficiary certificates said council had issued to the members in Canada.

Since that date the Association in Canada has made very rapid and satisfactory progress. its membership today being about 15 000, with a Reserve, Fund of about $105,000 During the present year extra efforts have been made to increase its membership, a bonus of $3 being given to each member who was instrumental in bringing in a new member. This plan worked very satisfactorily and the Board of Trustees thought it advisable to continue it until the date of next Convention

His Grace the late Archbishop Walsh was Grand Spiritual Adviser of the Association until the time of his death; then His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax N.S, was chosen as Grand Spiritual Adviser. We attribute the great success of the Association here to the assistance given it by our Hierarchy and Clergy throughout the Dominion.

We intend in future issues of THE CANADIAN to give the address delivered by each of our Grand Presidents at the various Conventions.

A fault which is both an abundant and a persistent source of vental sins can hardly be anything less than our ruling passion.

APPEAL.

Gananoque, Ont, Oct. 16, 1900.

To the Brothers of the C.M.B. A. of Canada:

Dear Brothers—The members of this Branch, No 79, deem it their duty to appeal to you, our sister branches, on behalf of our worthy brother, Frank O'Brien who has been idle some three months with a case tuberculosis of lungs, having seven small children and without any means

We have responded to each and every appeal that reached us, and we trust the same fraternal greeting will meet our case

Signed on behalf of Branch 79

DAVID BYRON President
JOHN NALON, Recording Sec.
J D O'GORMAN, Spiritual Adv.

London, Ont., Nov. 17, 1900.

John Nalon, Rec Sec. Branch 79, C M. B. A., Gananoque, Ont:

Dear Sir and Brother—The appeal from your branch in behalf of Bro. Frank O'Brien has been allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

Yours fraternally,
S. R BROWN, Grand Secretary.

All money to be sent to M. McParland, Treasurer Branch 79, C. M. B A, Gananoque, Ont

INITIATIONS IN NOVEMBER. 1900.

Initiations on Novembre.

Br. No.	Location	
143	Montreal, Que.	12
291	Cape Bald, N B	4
5	Brantford, Ont	3
192	Antigonish, N. S	3
316	Mulgrave, N. S.	3
1	Windsor, Ont	2
26	Montreal, Que	2
77	Lindsay, Ont.	2
133	St. John, (west) N. B	2
134	St. John, N. B	2
191	Montreal, Que	2
233	Plantagenet, Ont	2
240	St. Henri de Montreal, Que	2
335	Douglas, Ont	2
9	Kingston, Ont	1
17	Paris, Ont	1
30	Peterborough, Ont	1
43	Brockville, Ont.	1
44	Arnprior, Ont	1
46	Walkerton, Ont	1
67	Pembroke, Ont.	1
71	Trenton, Ont.	1
79	Gananoque, Ont	1
86	Deseronto, Ont	1
93	Renfrew, Ont.	1
110	Quebec, Que	1
122	Sandwich, Ont.	1
140	Montreal, Que.	1
161	Nicolet, Que	1
180	Yarmouth, N. S	1
196	Montreal, Que	1
198	Marlbank, Ont.	1
201	Parrsboro, N. S.	1
210	Grand Falls, N. B	1
214	Alberton, P. E. I	1
232	Montreal, Que	1
237	Buctouche, N. B	1
241	Pakenham, Ont	1
242	Fredericton, N. B	1
279	Lourdes, N. S.	1
284	Glace Bay, C B., N S.	1
285	Huntley, Ont	1
287	Belleveau's Cove, N S	1
288	Downeyville, Ont.	1
289	St. Joachim, Ont	1
302	Marysville, Ont	1
309	Chesterville, Ont	1
310	Baie St. Paul, Que.	1
312	Rogersville N B	1
323	St Basile, N. B.	1
329	Forest, On	1
331	Sussex, N B.	1
336	Howe Island, Ont	1
61	Ste. Cunegonde, Que	12
	Total	91

N. B. The initiations in the last branch are charter members

Les initiations dans la dernière succursale sont des membres fondateurs

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS FROM THE BULLETIN.

