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## NOTES.

Our Association has made a good start for the year 1896. Eight new branches have already been organized.

The per capita tax for the quarter ending 31st March, 1896, is now due. See Section 60 of Constitution.

Brother W. J. Slean, Recording Secretary of Branch 172, has been elected a Trustee for the Public Free Library of Collingwood by the Council.

The success of the C. M. B. A. of Canada has been phenomenal. If you are not already a member, join us, and belong to a first-class, solid, fraternal insurance association.

One hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars have been saved to the membership of the C. M. B. A. of Canada by financial separation from the United States for the past three years.

The members of Branch No. 235, Ridgetown, Ont., with a number of other invited guests, spent a very enjoyable evening at the residence of Brother F. X. Dillott, on the 17th ult.

Bro. J. A. Renaud, President of Branch No. 117, Joliette, Que., has been appointed Queen's Counsel by the Federal Government. He is, we understand, the youngest "Q. C." in the Dominion.

The Acadian organ of Prince Edward Island has a splendid article on our Association, which it calls in concluding, "The hope of Catholic Canada." We are thankful to L'Impartial for its kind appreciation.

A member reinstated is a member gained; therefore look after the suspended members sharply and get them re-instated, if possible. Remember, if a member is under suspension for non-payment of assessments for over three months he cannot be legally reinstated.



REV. A. E. BURKE, P. D., ALBERTON, P. E. I.  
Grand Deputy for the C. M. B. A. of Canada.

Those officers of Branch No. 4, London, required by our Constitution to give bonds, have for several years given such from a Security or Indemnity Company. We understand that the officers of Branch 145 are doing likewise, and we believe it would be well were all our branches obliged by our Constitution to do so.

The progress of the C. M. B. A. of Canada goes on with undiminished vigor. Its record is one to be proud of, but if each member would do his share of the work in getting new members to join his branch, the progress would be much greater. Brothers, if you make no effort to increase our membership you must not grumble or

be surprised at "double-headers" occasionally.

Many members complain of not receiving THE CANADIAN regularly. If those members would send us their present address, we would have the matter investigated. We are satisfied the fault is not in this office, as we revise the mailing list every month, and a copy of the paper is mailed to each member's last address as given us for said list. Members changing their address should immediately notify us, and at the same time give the number of their branch, otherwise they may not receive their copy.

Insurance companies generally re-

ject applicants who are 20 per cent. under weight, or 30 per cent. over weight, if they have at any time been addicted to the use of alcoholics to excess. The following table of heights and weights will be found useful:

Height.	Average Height.	20 Per Ct. Added.	20 Per Ct. Reduction.
Ft. In.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
5 3	130	156	104
5 4	135	162	108
5 5	140	168	112
5 6	145	174	116
5 7	150	180	120
5 8	155	186	124
5 9	160	192	128
5 10	165	198	132
5 11	170	204	136
6 1	175	210	140

Brother M. J. Clancy, Treasurer of Branch No. 4, Toronto, is now reaping the fruit of a course of steadiness, sobriety, affability, and faithfulness to duty as a guard at the Central Prison. Such manifestations have merited the respect shown by his superiors, as also the courteous treatment and kind words of associate officers in that institution. After nineteen years of such meritorious conduct he has been advanced to a most responsible position, which carries with it a substantial increase of salary. It is to be hoped that our worthy brother will long live reaping the benefits thereof.

## Acknowledgment.

In re Garneau Claim.

Levis, Que., March 11, 1896.

Sir, — I acknowledge receipt of check from your Association for the sum of \$1,000, in payment of the policy on the life of the late Joseph I. Garneau, my husband.

I thank you and request you to transmit to the officers of your branch, and also to the Grand Council of the Association, the expression of my hearty gratitude for their kindness on my behalf.

(Signed) M<sup>rs</sup>. J. I. GARNEAU.

J. Adolard Demers, Esq., Rec. Sec. Branch 57, Levis, Que.

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LONDON, APRIL, 1894.

### C. M. B. A. AND THE DUTY.

Although the insurance feature of our grand Association, because of its surety and great cheapness, has in those columns and in our circulars and literature generally, received the lion's share of attention, no intelligent member will lose sight of the fact that the C. M. B. A. was primarily instituted for the higher and nobler purpose of bettering its membership morally, socially and intellectually. It is then a Catholic institution, first, last and always; and anything calculated to obscure this fundamental principle has at all times in its history been strenuously put aside. It is certainly a splendid thing, and a strict duty, to provide temporarily for those dependent upon us, by means of insurance; but it is a higher and more urgent duty to protect ourselves in our Holy Faith, in order that "the necessary thing," the salvation of our souls, may be secured.

The first question which is put to the applicant for membership in the C. M. B. A., is, "Are you a practical Catholic?" An affirmative answer is required, otherwise admission is impossible. And it is not sufficient to be a practicing member of our Holy Church merely at the time of application; we must continue so to be, or falling in this, merit expulsion from the Association.

Every Spiritual Director of a branch has the right left him by the constitution to declare what constitutes a practical Catholic. He may impose upon his parishioners certain special obligations, but there is no priest or no branch which will not exact the fulfilment of at least the Easter precept as an essential condition for all. The church requires her children, under pain of "exclusion from her fold while living, and the deprivation of Christian burial when they die, to receive Holy Communion at Easter, or within the time appointed."

Now, while allowance might not of our great charity be made sometimes for certain poor, foolish sinners of Catholics, ignorant of their religion and the victims of an adverse environ-

ment, for neglect of the Easter duty, and while such neglect is alas too often observed, how can we for a moment attempt to excuse, in this regard, members of our Association, who should not only be Catholics, but practical Catholics, men whose light should shine before all, and whose example could be appealed to at all times confidently.

To presume for a moment that any neglect obtains on this important matter amongst us is to declare those against whom the presumption is levelled, either in ignorance of the obligations they have assumed, or lost to all sense of our common Catholicity. We need not discuss these two unfortunate conditions. The C. M. B. A. is made up of the flower of Canada's Catholic manhood, and as such ought not to be either ignorant or perverse in its membership.

As Catholics, alive to the benefits of our religion and obedient to the loving command of its Divine Founder, we must be at all times desirous, knowing its value to the spiritual life, of receiving that precious food He gives us in the Blessed Eucharist. His own "body, blood and soul and divinity," "Take ye and eat: This is My body."—Matt., xxvi., 26. "He that eateth this Bread shall live forever."—John, vi., 59. It is a salutary practice, then, to go to holy communion often; but, whatever befalls us, we should at Easter time prepare ourselves for its worthy reception. And let us approach the Holy Table in a body as much as possible, if our Spiritual Directors are agreed, so that we may make the formal public profession of faith under our own banners, and thus show to the world our uncompromising Catholicity. The Easter communion, made in a body, will also serve to endear our branches to their respective Catholic communities, and as a sweet odor attract many good men to their membership.

It is not necessary to say that as a safeguard against non-compliance with the duty, the Spiritual Adviser is held to assure each branch that its members are practical Catholics, and to avoid any mistake, he should look over the whole list of membership at Eastertide. In the case of non-resident members he should receive a certificate of Easter duty accomplished, from their own pastor; and not only this, but the pastor should inform such Spiritual Adviser that the bearer of the certificate is a "practical Catholic" in every sense of the word. The C. M. B. A. cannot afford to have any suspicion rest on its members' Catholicity.

Let all our members, then, recall their obligation toward God and Mother Church at this season, and obey promptly and faithfully the Easter precept, showing themselves thus in spiritual life in the Holy Eucharist, and in this way purchasing blessings personal and fraternal for time and eternity.

### REV. A. E. BURKE, B. D.

The Rev. Alfred E. Burke, who has recently been nominated by the Grand President to the position of Grand Deputy for Prince Edward Island, of which he has been the District Deputy since the C. M. B. A. was introduced two years ago, is one of the best and most widely known clergymen in Canada. He was born at Georgetown, of Irish parents, his grandfather being from Gallant Tipperary, in 1860, and consequently has just completed his 35th year. Having made his preparatory studies at the High School of his native town, where he won a scholarship for the County of Kings, and later at St. Dunstan's College, he commenced his philosophical studies at Laval University in 1881, and immediately upon their completion entered the Grand Seminary of Quebec to study for the priesthood. Here he remained, taking the regular degrees until May 30th, 1885, when the late Bishop McIntyre, feeling the urgent need of more priests obliged him to receive ordination to the priesthood one year before the completion of his term. Returning to his own diocese he was immediately named Secretary to the Bishop, and discharged the duties of that position, as well as giving much assistance in parochial work in preaching and lecturing, with the great energy and marked ability which has always characterized him. In 1888 Father Burke was named to the pastoral charge of Alberton, where he has remained ever since, building up the ecclesiastical institutions and attending to the spiritualities of his mission. Prince Edward Islanders can tell how perfectly he has performed this difficult work. But, besides the efforts made for his own church, Father Burke has always stood in the fore front of every movement undertaken in the interests of his Province, regardless of class, creed or nationality. He is known all over Canada, too, as a broad, progressive and patriotic Canadian, and has brought his wise counsel, energetic manners and captivating personality to the successful consideration and adoption of many projects of great value to the whole country. Father Burke has studied and reported upon the colonization problems of this Northwest for the C. P. R. and the Government, visiting that rich and practically limitless granary three successive times in as many years, and also the American Northwest, where in the winter of 1893 he was the guest of the Illustrious Archbishop Ireland, at St. Paul, while he looked into the great work done by that prairie in the planting of colonies in Minnesota and the Western States. In company with a distinguished party, Father Burke, as the guest of the C. P. R., visited British Columbia in 1892. The present Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. Ferguson, was one of the party, and well-informed Island-

ers assert that it was largely to Father Burke's influence, persuasiveness and provincial patriotism (he went to Ottawa with Senator Prorose on a special mission at the time), that Prince Edward Island was given representation in the Cabinet. United Canada had this to say of his presence at the Capital in December, 1891:

"Father Burke, of Prince Edward Island, to whom much of the credit is due for having secured representation in the Cabinet, for the Island, has been here for some days. He is a very young man, and is highly regarded by all classes in his native Province."

In 1891 the new Grand Deputy was the first to introduce, at the suggestion of Grand Deputy O'Keefe, of St. John, the C. M. B. A. into Prince Edward Island, and has worked for the Association in a manner calculated to earn the gratitude of every loyal brother. He was an active member of the St. John Convention, where he served on important committees. In his own Province, where the Association is spreading every day, he never ceases to speak of its merits from a Catholic, intellectual, or insurance point of view, and his frequent visits to the branches are sure to elicit a most salutary and desirable enthusiasm. Father Burke's pen, too—and he wields a powerful and fruitful one—is often very well employed in our own and the secular press, for the good of the Association. Indeed, he is a model officer in every regard, and we only hope that his example may be more generally imitated. It were impossible in a short sketch like this to include all Grand Deputy Burke's claims to prominence, and even now we fear to have offended his well-known modesty. It will suffice to quote the closing words of his biography in "Men of Canada," to which we are indebted for most of the facts of this sketch, to conclude:

"Father Burke is a fluent and able preacher, a frequent contributor to the press, and as such wields a trenchant pen, into which he instills all his energetic manner and wide knowledge. He is untiring in his efforts in every good cause which has for its aim the advancement of morality. He is very popular not only with his own people, but with all who have the privilege of knowing him. He is a young man, and doubtless high honors are in store for him."

