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## THE REAL MAN WITH THE HOE.

(Most Rev. C. O'Brien, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax, in Newfoundland Tribune)

He leans upon his hoe, his wind swept face,  
By cheerful thought and manly labor  
Assumed,  
Is comely as a vision love had dreamed,  
Repose, deep-seated as a star in space  
That sees, but joins not in our Obit's race,  
Glims in untroubled eyes that ever gleamed  
The fair when over the world the sun was  
Reamed  
And throbbing, swung within its God's embrace,  
He calmly turns; and now is seen a smile  
Quaint, pitiful, yet not devoid of scorn;  
He hears the idle wail his fancied woe  
His mind so full and theirs so void the while;  
He knows all men for honest work are born  
And what more noble than to reap and sow.

## NEW BRANCHES.

Branch 259 was instituted on the 24th day of January, 1900, at Forest, Ont. by Provincial Organizer Joseph Kidd

The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. A. Ladouceur  
President, James H. Havin.  
First Vice President, Samuel Farrell  
Second Vice President, Michael Garrett  
Recording Secretary, Edmund P. O'Donnell  
Assistant Secretary, Michael J. Deegan.  
Financial Secretary, Mathew O'Donnell.  
Treasurer, Michael Roche.  
Marshal, Michael Roche.  
Guard, Lawrence Cosgrove.  
Trustees, Mathew O'Donnell, John C. O'Donnell, John Leonard, James Leonard, and Wm. Hallicoy.

Branch No. 390 was instituted on the 4th day of February, 1900, at Coaticook, Que., by Brother J. E. H. Howison.

The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. McAuley, V. G.  
President, L. C. Bichaud  
First Vice-President, P. C. McAuley.  
Second Vice President, J. N. Desvoysaux.  
Recording Secretary, J. D. Bichaud.  
Assistant Recording Secretary, Edouard Maurais.  
Financial Secretary, J. B. Durocher.  
Treasurer, J. B. Gendreau.  
Marshal, P. Ledoux.  
Guard, J. H. Beaufort.  
Trustees, G. H. St. Pierre, A. R. Payette, Alex. Trudeau, J. E. Landry and E. Maurais.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

At a regular meeting of Branch 130, Bathurst, N. B., held in the branch hall on Tuesday, January 2, 1900 the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Brother P. J. Veniot, seconded by Brother E. L. O'Brien, that the members of Branch 130 hereby tender to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, Spiritual Adviser of this Branch, their sincere congratulations on his appointment as Bishop of Tangga and Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Chatham, and pray that he may long be spared to continue the good work commenced and so well carried on in Northern

New Brunswick by the Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, the venerable Ordinary of the Diocese

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, inserted in THE CANADIAN and spread on the minutes of the meeting

Brothers Veniot and O'Brien were appointed a committee to present the above resolution to Rev. Dr. Barry.

## SUNDAY MEETINGS.

In the last issue of THE CANADIAN the following questions were submitted by one of our Grand Deputies, with the request that they should be answered in THE CANADIAN by our Grand Solicitor

"Is it legal to organize branches and install officers of the C. M. B. A. on Sundays? The Constitution says that meetings cannot be held on Sundays or legal holidays. When branches are organized is not the first meeting of such branches that takes place the organization of the branch and the installation of its officers?"

The comment is then made:

These are important proceedings which ought not to take place on any day on which regular meetings cannot be held.

Our Grand Solicitor has replied: The section referred to in the questions is 176 which enacts as follows:

The regular meetings of the branch shall be held at least semi-monthly, at the time and place prescribed in the by-laws or in a standing resolution of the branch. Notice of the same shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and Grand Deputy in whose jurisdiction the branch is located, but such meetings shall not be on a Sunday or legal holiday.

It will be observed that the section applies to regular meetings only and prohibits the holding of regular meetings on Sundays and legal holidays

Special meetings are governed by Section 178 and the Constitution does not prohibit the holding of special meetings on Sundays or legal holidays.

A regular meeting of the Branch cannot be held until the Branch is organized. Hence a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Branch cannot be considered a regular meeting of the Branch, and is not irregular by reason of anything contained in the Constitution of the C. M. B. A. Is there anything, then, in our statute or common law which prevents the holding of such a meeting on Sunday?

The Ontario Statute does not touch the matter. At the common law judicial proceedings only on Sunday are void; but all other business transactions are valid except in so far as they are prohibited by statute, or, in the case of societies like the C. M. B. A.,

by such rules and organization as the society duly enacts.