Of the 122 Toronto members of the First Contingent whose lives were insured by the citizens of this city, 64 have returned, 7 have died and the remaining 51 sailed from Cape Town on November 5. As 14 of these were insured for one year only, their policies have expired The other 37 policies will all lapse before they reach home The City Treasurer, however, has been directed to arrange with the insurance companies for a month's extension of time, so that all will be covered until they have arrived home

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Quite a stir was created in insurance circles when on October 2? the Canada Life gave notice that the unpaid capital stock of the company had been called up The calls are payable as follows: One call of seven and one half per cent on 31st December, 1900 and eight calls of ten per cent, each on the last day of the months of March, June, September and December respectively, in each of the next two succeeding years, with the option to pay up in full at 31st December, 1900 or at any later time during the same period The company is preparing to extend the scope of its business in the United States It now operates in eight States only, but believes the American field offers excellent opportunity for expansion and will enter several additional States Also, it is hinted that before the year closes the Company will be doing business in Great Britain. So far as we have seen, no reason has been given by the Executive for calling up the unpaid capital, which amounts to $875,000 Various are the opinions expressed, some of them by no means favorable But the future only can decide as to the verities of what now are mere rumors, or conjectures.

It seems that there has been some misunderstanding in England concerning the disposal of the money contributed to the Ottawa Hull Fire Relief Fund. It is claimed that the public has never been informed how the money was spent. Also that before the Fund was closed the committee had more money than they knew what to do with. Mr George H Perley, Chairman of the Committee, makes the following explanation of the matter:

"Practically all the money received by the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund was distributed to the fire sufferers in August and September last, and no difficulty was found in making good use of the same. The auditor had to be approved of by the Governor in Council, and there was some delay in his appointment, on account of the press of work previous to the general elections. The audit is, however, now being made as quickly as the mass of work will allow, and immediately after its completion a report of the whole matter will be issued and distributed to all the large subscribers."

The character of the men handling the Fund insures a full and complete accounting for all moneys entrusted to them When their report is published there will, we believe, be no further cause for misunderstanding or question in the matter.

So far, the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation has paid twenty one claims on the lives of Canadian soldiers killed in South Africa, under the policy of accident insurance arranged through Sir Charles Tupper The amount of these claims is $21,000 One or two claims are pending.

At last, after more than two years of litigation the trouble over the assessment of members of the defunct Sons of Knights of Canada has been settled by a compromise ratified by the Division Court, this city, November 1? The dispute originally went along about 1,000 members has narrowed down to about one quarter that number By the consent judgment these are liable for one half the assessments The amount is about $[illegible] When [illegible] this will bring the assets up to $[illegible] against liabilities of $[illegible] In 1898 the winding up process began The receiver Mr J B Laubdorf of St Catharines, sought to recover assessments up to six months from all members who had dropped out within the previous six years As a result [illegible] members paid The remaining [illegible] contested the claim On reference to the Local Master at St Catharines, it was decided that these 1,200 members were liable They appealed to Chief Justice Meredith He decided that those who had dropped out prior to July 1 1896 when a new constitution was adopted rendering those who did not pay their dues liable to suit besides forfeiture of membership were not liable Over one hundred were thus released from obligation to pay The remainder carried on the issue By the terms of the settlement now effected, the exemption of those who dropped out previous to July 1, 1896, is confirmed Those who gave proper written notice of withdrawal are also exempted from liability The rest numbering about 1,000 are, as already stated, liable for half the assessments charged against them by the receiver These assessments vary from a few cents to four or five dollars There is no need to append a moral.

In the list of branches in the last acknowledgment by Branch 264 of additional contributions to the Thibodeau Appeal, Branch 291 should read Parmer Road, instead of Egmont Bay.

Mrs William Regan, of Ridgetown, is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Rev. Father John Sinnett, chaplain with the second contingent in South Africa, saying that he expects to be home for Christmas. He is now the only remaining Canadian chaplain in South Africa. Father Sinnett is a member of Branch No. 235 of the C. M. B A. of Canada.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch 341 was instituted on November 16 at Ste Cunégonde, Que by Grand Deputy A H. Spedding The following is the list of officers

Spiritual adviser Rev F X Emmen
President F. X Chaulin
1st vice president Joseph Laviere
2nd vice president A C H Lusignan.
Recording secretary Joseph Deslauriers.
Assistant recording secretary Oscar Dateau
Financial secretary F Legault dit Deslauriers
Treasurer F George Asselin M D.
Marshal Edward Barnes
Guard Thomas Lauzon
Trustees Eug on Bellard Prosper Deslauriers Edward Barnes Joseph Deslauriers A C H Lusignan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marysville Ont Nov [illegible]

S R Brown Grand Secretary

Dear Sir As [illegible] the orphan children [illegible] Morgan J Shaughnessy [illegible] that I have received [illegible] of claim of their father [illegible] I assure in behalf [illegible] the deceased [illegible] also the officers and members [illegible] the [illegible] claim [illegible]