### FRATERNAL WELCOME TO Bp. O'CONNOR

#### C. M. B. A. RECEPTION TO HIS LORDSHIP.

A GRACEFUL ADDRESS OF GREETING—A GRACEFUL AND GRATEFUL REPLY—ADDRESSES BY ARCHDEACON CASEY, MR. T. CASHILL AND OTHERS—A GOOD MUSICAL PROGRAMME PRESENTED.

Though the formal welcome of the C. M. B. A. Society to His Lordship Bishop O'Connor was the last of the series, yet that of last night could not be ranked as the least. The hall in the Cox Block, tastefully decorated, was crowded with members of the C.

M. B. A. and their friends. Upon the platform were His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, Ven. Archdeacon Casey, Rev. Father Scanlan, Rev. Father Phelan, Mr. M. H. Quinlan, President C. M. B. A.; Mr. T. Cahill, Mr. J. Coughlin, Dr. Moher and T. J. Dorris, Chancellors; James Bogue, Chief Ranger, C. O. F., and J. Daly, President of the E. B. A.

The branch was opened in due form by the President, Mr. Quinlan, propounding the usual question:

"It is well. First Vice-President, what is the object of this Association?"

To which Mr. Alex. Vinette, First Vice-President, from his place in the hall made answer:

"To encourage, by all possible means, Christian union and mutual protection for our members and those dependent on them and also by means of Christian books and literature, approved of by our Spiritual Adviser, to educate members and their families in piety, integrity and frugality."

Mr. M. H. Quinlan, President of Branch 30, in the name of the C. M. B. A., in a few graceful words, welcomed His Lordship to their hall. He then called on the first number of the programme, a brilliant pianoforte duet by Messrs. Katie and Lillie Hurley. This was followed by a spirited rendering of that sterling old sea song, "The Minute Gun at Sea," by Messrs. Geo. Ball and D. Gordon.

Mr. D. Gordon sang in a sympathetic manner, a baritone solo.

Mr. T. Cahill gave a brief address on the subject of "The Good of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association." He pointed out the beneficiary features of the society, pronounced by Dr. Bourinot, to have the best constitution of any organization in Canada. He emphasized the importance of every head of a family carrying some insurance—be it more or less—and the C. M. B. A. offered the best and cheapest extant. A young man of 18 can insure his life for the price of a cigar per day. One of the good features of the C. M. B. A. was, that in case of sickness or misfortune of a member, the branch would carry on his policy, and in the case of death his widow or orphans would get the benefit. The rates were low and within the reach of all. In the name of the C. M. B. A., Mr. Cahill welcomed the bishop back home.

Mr. John Coughlin read the following address:

Right Rev. Dr. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough:

May it Please Your Lordship.—We take this opportunity of welcoming you home from your official visit to His Illness Leo XIII. in apparently the best of health after an absence of nearly four months.

After the splendid demonstration you received from the clergy and congregation of St. Peter's, and the able addresses presented to you on their behalf, as well as the reception tendered you by the children of South Ward and Central schools, the magnificent welcome given you by the Sisters and pupils of Notre Dame, should be a fitting ending to the heartfelt welcome extended to you on all sides, but as your Lordship is a member of our noble Association, we feel that a few plain remarks of welcome on behalf of the branch may not be out of place.

We have listened with great pleasure to your interesting discourse on the Eternal City and other historic places visited by Your Lordship, and were particularly interested in your description of the appearance of the Holy Father, who has done so much in promoting the interests of our Holy Mother the Church and mankind in general, and we're greatly pleased to hear of the interest shown by him in yourself and this young Canadian diocese.

Your eloquent description of St. Peter's and other churches containing the relics of the saints and martyrs and the marble steps stained with the precious blood of our Divine Saviour, have all made a deep and lasting impression on us, and we thank God that it is our privilege to belong to that church which has withstood the trials and persecutions of nearly nineteen centuries, and with which our Divine Master promised to remain "even to the consummation of the world."

Once more we welcome you home, and hope you will be spared to make several visits to the Head of the Church in Rome, and while we extend to you a cheerful welcome and offer our thanksgiving for your

safe return, we heartily sympathize with you in the loss of your priests, in the person of the late Rev. Father Bloom, whose death was such a shock to yourself and clergy. Although he was called away suddenly in the prime of life, it is a consolation to you to know he was a good, zealous priest and well prepared to give an account of his stewardship.

We feel honored with your presence at our meeting this evening, and with the knowledge that the Association in which we are so deeply interested, meets with Your Lordship's approval.

Assuring you that you shall be at all times welcome at our meetings, that you have our best good wishes for your health and happiness, and our prayers for the success of the good work in which you are engaged.

Signed on behalf of Branch 30, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association

M. H. QUINLAN,  
T. J. DORRIS,  
W. J. DEVLIN,  
GEORGE BALL,  
JOHN KELLY,  
JOHN COUGHLIN.

Peterborough, March 12, 1896.

His Lordship thanked the Society for their well-appreciated welcome. He was glad to be here to give his countenance and encouragement to the excellent Society, the C. M. B. A. He referred to the religious and social aspects of the Society, which were prime factors in its usefulness. Such a Society had the approval of the Church, which could not be extended to oath-bound secret societies. The Society in Peterborough had 80 members in good standing. One of the requirements of the constitution is that every member must be a practical Catholic, and this, among other reasons, was why the church and clergy encouraged the Society independently of the financial benefits, which were very cheap. He, himself, was a charter member of Branch 51, Barrie, which he joined to encourage so good an Order. His Lordship endorsed Mr. Cahill's remarks, and his advice that no young lady should engage herself to any young man who was not a member of the local Catholic benefit societies. His Lordship concluded by thanking the Society for the cordial reception tendered him.

Ven. Archdeacon Casey congratulated His Lordship on the hearty reception he had received this evening. He pointed out that the Order in Canada was financially separate from the United States. He did not know as low and safe a benefit Society as the C. M. B. A., whose Canadian reserve was \$50,000. He concluded by quotations from the Dominion Blue Book to show the excellent standing of the Society.

Mr. Jas. Bogue, Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters, spoke briefly of the benefit of membership in such a Society, in proof of which he was a member in the C. M. B. A. and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. J. Daly, President of the E. B. A., thought so well of benefit societies, that he felt inclined to join the C. M. B. A. also.

Mr. T. J. Dorris, Chancellor of the C. M. B. A., explained the rates of insurance, and urged all possible to become members.

Dr. Moher submitted figures to show the rapid growth of the membership of the Order—from 270 in 1870, to 12,000 at present. He believed that the Association had the cream of the Catholic population in Canada in its membership.

Miss Kate Hurley performed a dashing pianoforte solo in a very spirited and brilliant manner. Messrs G. Ball and D. Gordon gave the "Larboard Watch" in splendid style, and Mr. Gordon followed with "If the Waters Could Speak as they Flow," and "God Save the Queen" brought a most pleasant and successful evening to a close.—Peterborough Examiner, March 13.

Toronto, March 14, 1896.

S. R. Brown, Editor.

Dear Sir and Brother—I have made a calculation on how much we have gained financially by our separation from the Supreme Council of the C. M. B. A. of the United States in three years ending December, 1895. I think we have good reason to congratulate ourselves on the result the change has produced.

Since our separation, or for the three years mentioned, Canada has called for 15 assessments, and the United States in the same time has called for 60. Our 15 assessments amounted (exclusive of the Reserve Fund) to \$372,000. In proportion, the 60 assessments would amount to \$1,960,000. Canada therefore was the gainer of the difference, viz., \$1,240,000 a sum equal to nearly 2½ times our present Reserve Fund, which has been accumulating for the past nine years.

As there were 15 assessments less in Canada, our members gained as follows:

In the \$1 00 class	815 00
" " 1 10 "	16 50
" " 1 20 "	18 00
" " 1 30 "	19 50
" " 1 45 "	21 75
" " 1 65 "	21 75

Hoping our good Association will continue to prosper, and wishing you every success in your laudable work I remain, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM MORAN,

Branch 15, C. M. B. A.

AN APPEAL.

To the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

Nicolet, P. Q., Jan. 16th, 1896  
Brothers,—Branch 161, of the C. M. B. A., located at Nicolet, P. Q., deems it an urgent duty to appeal to the branches of the Association on behalf of Brother Mathias Tousignant, who for the past year has been suffering from general debility and confined in his room, and his large and helpless family has thus been deprived of its only support. Brother Tousignant is one of the chartered members of our branch, and has always been a true and faithful member of the C. M. B. A.

Brother Tousignant, beside his serious illness, has made heavy losses to the amount of about \$4,000, being all and everything he had. He has also lost his wife and his eldest son during the past year. We were in hopes all along that Bro. Tousignant would recover and be able to resume his work, but God in His all wise providence permits him to be deprived of that inestimable blessing of good health. After many months of sickness he is obliged to ask the brothers of the C. M. B. A. to help him. The object of our Association being mutual help, we hope that the brothers of the C. M. B. A. will profit by this occasion to help a brother in distress and thus draw down the blessing of God on them selves and our Association.

A small offering from each branch will help Bro. Tousignant to provide for his little ones.

Hoping, then, brothers, that you will charitably lend brother Tousignant a helping hand.

We remain, yours fraternally,  
W. CAMIRAND, President.  
J. E. BELAOURT, Rec. Secretary.  
Dr. A. O. CLOUTIER, Fin. Secy.  
All contributions to be sent to W. Camirand, President of C. M. B. A. Branch 161, Nicolet, P. Q.

I, the undersigned Spiritual Adviser

of Branch 161, of the C. M. B. A., certify that Bro. Mathias Tousignant is a member of our branch in good standing and worthy in every respect of the sympathy and help of the Association. P. A. GOTIN, Priest,

Spiritual Adviser.

London, Ont., March 5, 1896

Wilfrid Camirand, Pres. Br. 161, C. M. B. A., Nicolet, Que.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The Grand President and Board of Trustees have decided to allow the appeal from your branch on behalf of Brother Mathias Tousignant

Yours fraternally,  
SAM R. BROWN Grand Secy.

Initiations in February, 1896.

Initiations du Mois de Fev., 1896.

