C. M B. A. EXCURSION.

Nearly two hundred people took advantage of the excursion and piente organized by Brauch 2 of the C M. B A, yesterday, to Cornwall 1 ha affair was one of the most pleasant and successful that has taken place from this city.

()a reaching Cornwall the party pro cheded to St Lawrence Park, headed by a band which had been provided

for the purpose.

Branch 35, of Cornwall, met the visitors, and as the local branch was celebrating the 15th anniversary of its foundation a large turnout resulted. At the picnic grounds refreshments were provided, and a full programme of sports was carried out, including a lacrosse game between a team of St. Regis Indians and a team from Cornwall.

In the course of the afternoon speeches were delivered by Hon. M. F. Hackett, Q. C., Grand President of the C. M. B. A., Hon F. R. Latchford, Q. C. Grand Solicitor of the Association, Hon. Judge O'Reilly, of Prescott; Mr. J. Beland, ex M. L. A., and other dignituries of the C. M. B A. credit for the organization is due to the energetic president of the Branch, Mr. J. J. Costigan; the Secretary, Mr. P. J. McDonagh; the Treasurer, Mr. F J. Curran : and the President of the Committee on Arrangements. - Montreal Star, 21st June, 1.00.

THANKS.

Bathurst, N. B., June 20, 1900.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 130, held June 19, in the Brauch hall, it was moved by Bro Rev W. F. Purcell, seconded by Bro P J Veniot, that the hearty thanks of Branch No. 1:0 be tendered to Miss Ella Ellis, Miss Gertie Ethatton, Miss Bella Mullins and Miss Emma Power, also to Messrs. R Boss and Charles P. Melanson, for the valuable assistance given by them to our committee in the organization of the concert recently held under the auspices of this branch

Further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to each of the above name persons, spread on the minutes of the meeting and inserted in THE CANADIAN.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF BRANCH 134.

Branch No. 134, St. John, N. B., celebrated its tenth anniversary by a reception in the Institute Rooms on Monday evening, May 21st The gathering included members of this and other branches, and the wives and rady friends of the members. Over An) were present.

The members and their lady friends were cordially welcomed by President M. D Sweeny, who delivered the following address:

On behalt of the branch, it is my pleasant duty this evening to welcome you to the teath anniversary of the tounding in this city of Branch 131 of the Cathoric Mutual Benefit Association. Daring these ten years this branch has grown from a mere handtul of members, carrying \$30,000 insurance, to the respectable number of two hundred, carrying a total insurance of \$300,000 To day the noble association of which we are proud to belong at St. John numbers three

one of the pioneers, numbers 32 branches in this province, carrying a total of \$1, 20 inv. and what is true of the C. M. B. A. in this province is also true of the other provinces of Canada

Among our foremost members may be found bishops, priests, judges, lawyers, physicians, merchants and men of every trade and calling in life We have the sanction and approval of Holy Mother Church, from the highest to the humblest dignitary. without an exception, and so rapid has been the growth of the association that you can hardly find a city, town or village in the whole of Canada that has not a good working branch of the C. M. B. A You will ask: For what purpose are all these people of every class and nationality banded together? What has urged and induced them to become its members? The answer is this: Cheap and safe insurance, mutual protection for themselves and those depending on them, friendship, good will, good citizenship and good fellowship, with a sincere desire to better themselves and their brother members in the community in which they live. Could there be a grander object? Could there be a nobler undertaking? It is safe to say that no more deserving undertaking could possibly occupy the time and attention of any people than such as are the primary cause and reason of the existence of our own association It has been the means of assisting and succoring more than one family in our midst when the breadwinner was re moved by the ruthless hand of death

During those ten years the widows and orphans at S: John have received out of the treasury of the Grand Council of the C M B. A over \$30,000. Our ranks thereby have been broken . some of our members who were deservedly esteemed by their prethren and fellow citizens generally, have passed away We deplore their loss and honor their memory, yet we are to some extent consoled by the knowledge that their last hours were soothed by the wise provision which they had made through the C. M. B. A. for the comfort of their loved ones

Risviewing the history of the C M B. A we find that it was organized about twenty three years age, and the first branch tounded at Windsor, dat Since that time the association has grown from a tew hundred members to the respectable number of fourteen thousand, and is still increasing.

The past year has been out of un usual brightness for the C. M. B. A. In no time during the history of the Grand Council has she made more sub stantial progress. At no period of her existence has her position been more secure. But the C. M. B. A is too good a business organization to allow things to remain on a living basis Our motto is "Silli Advancing," "Still Progressing, and to give you some idea of the amount of new business we are doing it is only necessary to quote that in the month of March last there were added to the membership of the C M B A three hundred and thirty four new members-a record of which we as members feel proud; a record that cannot be surpassed by any of the old line life in-surance associations with their army of well-paid agents.

could get them imbued with the proper M B A spirit, through their in fluence we would get into our ranks their husbania their brothers and their friends

During the decade we have had many antiversary celebrations. Some in the shape of concerts some in the shape of some indiances for the members, their families and their friends and some took the form of addresses and lectures, but all for the bench of our association its members and its trienda-By these meetings and celebrations our members have become acquainted, their families have learned to know and respect each other, and a bond of affec tion and social fraternity has been developed that is destined to do a great deal in the making and moulding of a community.