Br.	Initiated
62...Canard River, Ont....	8 members.
26...Somerset, Man.....	6 "
50...Hamilton, Ont.....	5 "
43...Brookville, Ont.....	3 "
162...Moncton, N. B.....	3 "
178...Memramouc (to date)	5 "
238...Quebec, Que.....	3 "
24...Thorold, Ont.....	2 "
28...Ottawa, Ont.....	2 "
60...Mattawa, Ont (to date)	2 "
91...Levis, Que.....	2 "
101...Three Rivers, Que....	2 "
108...Quebec, Que.....	2 "
134...St. John, N. B.....	2 "
161...Victoriaville, Que....	2 "
209...Louiseville, Que....	2 "
246...Cap St. Ignace, Que...	2 "
3...Amherstburg, Ont.....	1 "
19...St. Catharines, Ont....	1 "
13...Stratford, Ont.....	1 "
25...Cayuga, Ont. (January)	1 "
37...Hamilton, Ont.....	1 "
49...Toronto, Ont.....	1 "
51...Barrie, Ont.....	1 "
54...Montreal, Que.....	1 "
55...St. Agatha, Ont.....	1 "
69...Leicester, Ont.....	1 "
75...Pontiac, Que.....	1 "
76...Belleville, Ont.....	1 "
83...Montreal, Que.....	1 "
94...Ottawa, Ont.....	1 "
99...Westport, Ont.....	1 "
101...Waterloo, Ont.....	1 "
122...Sandwich, Ont.....	1 "
124...Biddulph, Ont.....	1 "
129...Granby, Que.....	1 "
130...Bathurst, N. B.....	1 "
131...North Sydney, N.S....	1 "
132...Halifax, N. S.....	1 "
154...Fganville, Ont.....	1 "
158...St. V. de Paul, Que....	1 "
159...Ottawa, Ont.....	1 "
160...Halifax, N. S.....	1 "
163...Winnipeg, Man.....	1 "
167...Dorchester, N. B.....	1 "
168...Amherst, N. S.....	1 "
183...Snyder, Ont. (Jan.)...	1 "
184...Fairville, N. B. (Jan.)	1 "
187...Sturgeon Falls, Ont...	1 "
188...Carleton Place, Ont...	1 "
189...Sydney, N. S.....	1 "
202...Chatham, N. B.....	1 "
212...Queenston, Ont.....	1 "
215...Simonsville, P. E. I....	1 "
223...Springhill, N. S.....	1 "
229...Dallouse, N. B.....	1 "
247...Fraserville, Que.....	1 "
248...Joggins Mines, N. S....	1 "
253...Maniwaki, Que.....	1 "
254...Kensington, P. E. I....	1 "
260...St. E. Pubnico, N. S....	12 "
261...Souris East, P. E. I....	13 "
262...Leithbridge, N. W. T...	18 "
263...St. Ferdinand, Que....	8 "
264...Barachois, N. B.....	12 "
265...Huntington, Que.....	9 "

Total.....168

N. B.—The initiations in the last five branches are charter members.

Les initiations des cinq dernières succursales sont des membres fondateurs.

**Smoking Concert.**

Branch 215, C. M. B. A., Summerside, P. E. I., gave a very pleasant entertainment after the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10th. This entertainment, known as a "smoking concert," the first of the kind ever held here, was attended by the members and a number of invited friends, and passed off in a most enjoyable manner. During intermissions in the programme, those present who are users of the "weed," indulged in "T. D." pipes and tobacco. The following programme was rendered, Bro. Dr. Maclellan playing the accompaniments on the organ and Bro. J. B. Strong presiding:

Instrumental music, organ and violin, Bros. Dr. Maclellan and J. M. Noonan.

Recitation, "Dawendine," Bro. S. M. Bent.

Vocal Solo, Bro. Dr. Maclellan.

"A Tale of Old Ireland," Mr. Wm. Shea.

French Song, "Un Canadien," Bro. P. C. Gallant.

Recitation, "The Old Flute," Bro. S. J. Camoron.

Comic Song, Bro. J. C. Macdonald.

Vocal Solo, "There's a Dear Little Spot in Ireland," Mr. Jos. Gillis.

Violin Solo, Bro. J. M. Noonan.

Recitation, "Clarence's Dream," Bro. A. C. Cullen.

Comic Song, Bro. J. R. Kenny (encored).

Reading, "Father Roche," Bro. L. J. Reddin.

Reading, "Putting up a Steve Pipe," Bro. O. A. Stee's.

Vocal Solo, "Our Jack's Come Home Today," Bro. L. J. Reddin.

Short speeches, by Mr. A. J. Maclellan, Bro. Chas. Murpby, S. M. Bent, J. T. Macnally, and L. J. Reddin, the last named responding to a vote of thanks tendered him for the successful manner in which he had inaugurated and conducted the entertainment.

"Auld Lang Syne." God Save the Queen.—Summerside Journal.

**A. C. M. B. A. Hall for Montreal.**

On the evening of Monday, March 9, '96, at the Hall of Branch 26, Montreal, a meeting of the Presidents and other representatives of the various branches in the District of Montreal was held. The meeting was called by Grand Deputy Costigan, who presided. Amongst those present were: Chancellors T. J. Finn, A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley; President Ward, Branch 26; President Polan, Branch 50; Chancellor O'Brien and Secretary Daley, Branch 54; President Penfold, Branch 74; Chancellor Dandelin and Bro. Carle, Branch 83; President Spedding, Branch 140; Chancellor J. A. Potvin, President Girard, Branch 142; President Olivier, Bro. Beaulieu, Branch 100; President A. T. Martin, Branch 226; President G. A. Carpenter, Bros. Ireland and Choquette, Branch 232; Bro. D. J. McGillis, Martin Egan, L. E. Simonneau, Kavanagh, Quinsey, G. A. Gadhols, Jas. Milloy, Storons, R. J. Nagle, M. Sharkoy, Hartenstein, O'Toole, Coughlin, W. Palmer, Gould, E. P. Warl, and a number of others.

District Deputies F. Reynolds and C. Dandelin occupied the vice-chairs, and Chancellor Coffey acted as Secretary.

Grand Deputy Costigan opened the meeting by a brief address, in the course of which he thanked those present for their attendance in response to his invitation. The main object of the meeting was to consider various matters appertaining to the welfare of the branches within the District, and the advancement of the general interests of their grand Association. He and the District Deputies were of the one mind in the opinion that meetings such as this should be held

frequently. There was one grand object to which he would draw their attention, that was the necessity of a grand Union Hall, where all branches could meet. Chancellor Finn had at the last meeting of Branch 26, brought forward this question. The idea was a noble one, and worthy of the best and earnest consideration of all present.

Chancellor Finn, at the request of the meeting, dwelt upon the necessity of having a Grand Central C. M. B. A. Hall, a place which they could call their own, and which should be worthy of the Association. It would be a standing reminder to our fellow-citizens of the Association and the good it was doing, and would be a permanent help to its advancement and continued prosperity.

Chancellors O'Brien, Feeley, Potvin, Spedding, Bros. Eagan, A. D. McGillis, J. Girard, Carpenter, Sharkoy, and nearly all present warmly endorsed the project, and on motion of Bro. O'Brien, seconded by Bro. Carpenter, the radius within which such a hall should be built was fixed.

Bro. Polan, seconded by Bro. Feeley, moved the question of the formation of a Joint Stock Company to carry the project into effect. The representatives were instructed to bring the subject before their respective branches, and to report back at a meeting to be held on the second Monday in April.

Grand Deputy Costigan thanked the meeting for the manner in which it had taken the matter up, and also thanked President Ward of Branch 26, for kindly placing the hall of the branch at his disposal for future meetings.

District Deputies Dandelin and Reynolds made brief addresses.

Other matters of interest to the meeting were brought forward and favorably received.

**AN INVITATION.**

The officers and members of Branch No. 13, Stratford, wish to announce to the members of the C. M. B. A. throughout Canada that they extend to them a cordial invitation to attend their assembly to be held in the city hall, Stratford, on Tuesday evening, April 14th, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock.

JAMES MARKEY, Pres.  
E. J. KNIGHT, Sec.  
Stratford, March 23, 1896.

**Honor Roll.**

Branch No. 62, Canard River, Ont., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations in the month of February, 1896, having initiated eight members.

Branch No. 256, Somerset, Man., comes next in order, having initiated six members.

Branch No. 56, Hamilton, Ont., initiated five members.

**Resolutions of Condolence.**

Guelph, Feb. 4, 1896.  
At the last meeting of Our Lady's Branch, No. 31 C. M. B. A., held Jan. 27, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.  
Moved by C. C. Collins, seconded by Eugene Korman, that

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed fellow-member, Brother Thomas A. Heffernan, and  
Whereas by his death this branch loses a sincere friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his children an affectionate father, therefore be it

Resolved, that, while humbly submitting to the will of our Divine Redeemer we desire to extend to the widow and family of our late brother associate our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but that the knowledge that he whom they and we mourn has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased and spread upon the minutes of the branch, and copies sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and Canadian for publication. Jas. Kennedy, Secretary.

Trout Creek, Ont., Feb. 10, 1896.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 197, Trout Creek, held on Feb. 7, 1896, it was moved by Bro. R. Barrett, seconded by Bro. R. Lynett,

Whereas the members of this branch have learned with deep regret of the sad and

untimely death of Rev. Bro. E. Bloom, the devoted parish priest of North Bay, and a former Spiritual Adviser of this branch;

Resolved that we tender our sincere and heartfelt sorrow to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, in the sudden demise of a devoted and energetic young priest; and to Rev. Joseph Bloom, C. S. S. R., and Miss Mary Bloom, in this sad hour of their affliction; also to Branch No. 64, North Bay, in their great loss of not only a beloved and worthy member, but one who at his death filled the sacred office of Spiritual Adviser.

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; Rev. Joseph Bloom, C. S. S. R.; Miss Mary Bloom, and to Branch No. 64, North Bay; also to the North Bay Times, the Dispatch, the CATHOLIC RECORD and our official organ (The Canadian), for publication, and entered on the records of this branch.

Orillia, Feb. 17, 1896.

Divine Providence being pleased to call our first and dearly beloved pastor, and Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. Archdeacon Kenneth A. Campbell, from the scene of his earthly labors, to the reward promised and secured to all who serve faithfully our Heavenly Father.

It was moved by Bro. R. A. Lynch, and seconded by Bro. A. Birchard, that this branch tender its sincerest, heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the Rev. Archdeacon Campbell, who, so long, faithfully and zealously labored in this parish to the spiritual and material benefit of those whose spiritual advisor he was; and we can rest assured that long after those who now bear testimony of his many good works have passed away, there will be imperishable monuments to voice the respected memory of our dearly beloved Spiritual Adviser. Further be it

Resolved that the members of this branch receive Communion on the 23rd inst., being the occasion of this month's mind to be then celebrated at the church of the Angels' Guardian for the benefit of the soul of our departed brother. Be it further

Resolved that the charter of this branch be draped for the space of ninety days, and that these resolutions be entered on the records of this branch, and published in the journals of the association.  
R. D. Gunn, Pres.  
Jan. 1, 1896

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 157, Fletcher, Ont., held Jan. 23, 1896, the following resolution of condolence was adopted moved by Bro. Peter G. Murphy and seconded by Bro. Michael Gleeson, that a vote of condolence be sent to the mother and family of our late esteemed Brother, Francis T. Phelan, that our charter be draped for the space of thirty days and a copy of the motion be sent to the Catholic Record and THE CANADIAN our official organ for insertion.

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTÈME DE COTISATION.**

April Assessment. Cotisation au mois d'Avril. No. 5. Deaths. Décès. Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

**The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.**

Secretary's Office, London, Apr. 1, 1896. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1 Av. 11, 1896.  
Dear Sir and Brothers—You are hereby officially notified of the status of the following named brothers:

NO.	NAME.	BRANCH.	LOCATION.	POLICE.	ADMITTED.	DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
NO.	NOM.	BRANCH.	SIÈGE.	POLICE.	ADMIS.	DÉCÉDÉS.	CAUSE DU DÉCÈS.
21	John O'Brien	180	Yarmouth, N.S.	2000	July 22, '92	Feb. 25, '96	Acute Phthisis
25	Wm. W. Groom	27	Peterborough, Ont.	2000	July 17, '84	Mar. 2, '96	Paresis
26	Nicholas Hall	38	St. Lambert, Ont.	2000	Sep. 10, '85	Mar. 15, '96	Pneumonia
27	John Cadigan	30	Peterborough, "	2000	May 9, '88	Mar. 16, '96	Heart Disease
28	Lorenz Datzler	100	Baden, Ont.	2000	Nov. 25, '85	Mar. 25, '96	Tuberculosis of Lungs
30	H. B. McPherson	131	N. Sydney, N.S.	2000	June 15, '94	Mar. 23, '96	Cancer of Throat

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for March, 1896. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois d'Avril, 1896.

**BENEFICIARY FUND. FONDS DES BÉNÉFICES. \$ DR.**

Amount on hand March 1st, 1896	119 10
Montant en caisse le 1er Mars, 1896	119 10
Received during March from Requidant	355 74
Reçu durant le mois de Mars	355 74
No. 1	1,659 84
No. 2 & special	15,267 06
No. 3 and 4	258 67

**OR.**

1896.		
Mar. 7, Benefits paid on account of Bénéfices payés à compte de	C. G. Prevost, Orders 231 & 235.	\$ 1,000 00
18, do	F. T. McCaffrey, " 236	2,000 00
14, do	J. Backel, " 237	2,000 00
16, do	Rev. R. A. Campbell " 238 & 239	2,000 00
20, do	T. A. Heffernan, " 240	2,000 00
21, do	J. Schmidt, " 241	1,000 00
21, do	J. L. Lynch, " 242	2,000 00
30, do	Rev. F. Baudot, " 243	2,000 00
31, do	R. Hough, " 244	2,000 00
April (Avr.) 1st, 1896, Balance		1,659 91

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date... \$387,517 48  
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéfices collecté depuis le 1er Janv., 1893, à ce date... \$387,517 48  
Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date... \$185,857 57  
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres déçés à ce date... \$185,857 57

**RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE.**

Amount on hand March 1st, 1896	51,161 56
Montant en caisse le 1er Mars, 1896	51,161 56
Amount accrued since last report	923 41
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport	923 41
Total	52,084 97

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

**To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada:**

Brothers.—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 5 (April Assessment) is given in compliance with Sec. 7 of Beneficiary Fund Law: the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this assessment to the Financial Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of May, 1896. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this assessment accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report on or before the 9th day of May, 1896. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

**Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.**

Frères.—L'état précéant de la cotisation No. 5 (cotisation du mois d'Avril), est donné en conformité de la Clause 7ème de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéfices; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est donné dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer cette cotisation au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 3ème jour de Mai, 1896. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de cette cotisation, accompagné du Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle, le ou avant le 9ème jour de Mai, 1896. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des Succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

Fraternellement à vous,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

DIRECTORY OF BRANCHES AND SECRETARIES.

(Indicateur des Succursales et Secrétaires.)