Thus we have cheap and safe insurance, protection, friendship, fratern ity, unity, equality and sociability developed, fostered, strengthened and in-culcated by the C. M. B. A. Thus are we endeavoring to carry out the aima and objects of our own society and thus justify the why and the wherefore of our existence. Such, ladies and gen tlemen, is the history in brief of our glorious association — a history that abounds in good works and good

Thus it is that we are proud to as samble here to night and asknow edge that we are members of the C proud of its objects, its nums, its history, ite traditions, proud of the good work that our own branch is I ang an its detined to do . proud of our association because it endeavors to bring into its ranks the best elements of every .ommunity and band them together for the common good; and proud on this our tenth anniversary of the splendid gathering of friends who have assem bled here to-night to encourage us in our good work

Again on behalf of the brothers of Brauch 1 I and myself I aid you a cordial weicome to this our tenth anniversary, and trust you will thoroughly enjoy the programme and entertain-ment which we have prepared for you as fully as it is freely given

During the evening a pleasing pro gramme was carried out

Mr John T Kally sang "The Soldiers of the Queen." and all pined in the chorus. Miss Vellle Kiervin who is a pupi, of Mrs. Alex. McMullin, r gave an exquisite rendering of " in he Mellow Autumn Time, and in response to an encore sang Moore's charming nelody, "I Saw Tay For n Miss Coffee sang very sweetly "Nigh: the audience Miss Brennau sang quite pleasingly "The Light of Heaven." and in response to an encore "Sweetheart 'Mr. J T Kelly sang 'Good bye at the Dier, 'which no doubt recalled pleasant recollections to the married persons present. Miss M. Vi-uity sang "The Pear Homeland in such a manner that she was niged to respond to an encore with The Heav enty Sonz

Addresses were made by Ray O'Denovan, Hon E ! Buchie, Mr. T. Donovan and others

The Rev J J "Donevan spoke of the benefits of the C M B A, and said he was picased to be present at the anniversary The next speaker

the most progressive and best thinking of this and. The adms about the knowning ran was thrown open, and repeople in the community. To day the more about the aim- and objects of freshine is served. Half an hour later association, of which Branch 131 was the association than they do If we the land go mineried, an efficient crebestra it is ling expellent musta The posticual or director was admirably a ced by Mr Thomas Finigan A apital programme of dauces had been arranged for the caston, and the affair passed if very pleasantly it was conceded that the resourced was the most su cossiul one ever hold by the C M B A in St John

Branch No 1 .. held its first meeting on May 2.5t, 1- " of the fifteen members chosen office-bearers at that first meeting there were present ou Monday night Brothers John '. Car iston, Thomas Gorman, Timothy Brien, Patrick Tole, Thomas Kick

ham and Etchard J. Waish.

Besides these already mentioned there were present. Mesers Edward 'antalum, i. i. Greany, John Allen, Fiorence M. arthy, sames McGrath, John M. Emore, Chas. Bradley, M. A. John P. Maloney, Jos. H. Ritchie, Geo. Keily, D. J. O'Neth. John McDinald, r. John F. Morrison T. Collins, T. Hooley, James M. Mullin John A Stanton S. Patterson, Philip . Neld, M. McGuire Aid McGodri k, Wm Cap-les, Richard Sucivan Cehard Kier-vin, J. E. Brien, W. E. Sully, T. McGuire, Wm. McLityre P. Kulin, T. Ritchie, W. J. Daherty James Stauton, T Fitzgeraid, W I. Williams lames Slattery, T. M. Jenna, John F. Gieo son, P. Jennings, M. G. Murphy, Dr. Briderick, J. McMurray and others. Meurs F. F. Sweeny, of Monoton, Maurs F i Sweeny, of Moneton, and A ex W Mas annon, of Haiffax, were also present

NOT FOR THE STEPPATHER," BUT FOR THE CHILDREN.

The motive-and the surrounding draumstances can be relied upon to pretty cear.y cutline the motiveshould dec'de whether a lause in a will depriving a widow of a porition of an estate to se tobact exa. lug or proective and proper. It is a stance a man die presessed of \$200 or \$200.

and has four or eve shidren it is aturally - pough his aim to keep his family together and to give them the presiding ta "nence of a mother interest accruing from so small a property is barely enough to keep a itt e family together Take away trom that which by right of dower does not a ready belong to the widow, and the children are at the mercy, more or iess, of a steptather. Her it is property, too, is at his mer v. to: it she thes him well enough to mar y him she will probably the him we as hough to sign away her to elect to moneys ingaies Thrill Miss Furiong gave with how the continuous to moneys which shou the continuous feet of the continuous the audience Miss Brennau sauz aprito become represent a mere for quite pleasingly Taclight of Heaven. stan - e k places to leave her terative relate her comfortable main days and it it be left in such a way that no designing fortune hunter can biain possession of it, so much the better for her I think I am paying a compilment to the goodness et a woman's heart when I admit this I think I am only stating ': truth about the carelessness of a may - heart when I admit that he is an in use air his influence over his was to obtain possession of her maney Remember ing these two considerations I do not branches, with a membership of about 500, carrying insurance of \$750,000, and embracing in its fraternal bonds and embracing in its fraternal bonds of increasing the membership of the and embracing in its fraternal bonds of increasing the membership of the discount of the latter's speech, the discount ing these two considerations in the anniversary and not appeared ing these two considerations in the anniversary and not appeared ing these two considerations in the not appeared ing these two considerations is do not appeared in the discount in the not appeared ing these two considerations in the notation of the latter's appeared ing these two considerations in the notation of the latter's appeared in the notation of the notation in the notation of the latter's appeared in the notation of the notation in the notation of the latter's appeared in the notation of the notation of the latter's appeared in the notation of the not