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1 Windsor, Ont.	P M Keogh, Box 156	S Gignac, Box 156	Thurs. 1	112 Morrickville, Ont	E W L Payne	J A McCabe	Thurs. 1
2 St Thomas, Ont.	George Duffy, Box 1039	D Barrett, Box 1059	Wed. 2	113 Waterloo, Que	Dositha Girard	J A Jacques	Thurs. 2
3 Amherstburg, Ont.	Lambert Bertrand	Wm J Smith	Friday 2	114 Niagara, Ont	J J Hooley, Box 75	John McIlinn	Wed. 3
4 London, Ont.	P F Boyle, 204 Sydenham st	M O Meara, P O Dept.	Thurs. 3	115 Chapstow, Ont.	George Loyce	M M Schurter	Thurs. 3
5 Brantford, Ont.	W B Schuler, Box 619	Wm Comerford Box 116	Mon. 3	116 Fergus, Ont	F J Downey, Box 31	Wm Fitzpatrick	Tues. 3
6 Strathroy, Ont.	J B McCabe	James Healey	Mon. 3	117 Joliette, Que.	C G H Beaudoin	Alfred L Marsolais	Mon. 3
7 Sarnia, Ont.	Rev Joseph Bayard, P P	Daniel McCarly	Mon. 3	118 Sherbrooke, Que	Firmin Campbell	Hermansgilde Prefontaine	Wed. 3
8 Chatham, Ont.	W J McEneer, Box 394	W P Killackey, Box 746	Tues. 3	119 Welland, Ont.	Charles A Smith	A Valencourt	Tues. 3
9 Kingston, Ont	E J O'Brien, 67 Union st.	Wm Purcell, 25 Charles st	Wed. 3	120 Port Colborne, Ont.	Thomas Lannan	Timothy Ryan	Tues. 3
10 St Catharines, Ont.	M Sullivan	J S E Lawrence	Thurs. 1	121 Sudbury, Ont.	F F Lemieux	M J Powell	Tues. 3
11 Dundas, Ont.	James P Traut	John Kerwin	Tues. 2	122 Sandwich, Ont.	Pierro C Cadarette	Eugene Dupuis	Tues. 3
12 Berlin, Ont	Alex Von Neubronn	Joseph Fuhrmann	Mon. 3	123 Dunnville, Ont.	John Flanagan, Box 28	James Harry, Box 28	Thurs. 3
13 Stratford, Ont	E J Kuehl	M J Dillon	Wed. 3	124 Biddulph, Ont	Patrick O'Shea, Granton	Wm Down, Lucan P O	Friday 3
14 Galt, Ont.	Pat. Radigan, 32 Main st.	Bernard Maurer, 178 Main	Mon. 2	125 Dissolved.			
15 Toronto, Ont.	C N Ryan, 339 Yonge st.	A S Gormaly, 416 Front at w	Mon. 3	126 Calgary, N W T	E H Rouleau	J W Costello, Box 173	Tues. 1
16 Prescott, Ont.	Wm J Bruder, Box 233	A B Macdonald, Island	Wed. 2	127 Windsor Mills, Que	E Rochette	Alp Milette	Wed. 6
17 Paris, Ont.	Wm Lavoie, Lock Box 113	Frank Fry (Revenue)	Tues. 3	128 Parkhill, Ont	James Phelan	Alex Gardon	Thurs. 1
18 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wm Burke	Louis Drago	Tues. 3	129 Granby, Que	P A L'Ecuyer	L A Lussard	Thurs. 2
19 Ingersoll, Ont	C B Ryan	E H Henderson	Mon. 2	130 Bathurst, N B	Wm J Lal'plante	Joseph J Meahan	Tues. 2
20 Maidstone, Ont	Charles T McCloskey	Wm Cole	Sat. 2	131 North Sydney, N S	Martin Sheau	James Desmond	Wed. 7
21 St Clements, Ont	Joseph F Stuppl	John G Weber	Sat. 2	132 Halifax, N S	N Metzler, 2 Rottenburg st	D T Lynam, 149 Morris st	Tues. 2
22 Wallaceburg, Ont	A J O'Flynn	Thomas O'Donnell	Thurs. 3	133 St John, N B	James Butler, 135 Union st	James Fitzgerald, Rodney st	Wed. 1
23 Seaforth, Ont	Jas J Monroe	Michael Jordan	Mon. 2	134 St John, N B	M D Sweeney, Box 70	John Gleeson, 23 Golding st	Tues. 1
24 Thorold, Ont	Joseph Battle	Archibald McKeague	Mon. 2	135 St Hyacinthe, Que.	H A Beaugard	Chas M Lapierre	Wed. 2
25 Cayuga, Ont.	J A Murphy	William Sennel	Mon. 3	136 Dissolved.			
26 Montreal, Que	J J Costigan, 325 St Urbain	J E Shorall, 22 Park ave.	Mon. 3	137 Dissolved.			
27 Petrolia, Ont.	M J Kelly	John T Hoban	Tues. 2	138 Dissolved.			
28 Ottawa, Ont	Thos McGrail, 436 Bay st.	S E O'Brien	Wed. 2	139 Fort Erie, Ont.	W E Edwards	Wm Mitchell	Mon. 3
29 Ottawa, Ont	L Laframboise, H'se of Com	R Roy, Marine Dept	Friday 2	140 Montreal, Que	C Perreault, 234 Visitation	N Favreau, 1102 Ontario st	Tues. 2
30 Peterborough, Ont.	T J Doris, Box 388	Wm J Devlin, Box 116	Tues. 3	141 Chapleau, Ont	A Archambault	Thos M Mulligan	Thurs. 1
31 Welph, Ont	Jas Kennedy, Box 590	C C Collins, Box 356	Mon. 3	142 Montreal, Que	Jos Lozeau, 463 Laval ave.	J Desrochers, 174 St Elizabeth	Wed. 3
32 Wingham, Ont	M Corrigan, Lucknow P O	J McGarry, Lucknow P O	Thurs. 3	143 Montreal, Que	Henri Kieffer, Box 392	F Desrivieres, 322 Sanguinet	Wed. 3
33 Morrisburg, Ont	R H Barry	J Derosier	Tues. 2	144 Toronto, Ont.	John R Lee, 83 Howard st	R Baigent, 497 Sherbourne	Mon. 3
34 Almonte, Ont.	Jas O'Donohoe	Wm Bowes	Tues. 2	145 Toronto, Ont.	J C Walsh, 5 King at w	H F McIntosh, 115 Hazel	Tues. 2
35 Goderich, Ont	Joseph Kidd	E Campion	Tues. 2	146 Drummondville, Que	O Gosselin	D Bergeron, (ton ave)	Tues. 2
36 Port Lambton, Ont	Jas O'Leary	F J O'Leary	Thurs. 1	147 Portage du Fort, Q.	John Coyne (Bay, Que)	J St L Sauve	Wed. 3
37 Hamilton, Ont	W J Ryan, 35 West ave n.	A Bourque, 80 Smith ave.	Thurs. 2	148 Calumet Island, Que	J M Sarsfield, Campbell's	J M Sarsfield, Campbell	Thurs. 2
38 Cornwall, Ont.	Patrick McCabe, Box 211	J M McDonald, Box 211	Tues. 2	149 Lasalle, Ont.	W McNamara, Hawtreay	H McElhono (Bay, Que)	Thurs. 2
39 Neustadt, Ont.	Jacob J Weibert	Markus Karl	Wed. 1	150 Withdrawn			
40 New Hamburg, Ont.	Joseph Hollocher	J F Rau	W & S. 1	151 Brechin, Ont.	Wm J Barker	John Malono	Friday 2
41 Montreal, Que	J J Jones, 518 St Antoine st	H Thompson, 55 1/2 Richardson	Wed. 1	152 Whitby, Ont.	James Long	Wm B O'Connor	Tues. 2
42 Woodstock, Ont.	Rev M J Brady	J E Thompson	Wed. 1	153 Midland, Ont.	James L Kelman	F O'Donohue	Friday 2
43 Brockville, Ont.	J T Noonan	James H Kelly	Tues. 2	154 Eganville, Ont.	John P Lacey	John A Kitts	Friday 2
44 Ampror, Ont.	E C Armand	E C Armand	Mon. 1	155 Dissolved.			
45 Tecumseh, Ont.	John Dugal	Victor Robinet	Tues. 3	156 Dissolved.			
46 Walkerton, Ont.	John O'Malley	J B Schmitzler	Mon. 1	157 Fletcher, Ont.	Robert J Sainsbury	John Finn	Thurs. 3
47 Arthur, Ont.	J D Callaghan, Box 43	Wm McCordle	Thurs. 2	158 St Vincent de Paul, Q.	J T Dorais	Joseph Demers	Mon. 2
48 New Garryman, Ont.	Rev S Forster	Jacob Kloefer	Mon. 1	159 Ottawa, Ont.	J A Chisholm, 337 Dalhousie	J P McCarthy, 249 Daly ave	Mon. 3
49 Toronto, Ont.	W J Smith, 158 Crawford st	Percy Kirwin, 76 Czar st.	Friday 1	160 Halifax, N S	W P Buckley, 41 Cornwallis	M Rooney, 41 Creighton st.	Tues. 3
50 Montreal, Que	W P Doyle, 251 St Martin st	Ern McCabe, Box 1007	Wed. 2	161 Ca irabe, Ont	Lewis L Kramer	David Schwan	Tues. 2
51 Barrie, Ont.	R Crossland, Box 32	T F O'Meara, Box 242	Mon. 6	162 Moncton, N B	L N Bourque, M D.	H H Melanson	Thurs. 2
52 Winnipeg, Man	H A Russell, 224 Main st	D F Allman, Kennedy st.	Wed. 2	163 Winnipeg, Man	Peter O'Brien, 299 Lizzie st	Rev A A Cherrier, 191 Austin	Tues. 2
53 Mount Forest, Ont.	William Dugan	M Donnelly	Thurs. 2	164 Nicolet, Que.	J E Belcourt	A O Clouthier	Mon. 2
54 Montreal, Que	F D Daly, 42 Visitation st.	Jas Weir, 184 Craig st.	Wed. 2	165 Cardinal, Ont.	James Coleman	Patrick Leacy	Tues. 2
55 St Agatha, Ont.	Louis Walter	L F Dietrich	Sat. 7	166 Rock Island, Que.	Charles Z Gilmore	J F Paquette	Tues. 2
56 Hamilton, Ont.	M F Fitzpatrick, Market &	J J Burns, 218 Cannon st e	Wed. 2	167 Dorchester, N B	L H Chambers	A A Alain	Wed. 2
57 Orillia, Ont.	A Birchard, Box 53. (Hees	Joseph Thomson	Wed. 2	168 Amherst, N S.	A Bradshaw	Michael J Walsh	Wed. 2
58 Ottawa, Ont	W A Bedard, Wellington Mkt	C Castonguay, 5 Cedar st.	Tues. 2	169 Shodiac, N B.	James E LeBlanc	N D LeBlanc	Wed. 2
59 Ottawa, Ont.	E E Lemieux, Dep Militia.	D Duhamel, 109 Murray st.	Friday 3	170 Elgin, Ont	M L Jordan	John F Dunn	Friday 2
60 Dublin, Ont.	James Jordan	George Howard	Wed. 2	171 St Laurent, Que	Rev J M Demers	H E Trudeau	Mon. 3
61 Merriton, Ont.	John H G Horey	R G Smith	Thurs. 2	172 Collingwood, Ont	Wm John Slean, Box 1	Michael P Byrnes	Thurs. 3
62 Canard River, Ont	Oliver Reaume	Jacques Monforton	Sat. 2	173 Belle River, Ont	Joseph Lupien	Felix Sauve	Thurs. 2
63 St Marys, Ont.	James Kennedy	Patrick McFadden	Thurs. 3	174 Dissolved.			
64 North Bay, Ont.	E Mulligan	John M McNamara	Mon. 2	175 Kinkora, Ont	James Stock	Patrick J Finnegan	Mon. 2
65 Lyton, Ont.	T Moran	John Diebolt	Mon. 2	176 Ottawa, Ont	A R Parent, 240 Church st.	A Charbonneau, 424 St Pa	Wed. 3
66 Mattawa, Ont.	John McMeekin	A G Mitchell	Wed. 3	177 Newcasle, N B	Thos W Butler	P J McEvoy (trice	Tues. 3
67 Pembroke, Ont.	Thomas P Coghlan	Michael Howe	Wed. 3	178 Memramcook, N B.	Zoel M Vienneau	Patrice T Leger	Sat. 3
68 Hull, Que.	L Genest, Britannia st.	Gedeon Lafon, 100 Main st	Tues. 2	179 Fox Creek, N B	S A LeBlanc	Tilton T LeBlanc	Wed. 3
69 Deseretes, Ont.	John J Lobsinger	Peter LaFrance	Sat. 2	180 Yarmouth, N S.	Daniel T Ashe	John R Saulnier, Box 402	Thurs. 2
70 Mildmay, Ont	And Gissler	F X Schafter	Thurs. 3	181 Hespeler, Ont	John Flynn, Box 9	George Collins	Tues. 2
71 Fronton, Ont.	M T Greaney, Box 202	U E LeBelle, Box 225	Wed. 2	182 Wolfe Island, Ont.	C Cummins	James Dawson	Tues. 2
72 Formosa, Ont.	Joseph J Feby	B Beingsener	Friday 2	183 Snyder, Ont.	Peter Willick	J Schneider (John, N B	Sat. 3
73 Dissolved.				184 Fairville, N B.	John Gillis	D Delaney, Milford, St	Thurs. 3
74 Montreal, Que	James Taylor, P O.	Jer Coffey, Box 247	Tues. 2	185 Caraque, N B.	P E Paulin	H P Landry	Friday 2
75 Penetanguishene, O	J B Strathearn	V T McDonald	Thurs. 3	186 Victoriaville, Que.	H H Dunn	A Marchand	Mon. 3
76 Belleville, Ont.	Edward McGinty, Box 591.	Wm Patterson	Tues. 2	187 Sturgeon Falls, Ont.	Osias Aubin	J F Prieur	Tues. 2
77 Lindsay, Ont.	W F O'Boyle	John O'Reilly	Tues. 3	188 Carleton Place, Ont.	D J Sullivan, Box 92	James Traynor	Wed. 1
78 Oshawa, Ont.	C F Rinneard	Thomas McKittrick	Mon. 2	189 Sydney, C B, N S.	D K McIntyre	Charles McKinnon	Tues. 2
79 Chatham, Ont	John J Murphy, Box 246	John Nalon, Box 92	Wed. 2	190 Montreal, Que	A Beaulieu, 1519 N Dame st	B Charbonneau, 1519 N Dame	Friday 2
80 Tilbury Centre, Ont.	Vital Campbell	L F Lemire	Tues. 2	191 Montreal, Que	A A Daigle, 321 1/2 N Dame	A Demers, 279 Notre Dame	Thurs. 3
81 Smith's Falls, Ont.	P Delaney	Daniel Halpin	Tues. 3	192 Antigonish, N S	A D Chisholm	D H McGillivray	Friday 2
82 Kingsbridge, Ont.	M Whitty, Kintail P O.	J Long, Kintail P O.	Friday 2	193 St Jean Baptiste, M	Joseph Baril	Jos B Dupas	Sat. 2
83 Montreal, Que	E H Gauthier, 833 Sanguinet	H Howison, 372 Amherst st	Mon. 3	194 Valcourt, Que.	Walter L Lewis	Achille Castoloz	Tues. 2
84 Withdrawn				195 Petit Rocher, N B	M H Lavasseur	J A Doucet	Thurs. 2
85 Toronto, Ont.	P B Winterberry, 113 Bond	B J Doyle, 77 Anne st.	Tues. 3	196 Montreal, Que	S Letourneau, 25 St Gabriel	T M Routhier, 89 Fortar st	Wed. 2
86 Deseretes, Ont.	Jas L Gaulin (unique st)	Ed Gaulin, Box 83	Wed. 2	197 Trout Creek, Ont.	Robert Lynett	Michael Corkery	Friday 2
87 Montreal, Que.	J E E Dupont, 151a St Dom.	J A Deniger, 95 Roy st.	Wed. 2	198 Marlbank, Ont.	Patrick Farrell	Edward Allen	Sat. 1
88 Orangeville, Ont.	Rev H J McPhillips	M J Bench	Tues. 2	199 Edmonton, N W T	M A McCormick	J H Garlepy	Tues. 3
89 Perth, Ont.	John H Kehoe	E E Young	Wed. 3	200 Toronto, Ont.	John Symonds, 11 Regent st	Edwin Stubbs, 58 Sydenham	Wed. 2
90 Porton, Ont.	Martin Stortz	M Goodwin	Tues. 2	201 Alexandria, Ont	Richard Duvoan	James McPhee	Tues. 3
91 Aliston, Ont.	J C Hart	Joseph Keogh	Tues. 2	202 Chatham, N B.	James P Waddleton	Mi hael Heley	Thurs. 3
92 Leawater, Ont.	Hugh Campbell	J A Zinger	Wed. 2	203 Canso, N S	A Courteau	R Davis, Hazel Hill, N S	Wed. 2
93 Renfrew, Ont.	U D Galligan	James Erwin	Sat. 2	204 Parraboro, N S	Chas A E Kelly	Charles Morris	Mon. 2
94 Ottawa, Ont.	M J O'Farrell, 167 Murray st	A Hunter, Rideau Terrace.	Mon. 2	205 West, Ont.	Wm J O'Brien (w Publico	Wm Brown	Tues. 2
95 Leclerc, Que.	L Forest	Raoul Carignan	Friday 3	206 West Publico, N S	W A D'Entremont Lower	A E Carland, Publico Head	Thurs. 2
96 Lewis, Que.	J A Demers, Box 83	S Marmet, Cote du Passage	Wed. 3	207 Montreal, Que	IB Granger, 573 Delormier	L A Lamarre, 1532 St Cath	Mon. 2
97 Quebec, Que.	J E Philibert, 239 Prince Ed	V Dupuis, 80 Des Fosses st.	Wed. 3	208 Dartmouth, N S	John Green, Box 101	W F Brennan (Marine st	Thurs. 3
98 Campbellford, Ont.	P J Anderson	John Brady	Mon. 3	209 Louiseville, Que	L P Dallaire	L I. Dube	Mon. 3
99 Westport, Ont.	J E O'Horo	Peter Murphy	Wed. 2	210 Grand Falls, N B.	George D McClusky	J J Kelly	Wed. 2
100 Baden, Ont.	Ered Sehl	George Sehl	Wed. 2	211 Rat Portage, Ont	A McKinnon	A McKinnon	Mon. 2
101 Three Rivers, Que.	John O Deuilets	C Z Duplessis	Friday 2	212 Owen Sound, Ont.	M P Horan, Poulett st	D J McClarty	Mon. 2
102 Richmond, Que.	O O St Jean	C Girard	Friday 2	213 St Ona, Que.	A Angers	V S Godard	Sat. 3
103 Dissolved.				214 Alberton, P E I	J A Keeffe	R H Reid	Thurs. 1
104 Waterloo, Ont.	John Hirschbach	T Nhill, Berlin, Ont.	Tues. 3	215 Summerside, P E I	John T McNally	J B Strong	Tues. 1
105 London, Ont.	Wm Rockwood, 699 York st.	W J Smith, 193 Clarence st	Mon. 3	216 Charlottetown, P E I	Henry Fitzgerald	S B Paoli	Tues. 2
106 Parry Sound, Ont.	J Dwyer, Parry Harbor.	Thomas Yates	Sat. 2	217 L'Assomption, Que	J E Faribault	Louis Desmarais	Thurs. 2
107 Cobourg, Ont.	James J Swift	John Kaiser	Thurs. 2	218 Sorol, Que.	J T Hurteau	J T Robarge, Box 077	Tues. 2
108 Quebec, Que.	Patrick E Lane, 4 D'Ar	T V Scully, 53 St Julia st.	Wed. 2	219 Dissolved.			
109 Withdrawn				220 Dissolved.			
110 Quebec, Que.	V Lechance Jr, 122 Masse	O Falardeau, 41 Demers st.	Tues. 2	221 Woodlee, Ont	M McHugh	J Murphy, South Woodlee	Friday 2
111 Toronto, Ont.	Jas O'Donnell, 65 Lucas st.	E Bon... 1393 Bloor st w	Thurs. 3	222 Gravesend, Ont.	W J Moore, Box 100	J Dodd, West Gravesend	Sat. 2

DIRECTORY OF BRANCHES AND SECRETARIES.—Continued.

(Indicateur des Succursales et Secrétaires.)—Continué.

Table with 4 columns: No. and Location, Record Secretary, Financial Secretary, Meeting. Lists various branches across Canada with their respective secretaries and meeting schedules.

NOTE—(1) Alternate—Alternativement; (2) First and Third—Premier et Troisième; (3) Second and Fourth—Deuxième et Quatrième; (4) First and Second—Premier et Deuxième; (5) Third and Fourth—Troisième et Quatrième; (6) First and Fourth—Premier et Quatrième; (7) First, Second and Fourth—Premier, Deuxième et Quatrième.

Table d'espaces pour donner en Français les jours de réunions, nous donnons ci-après la traduction Française du mot Anglais pour chaque jour de la semaine: Monday, Lundi; Tuesday, Mardi; Wednesday, Mercredi; Thursday, Jeudi; Friday, Vendredi; Saturday, Samedi.

The Harley Appeal.

Grand Falls, March 20, '96.

To the Editor of the Canadian:

Dear Sir and Brother—I forward you the names and location of the different branches that have, up to date, generously responded to the appeal issued on behalf of our afflicted brother, Michael Harley:

Table listing branches and amounts previously reported. Columns include Branch, Amount, and Total (\$185.41).

Yours fraternally, GEORGE D. McCLUSKEY, Rec. Sec. Br. 210.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 266 was organized on March 9, 1896, at Brewer's Mills, Ont., by Grand Deputy J. J. Behan. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. T. Carey. President, Patrick Kelly. First Vice-President, Wm. McAvoy. Second Vice-President, John Tierney. Recording Secretary, Robert Webb. Asst. Rec. Secretary, B. Mullin. Financial Secretary, M. Shortall. Treasurer, Michael Mangan. Marshal, John Webb. Guard, James Keys. Trustees, Wm. McAvoy, James Keys, John Murphy, Richard Mangan, Michael Keys. Representative to the Grand Council, Rev. T. Carey. Alternate, R. Mangan.

The Tousignant Appeal.

Nicolet, Que., April 1, 1896.

Dear Sir and Brother—Kindly publish the following list of branches which responded generously to the appeal on behalf of Bro. Tousignant, and the amounts received up to date, which I acknowledge with thanks.

Yours fraternally, W. CAMIRAND, Pres. Br. 164.

Table listing branches and amounts for the Tousignant Appeal. Columns include Branch, Amount, and Total (\$79.00).

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Les membres sont invités à nous envoyer des nouvelles ou informations dont l'Association pourra bénéficier. Toutes communications sur des sujets d'intérêt pour les membres de l'A. C. B. M., seront reçues avec plaisir, mais toutes lettres anonymes et toutes autres lettres qui ne seront jugées ne pas être dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que la copie doit nous parvenir pas plus tard que le 15 du mois, pour être publiée dans le numéro du mois suivant. L'espace étant limité, on voudra bien être concis. Adressez toutes communications à S. R. BROWN, Editeur et Gérant, 391 Queen's ave., London, Ont.

LONDON, AVRIL 1896.

L'A. C. B. M., ET LE DEVOIR PASCAL.

Bien que ce qui a trait à l'assurance dans notre grande association, à cause de sa sûreté et de son bon marché, ait, dans ces colonnes et dans nos circulaires et notre littérature en général, reçu la plus grande part d'attention, aucun membre intelligent ne perdra de vue le fait que l'A. C. B. M., fut principalement instituée dans un but plus grand et plus noble, celui de rendre les membres meilleurs, moralement, socialement et intellectuellement. C'est donc une institution Catholique, d'abord et toujours; et tout ce qui est calculé obscurcir ce principe fondamental a, en tout temps de son histoire, été mis courageusement de côté. C'est certainement une chose splendide, et un strict devoir, de pourvoir temporellement pour ceux qui dépendent de nous, au moyen de l'assurance; mais c'est un devoir plus grand et plus urgent de nous perfectionner nous mêmes dans notre Sainte Foi afin de nous assurer de la "seule chose nécessaire," le salut de notre âme immortelle.

La première question qui est posée à l'aspirant à l'admission dans l'A. C. B. M., est celle-ci: "Etes-vous Catholique pratiquant?" Une réponse affirmative est requise, autrement l'admission est impossible. Et il n'est pas suffisant d'être membre pratiquant de notre Sainte Eglise au temps de la demande d'admission; nous devons continuer de l'être, car faillir sous ce rapport, mérite l'expulsion de l'Association.

Chaque Directeur Spirituel d'une succursale a le droit, qui lui est concédé par la constitution, de déclarer ce qui constitue un Catholique pratiquant. Il peut imposer à ses paroissiens certaines obligations spéciales, mais aucun prêtre ni aucune succursale ne fera pas de l'accomplissement au moins du précepte Pascal une condition essentielle pour tous. L'Eglise veut que ses enfants, sous peine de "l'exclusion de son sein durant leur vie et de la privation de la sépulture chrétienne, à leur mort, reçoivent la Sainte Communion à Pâques ou dans la limite de temps prescrit."

Maintenant pendant que nous pourrions, dans notre grande charité, avoir de l'indulgence quelquefois pour certains pauvres pécheurs Catholiques, ignorants de leur religion et victimes d'un entourage adverse, qui négligent le Devoir Pascal, et bien que cette négligence est, hélas, trop souvent remarquée, comment pouvons-nous un seul instant tenter d'excuser sous ce rapport les membres de notre association qui ne devraient pas seulement être Catholiques, mais Catholiques pratiquants, flambeaux vivants éclairant les autres, et à l'exemple desquels on pourrait en tout temps en appeler avec confiance.

Supposer pour un moment que la négligence de cette affaire importante prévaut parmi nous serait déclarer ceux contre lesquels la présomption existerait, ignorants de l'obligation qu'ils ont assumée ou qu'ils ont perdu le sens de notre commune Catholicité. Il n'est pas besoin de discuter ces deux conditions malheureuses. L'A. C. B. M., est composée de la fleur des Catholiques du Canada, et comme telle ne devrait pas être ignorante ou perverse dans ses membres.

Comme Catholiques soucieux des avantages de notre religion et obéissants au commandement d'amour de son Divin Fondateur, nous devons être en tout temps désireux, connaissant sa valeur pour la vie spirituelle, de recevoir cette précieuse nourriture qu'il nous donne dans la Sainte Eucharistie, Son propre "corps, Son sang, Son âme et Sa divinité." "Prenez et mangez, ceci est mon corps" St. Math. xxvi., 26. "Celui qui mange ce pain vivra éternellement," St. Jean VI. 59. C'est une pratique salutaire de recevoir la Sainte Communion souvent; mais, quoiqu'il nous arrive, nous devrions au temps de Pâques nous préparer pour la recevoir dignement. Approchons-nous de la Sainte Table en corps autant que possible si nos Directeurs spirituels le désirent, afin de faire une profession formelle publique de foi sous nos propres bannières, et ainsi montrer au monde que nous ne rougissons pas de notre Catholicité.

La communion Pascale faite en corps rendra aussi nos succursales chères à leurs communautés Catholiques respectives, et comme une odeur suave attirera nombre d'hommes dans leurs rangs.

Il n'est pas nécessaire de dire que comme sauvegarde contre le défaut d'accomplissement de ce devoir le Directeur Spirituel est tenu d'assurer chaque succursale que ses membres sont Catholiques pratiquants; et pour éviter toute méprise, il devrait parcourir la liste complète des membres au temps de Pâques.

Dans le cas des membres éloignés il devrait recevoir un certificat de l'accomplissement du devoir Pascal, de leurs curés respectifs; et non seulement cela, mais le curé devrait informer l'Aviseur Spirituel du fait que

le porteur du certificat est Catholique pratiquant, dans tout le sens du mot. L'A. C. B. M., ne peut laisser planer aucun soupçon sur la Catholicité de ses membres.

Que tous les membres, donc, se rappellent leur obligation envers Dieu et leur Sainte mère l'Eglise à cette saison, et obéissent avec promptitude et fidélité au précepte Pascal, montrant ainsi qu'ils vivent spirituellement dans la Sainte Eucharistie, et de cette manière ils acquerront des bénédictions personnelles et fraternelles pour le temps et l'éternité.

REV. A. E. BURKE.

Le Révérend Alfred E. Burke, qui a été récemment nommé par le Grand Président à la position de Grand Député pour l'île du Prince Edouard, dont il a été le Député d'Arroldissement depuis que l'A. C. B. M. y fut introduite il y a deux ans, est l'un des membres du Clergé le plus universellement connu au Canada. Il naquit à Georgetown de parents Irlandais, son grand-père étant originaire de "Gallant Tipperary," en 1860, et conséquemment vient justement de compléter sa trente-cinquième année. Après avoir fait ses études préparatoires au High School de sa ville natale où il gagna le titre de meilleur élève du Comté de Kings, et plus tard au Collège de St. Dunstan, il commença ses études philosophiques à l'Université Laval en 1881, et aussitôt complétées il entra au Grand Séminaire de Québec pour se préparer à la prêtrise. Il y demeura jusqu'au 30 Mai, 1885, et obtint les degrés ordinaires, alors que feu Monseigneur McIntyre sentant le besoin d'un plus grand nombre de prêtres l'obligea de recevoir l'ordination de la prêtrise un an avant la fin de son terme. De retour dans son diocèse il fut immédiatement nommé secrétaire de l'Evêque et remplit les devoirs de cette position, en même temps qu'il rendit beaucoup d'assistance dans la paroisse en prêchant et en donnant des lectures avec la grande énergie et l'habileté remarquable qui ont toujours été son caractéristique.

En 1888 le Révd. Burke fut nommé à la cure d'Alberton où il est demeuré depuis, érigeant les institutions ecclésiastiques et s'occupant des intérêts spirituels de sa paroisse. Les gens de l'île du Prince Edouard peuvent dire avec quelle perfection il accomplit cette tâche difficile. En outre de ses efforts en faveur de sa paroisse le Révd. Burke a toujours été au premier rang dans tout mouvement entrepris dans les intérêts de sa province, sans égard aux croyances religieuses ou à la nationalité. Il est aussi connu par tout le Dominion comme un Canadien ami du progrès et patriote, et il a apporté ses sages conseils, son énergie et sa personnalité captivante à la considération et à l'adoption d'une foule de projets de grande valeur pour tout le pays. Le Révd. Burke a étudié et

fait rapport sur le problème de la colonisation du Nord Ouest pour le Pacifique Canadien et le gouvernement, visitant ce riche grenier pratiquement sans limites trois fois consécutives en autant d'années, et aussi le Nord Ouest Américain où dans l'hiver de 1893 il fut l'hôte de l'illustre Archevêque Ireland de St. Paul, pendant qu'il s'informait du grand travail accompli par ce prélat pour établir des colonies dans le Minnesota et les Etats de l'Ouest. En compagnie d'un personnage distingué, le Révd. Burke, à titre d'hôte du Pacifique Canadien, visita la Colombie Anglaise en 1892. Le Ministre actuel de l'Agriculture, l'Hon. D. Ferguson, fut l'un des compagnons de voyage, et des gens de l'île bien informés affirment que c'est dû largement à l'influence, à la persuasion et au patriotisme du Révd. Burke pour sa province (il se rendit à cette époque à Ottawa avec le Sénateur Prorose en mission spéciale) si l'île du Prince Edouard fut représentée dans le Cabinet. Le United Canada disait de sa présence à la Capitale en Décembre, 1894 :

"Le Révd. Burke, de l'île du Prince Edouard, à qui il est beaucoup dû pour avoir obtenu la représentation de l'île dans le Cabinet est en ville depuis quelques jours. C'est un jeune homme et il est hautement considéré par toutes les classes dans sa province natale."

En 1894 le nouveau Grand Député fut le premier à introduire, à la suggestion du Grand Député O'Keefe de St. Jean, N. B., l'A. C. B. M. dans l'île du Prince Edouard, et il a travaillé pour l'Association de manière à s'acquiescer la gratitude de tout frère loyal. Il fut l'un des membres actifs de la convention de St. Jean où il prit part dans des comités importants. Dans sa province où l'Association s'étend chaque jour, il ne cesse de parler de ses mérites au point de vue Catholique, intellectuel ou d'assurance, et ses fréquentes visites aux succursales, sont sûres de faire mûrir un enthousiasme des plus salutaires et des plus désirables. Le Révd. Burke aussi a souvent bien employé sa plume, et il en manie une puissante et féconde, au bien de l'Association dans notre propre presse et dans la presse séculière. En vérité il est un officier modèle sous tous rapports et nous espérons seulement que son exemple puisse être plus généralement imité.

Il nous a été impossible dans une courte esquisse biographique comme celle-ci de mentionner tous les titres à la prééminence auxquels le Grand Député Burke a droit, et même maintenant nous craignons d'avoir offensé sa modestie bien connue. Il suffira de citer en terminant les derniers mots de sa biographie dans "Men of Canada," à qui nous sommes redevables pour la plus grande partie des faits de cette esquisse :

"Le Révd. Burke est un prédicateur éloquent et capable, contribue fréquemment à la presse, et dans cette sphère il manie une plume dans laquelle il instille toute son énergie et sa

haute connaissance. Il est infatigable dans ses efforts pour toute bonne cause qui a pour but l'avancement moral. Il est très populaire non seulement parmi les siens propres mais parmi tous ceux qui ont le privilège de le connaître. C'est un jeune homme et nul doute que de grands honneurs l'attendent."

NOTES

Notre association a bien commencé l'année 1896. Huit nouvelles succursales ont déjà été instituées.

La taxe per capita pour le trimestre finissant le 31 Mars, 1896, est maintenant due. Voir la clause 60<sup>ème</sup> de la Constitution.

Les membres de la Succursale No 235, Ridgetown, Ont., et un nombre d'invités, ont passé une agréable soirée à la résidence de Fr. F. N. Dillott, le 17 Mars dernier.

Frère W. J. Sleau, secrétaire archiviste de la succursale No 172, a été élu, par le conseil de Collingwood, syndic de la bibliothèque publique de cette ville.

Le succès l'A. C. B. M. du Canada a été phénoménal. Si vous n'êtes pas déjà membre, devenez-le, en faisant partie d'une association fraternelle d'assurance de première classe.

\$124,000,00 ont été épargnés aux membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada pendant les trois années passées, par la séparation financière d'avec les Etats-Unis.

Frère J. A. Renaud, Président de la Succursale No. 117, de Joliette, P. Q., a été nommé conseil de la reine par le Gouvernement Fédéral. C'est le plus jeune, comprenons nous, "C. R." du Dominion.

L'Organe Acadien de l'île du Prince Edouard a publié un magnifique article sur notre association qu'il appelle en conclusion, "L'espoir du Canada Catholique." Nous sommes reconnaissants à L'Impartial de son aimable appréciation.

Un membre réintégré est un membre de gagné; alors voyez aux membres suspendus et réintégrez les, si possible. Rappelez vous que si un membre est suspendu pendant plus de trois mois pour cause de non-paiement des cotisations, il ne peut être légalement réintégré.

Ceux des officiers de la Succursale No. 4, London, Ont., qui sont requis par notre Constitution de donner des cautionnements, se sont depuis plusieurs années procuré ces cautionnements d'une Compagnie de Garantie ou d'Indemnité. Nous comprenons que les officiers de la Succursale No. 145 en font autant. Nous croyons qu'il serait bon d'obliger par notre constitution toutes nos Succursales à faire de même.

Frère M. Clancy, trésorier de la succursale No 4, recolle maintenant les fruits d'une carrière remplie à la satisfaction de ses supérieurs, comme gardien à la prison centrale, à Toronto. Après 19 ans de services comme tel, il vient d'être promu à une position plus responsable, dont l'emolument comporte une bonne augmentation de salaire. Il est à espérer que notre digne frère vivra longtemps pour jouir du bénéfice de cette promotion.

Le progrès de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada est de plus en plus vivace. Nous pouvons nous en glorifier, mais si chaque membre faisait sa part de travail en amenant des nouveaux membres à sa succursale, le progrès serait plus grand. Frère, si vous ne faites pas d'effort pour augmenter votre nombre vous ne devez pas murmurer ou être surpris d'une double cotisation de temps à autre.

Les compagnies d'assurance, en général, rejettent les aspirants dont le poids est de 20 pour cent au-dessous, ou 30 pour cent au-dessus de la pesanteur moyenne, si en aucun temps ils se sont adonnés à la boisson avec excès. Sous ce rapport la table suivante sera utile:

Hauteur.		Poids Moyen.		30 en Plus.	30 en Moins.
Pds.	Pes.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
5	3	130	160	104	104
5	4	135	175	109	109
5	5	140	190	114	114
5	6	145	205	119	119
5	7	150	220	124	124
5	8	155	235	129	129
5	9	160	250	134	134
5	10	165	265	139	139
5	11	170	280	144	144
6	1	175	295	149	149

Baucoup de membres se plaignent de ne pas recevoir LE CANADIEN régulièrement. Si ces membres nous envoient leur présente adresse, nous pourrions investiguer l'affaire. Nous avons la satisfaction que la faute n'est pas à nous, car nous revisons la liste de la maille chaque mois, et une copie du journal est envoyée à chaque membre à la dernière adresse qui nous a été donnée pour cette liste. Les membres qui changent d'adresse devraient nous en donner avis immédiatement, ayant soin en même temps de mentionner le numéro de leur succursale respective; autrement ils peuvent ne pas recevoir leur copie.

Accuse de Reception.

Lévis, P. Q., Mars, 1896.  
 RECEPTION DE FEU J. I. GARNEAU.  
 Monsieur — J'accuse réception du chèque de votre Association pour la somme de mille Piastres (\$1000 00) en paiement de la Police sur la vie de feu Joseph I Garneau, mon mari.  
 Je vous remercie et vous prie de transmettre à Messieurs les officiers de votre succursale et aux autorités de votre bureau de direction, l'expression de ma vive reconnaissance pour leurs bons procédés à mon égard.  
 (signé) M<sup>re</sup> J. I. GARNEAU.  
 J. Adelaire Demers, Ecr.,  
 Sec.-Arch. Succursale No. 96,  
 Lévis, P. Q.

Toronto, 1 Mars, 1896. S. B. Brown, Editeur.

Cher Monsieur et Frère—J'ai calculé combien nous avons sauvé financièrement en nous séparant du Conseil Suprême de l'A. C. B. M. des États unis pendant les trois années terminées en Décembre, 1895, et je crois que nous avons de bonnes raisons de nous féliciter du résultat du changement.

Depuis notre séparation, ou, pendant les trois années mentionnées, nous avons eu au Canada 45 cotisations, et les États unis en ont eu 60, pendant la même période. Nos 45 cotisations se sont élevées (à part le Fonds de Réserve) à \$372,000.00. Dans la même proportion, les 60 cotisations du Conseil Suprême s'élevaient à \$496,000.00. Au Canada nous avons donc sauvé la différence, savoir \$124,000.00, somme égale à près de 2 1/2 fois notre Fonds de Réserve actuel qui s'est accumulé pendant les neuf années passées.

Comme il y a eu 15 cotisations de moins au Canada, nos membres ont sauvé comme suit:

Table with 2 columns: Amount saved and Number of members. Rows include \$100 (150), \$10 (10), \$20 (18), \$30 (19), \$45 (21), \$65 (24).

Espérant que notre bonne association continuera de prospérer et vous souhaitant tout le succès possible dans votre louable travail.

Je demeure, Fraternellement à vous WILLIAM MORAN.

Suc. No. 15 A. C. B. M.

APPEL.

Aux membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada.

Nicolet, P. Q., 16 Janvier, 1896

Frères—La succursale No. 164 de l'A. C. B. M. établie à Nicolet, P. Q., croit qu'il est de son devoir de faire appel aux diverses succursales de l'Association en faveur du Frère Mathias Tousignant, qui, depuis une année, est gravement malade et incapable de vaquer à ses occupations pendant qu'il est le seul soutien d'une nombreuse famille.

Le frère Tousignant est l'un des fondateurs de notre succursale et a toujours été l'un des membres les plus zélés et dévoués aux intérêts de l'A. C. B. M.

Outre sa grave maladie, le frère Tousignant a éprouvé des pertes considérables se montant à près de \$4,000, étant à peu près tout son avoir. Il a un même temps perdu sa femme et son fils aîné. Nous avons toujours l'espoir que le frère Tousignant reviendrait à la santé et serait bientôt en état de reprendre ses affaires, mais Dieu, dans sa suprême sagesse, n'a pas jugé à propos de lui accorder cette faveur, et aujourd'hui, après des mois de maladie, il est forcé de requérir aide et assistance de la part de ses frères de l'A. C. B. M.

L'objet de notre Association est de s'entraider et nous espérons que tous les frères de l'A. C. B. M. voudront bien profiter de cette circonstance pour prêter secours à un frère dans le besoin et attirer ainsi sur eux et sur l'Association la bénédiction de Dieu.

Un don, quelque modeste qu'il puisse être, de la part de chaque succursale, sera d'un grand secours au frère Tousignant.

Nous avons donc confiance, frères, que vous allez tendre une main secour

able au frère Tousignant, qui le mérite à tous égards.

A vous fraternellement, W CAMIRAND, Président.

J. E. BILLORETT, Sec. Arch. DR. A. O. CLOUTIER, Sec. Fin.

Toutes les contributions devront être envoyées à W. Camirand, Président de la succursale No. 164, A. C. B. M. Nicolet, P. Q.

Je, soussigné, avertisseur spirituel de la succursale No. 164 de l'A. C. B. M. certifie que le frère Mathias Tousignant est membre en règle de notre succursale et mérite grandement à tous égards les sympathies et l'assistance de l'Association.

P. A. GOUIN, Ptre, Avertisseur Spirituel.

London, Ont., 5 Mars, 1896.

A. W. Camirand, Prés. Suc. No. 164 A. C. B. M., Nicolet, P. Q.

Cher Monsieur et Frère—Le Grand Président et le bureau des Syndics ont décidé de permettre l'appel de votre succursale en faveur du frère Mathias Tousignant.

A vous fraternellement, SAM R. BROWN, Grand Soc.

Projet d'une Salle pour l'A. C. B. M., à Montreal.

Le lundi soir, 9 Mars 1896, eut lieu dans la salle de la Succursale No. 26 une assemblée des Présidents et d'autres représentants des diverses succursales du district de Montréal. L'Assemblée fut convoquée par le Grand Député J. J. Costigan qui présida. Parmi ceux présents se trouvaient les Chanceliers T. J. Finn, A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley, et le Président Ward, de la Succursale No. 23; le Président Polan, de la Succursale No. 60; le Chancelier O'Brien et le Secrétaire F. D. Daley, de la Succursale No. 54; le Président Fenfold et le Chancelier Jer. Coffey, de la Succursale No. 74; le Chancelier C. Daudelin et le Frère L. N. Carlo, de la Succursale No. 83; le Président A. H. Spedding, de la Succursale No. 140; le Chancelier J. A. Polvin et le Président Girard, de la Succursale No. 142; le Président C. E. Olivier et le Frère Beaulieu, de la Succursale No. 190; le Président A. T. Martin, de la Succursale No. 226; le Président G. A. Carpenter, les Frères Ireland et Choquette, de la Succursale No. 232; les Frères D. J. McGillis, Martin Egan, L. F. Simoneau, Kavanagh, Quincey, G. A. Gadhog, Jas. Milloy, Stevens, R. J. Nagle, M. Sharkey, Hartenstein, O'Toole, Coughlin, W. Palmer, Gould, E. P. Ward et nombre d'autres frères.

Les députés d'arrondissement P. Reynolds et C. Daudelin occupèrent les fauteuils des vice-présidents et le Chancelier Jer. Coffey agit comme Secrétaire. Le Grand Député Costigan ouvrit l'Assemblée par une courte adresse au cours de laquelle il remercia ceux qui étaient présents d'avoir répondu à son invitation. Le but principal de l'Assemblée était de prendre en considération diverses questions relatives au bien des succursales du district et à l'avancement des intérêts de l'Association en général. Les députés d'arrondissement étaient unanimes à exprimer l'opinion que des assemblées de ce genre devraient être tenues fréquemment. Il y eut un point spécial sur lequel il attirerait leur attention, savoir la nécessité d'avoir une grande salle commune dans laquelle toutes les succursales s'assembleraient. Le Chancelier T. J. Finn avait présenté cette question à la dernière assemblée de la Succursale No. 26. L'idée était noble et digne de la considération de tous ceux qui étaient présents.

Le Chancelier Finn sur demande de l'Assemblée traita de la nécessité d'avoir une grande salle commune, que les membres pourraient appeler la leur et qui devrait être digne de l'Association. Ce serait un souvenir vivant rappelant l'Association à nos concitoyens, et le bien

qu'ils accomplit, et d'un secours permanent pour son avancement et sa prospérité continue. Les Chanceliers O'Brien, Feeley, Polvin, Spedding, les Frères Egan, A. D. McGillis, J. Girard, Carpenter, Sharkey et presque tous ceux présents endossèrent le projet, et sur proposition du Frère O'Brien, appuyée par Frère Carpenter, on fixa le circuit.

Frère Polan, appuyé par Frère Feeley, proposa de former une compagnie à fonds social pour mettre le projet à exécution. Les représentants furent priés d'exposer le sujet devant leurs succursales respectives et de faire rapport à une assemblée qui devra avoir lieu le deuxième Lundi, d'Avril.

Le Grand Député Costigan remercia l'Assemblée de la manière avec laquelle la question fut débattue, et il remercia aussi le Président Ward de la Succursale No. 26, pour sa complaisance à mettre la salle de la succursale à sa disposition pour des assemblées futures. Les députés d'arrondissement Reynolds et Daudelin adressèrent aussi la parole et d'autres questions d'intérêt pour l'Assemblée furent soulevées et résolues favorablement.

La Succursale No. 246, Fête Son Directeur Spirituel.

Le 8 Mars, les membres de la Succursale No. 246, fondée dans la paroisse du Cap St. Ignace, voulurent donner à leur digne curé, le Révérend Messire Joseph Napo, un Sirois, une preuve de leur reconnaissance, et de leur filial attachement.

Messire Sirois, célébra ce jour là sa fête patronale, et les vingt neuf années qu'il a passées dans cette belle paroisse, faisant le bien et se dévouant à l'avancement spirituel et temporel de ses ouailles, lui ont concilié l'estime et l'affection générale. Aussi les membres de l'A. C. B. M., surent-ils faire ressortir les admirables qualités de leur pasteur dans l'adresse qui lui fut présentée après la messe.

Le Président de la Succursale, Frère Méthot, Maire de la paroisse, lut cette adresse à laquelle Monsieur le Curé répondit dans les termes les plus heureux. Cette pièce de bonne littérature et d'heureuses pensées avait été richement illuminée par les Dames de la Charité.

Le Révérend Messire C. E. Carrier, Supérieur du Collège de Lévis, membre de la Succursale No. 86, avait donné le sermon à la Grand-Messe. Parlant de St. Joseph comme patron du travail, et patron des familles, il avait rappelé aux paroissiens les œuvres du chef de leur famille paroissiale, la construction d'un magnifique temple, la fondation d'un couvent et toutes les œuvres de zèle qui n'échappent pas au pasteur dévoué.

Dans l'après-midi, il y eut réunion des membres de la succursale dans leur salle. Un grand nombre d'invités vinrent se joindre à eux. Après le bienvenu soulaillé à leurs visiteurs par Frère Président Méthot, le Grand Député Montreuil, le Député d'Arrondissement Dr. Lantier et le digne Curé adressèrent la parole.

La fête s'est terminée par une grande soirée dramatique et musicale, organisée par les membres de la succursale, donnée par les jeunes gens du Cap St. Ignace, et dont voici l'excellent programme:

LES ANCIENS CANADIENS. (Drame en trois actes.)

Ouverture—Grand Galop de Concert C. Kottlerer. Duo de piano par Milles. M. A. Méthot et A. Dugal.

Premier Acte—Carnaval de Venise. Duo chanté par MM. B. Bernier et A. Bernier.

Deuxième Acte—Franco! Franco! Paroles de I. F. Vaudin, Musique d'Ambrose Thomas—Chanté par le chœur des jeunes gens.

Troisième Acte—Rhapsodie Hongroise. F. Liszt. Duo de piano par Milles. M. L. Méthot et A. Dugal.

L'AVOCAT PATELIN. (Comédie en trois actes.)

Premier Acte—La Saint Hubert. Laurent de Rillé. Chanté par le chœur des jeunes gens.

Deuxième Acte—Les Quatre Prunes, Dialogue, MM. A. Guimont et D. Dernier.

Troisième Acte—God Save the Queen.

Chanté par le chœur des Jeunes Gens. Monsieur le Curé, Messire Carrier, Messire Goudreau, Messire Blanchet, Messire Proulx, les Députés du Comité, Messieurs Choquette et Bernatchez, et Frère P. J. Montreuil, officier du Grand Conseil de l'Association, assistaient à la séance.

Le Révérend Messire Blanchet, vicaire de la paroisse, s'est multiplié pour préparer ce gracieux programme qu'il a vu couronné de plus heureux succès. Les membres de la Succursale No. 246 ont droit d'être fiers de leur démonstration religieuse, dramatique et musicale. Longue vie à Monsieur le Curé du Cap St. Ignace.

Nouvelle Succursale.

La Succursale No. 266 a été instituée le 9 Mars 1896, à Brewer's Mills, Ont., par le Grand Député J. J. Belian. Voir la partie Anglaise pour la liste des officiers.

Appels Harley et Tousignant.

Nous publions dans la partie Anglaise la liste des succursales qui ont répondu à ces deux appels. En y référant on constatera le montant souscrit par chacune d'elles.

Rôle d'Honneur.

La Succursale No. 62, Canard River, Ont., tient le premier rang sur le rôle d'honneur pour le plus grand nombre de contributions pendant le mois de Février, 1896, ayant initié huit membres.

La Succursale No. 256, Somersot, Man., vient en second lieu, ayant initié six membres.

La Succursale No. 58, Hamilton, Ont., a initié cinq membres.

Une Invitation.

Les officiers et membres de la Succursale No. 13, Stratford, Ont., désirent annoncer aux membres de l'A. C. B. M., par tout le Canada qu'ils les invitent cordialement d'assister à leur assemblée qui sera tenue à l'Hotel de Ville de Stratford, le Mardi 14 Avril, 1896, à 8.30 heures p. m.

JAMES MARREY, Pres. E. J. KEENE, Sec.

Stratford, Ont., 23 Mars 1896.

Elections d'Officiers pour 1896.

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Pres T J Quigley first vice pres Jas Toohy, second vice pres W J Dwan, rec sec P O Shea, tres E McLoughlin, assit rec sec M Quigley, fin sec W J Dwan, mar H Benn, guard John McLoughlin, trus John Whalen E McLoughlin, Jas Kelly, sr, John Cain and W J Dwan, rep T J Quigley, ait John F Cain.

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