In my opinion the prohibition contained in the Constitution does not prevent the organization of a Branch and the installation of its officers on Sunday. Their installation, however, at a regular meeting held on Sunday, would, in my opinion, be illegal, but such installation held at a special meeting on a Sunday or legal holiday is not prohibited, and if in all other respects in accordance with the Constitution, would be valid and legal.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Branch No. 20, Cardigan Bridge, P. E. I., at its last regular meeting, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas His Lordship Bishop McDonald has issued a circular letter commending the methods and objects of the C. M. B. A. and urging the faithful to become members of our grand Association.

And whereas this letter is calculated to encourage and promote the interests of the C. M. B. A. in this province to a large extent.

Resolved that the officers and members of Branch No. 20, express to His Lordship the deep sense of gratitude which they feel for his exertions on behalf of the Association, and for the lively interest which he has always manifested in its welfare.

Also resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the branch, and forwarded to THE CANADIAN for publication.

## LOCAL CONVENTION.

The Branches of the C. M. B. A. in Western Nova Scotia have undertaken a new venture in the matter of holding local conventions semi-annually, and your correspondent believes that they prove to be a decided success. The first reunion of this nature met at Yarmouth a year ago, at which delegates from the branches in Digby and Yarmouth counties were present. Another meeting was held at the same place in July last, and arrangements were there and then arrived at where by delegates from the six branches in the above named counties would meet on the first Saturdays in January and July of each year at such places as the convention should decide, but no two succeeding conventions should be held at the same place.

The third reunion took place at West Pubnico on the 6th of January last, and the meeting was most pro-

ductive and enjoyable one. Mr. F. G. (C. M. B. A.) Grand Deputy, who has taken a very active part in the venture, presided. Mr. Henry T. Deane, rector of West Pubnico acted as First Vice President. E. Therian, of Bellefleur, was entrusted with the duties of Recording Secretary. F. W. Dore of Miramichi acted as Marshal and G. DeLentement, of West Pubnico, Guard. Wilfrid Comeau, professor at St. Anne's College, Church Point, was appointed Chancellor.

Among the several topics of interest under consideration during the convention were: The benefits of education and the means necessary to improve our condition in that line; the advancement of the association was ably presented; the necessity of insurance also occupied the close attention of the meeting and the benefits of closer relations between the branches were earnestly advocated. The delegates were warmly received by the local branch. An address of welcome was read to them at the opening of the meeting by James G. DeLentement, ex-President of Branch No. 20, which was appropriately responded to by the President of the convention. On Sunday the delegates and members attended divine service at St. Peter's Church, marching in procession from the hall. On Monday morning they returned to their several homes, carrying with them a deep sense of appreciation for the generous hospitality of the people of West Pubnico and a warm enthusiasm towards the association.

These meetings are most commendable, and much good will evidently obtain from them. It would seem that the members of the association in Western Nova Scotia attach a great deal of importance to, and have great faith in, the future of the association. The writer believes that the matter of local conventions on similar lines as those referred to should receive the attention of the next Grand Council Convention.

In conclusion, I wish to refer to the valuable assistance rendered at this convention by Rev. Father Brown and LeDore of the faculty of St. Anne's College, Church Point, for the able manner in which they assisted in carrying the affair to such a successful issue. Rev. Father Brown was most eloquent in dealing with the importance of education, and he scored many good points in his masterly addresses.

The world is a loud talker but a very poor thinker.—Father Ryan.

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NOTES

In another column we publish a beautiful sonnet by His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax the Grand Spiritual Adviser of the C. M. B. A., entitled "The Real Man With the Hoe." The Archbishop's beautiful lines present a full-length portrait of the Christian laborer whose life is sustained by faith, and in the sonnet is that respect in striking contrast with the now famous poem of Mr. Markham, of which it is a suggestion.

ORGANIZERS AND NEW ARRANGEMENT

An important and far reaching step was taken by the Grand Trustees of the C. M. B. A. at their meeting in Montreal. For some time back in the various provinces paid organizers have been employed in the interest of the Association and with varying success. In some districts the plan worked very well, in others it met with practically no results. In the meantime the expenses were creeping up and it became quite evident that on the whole the results did not warrant the outlay. Recently, in Nova Scotia and in the city of Montreal the plan of payment by results had been adopted and the sum of \$100 was given to the organizer for each member initiated through his efforts.

The Grand Trustees have now determined to make this plan universal throughout the Dominion. Hereafter, then, the sum of \$100 will be paid through his branch to any brother who secures the initiation of a new member. Thus every member of the Association becomes an organizer and every branch becomes a centre for organiza-

tion. We have no doubt as to the wisdom of this step. The Association will now pay for results and for results only. Encouragement is given to all our members to join in the good work. In districts where branches are already formed there should not be a single eligible member whose name is not on the roll of the C. M. B. A. There is encouragement given, too, for members to work up new branches in districts adjacent to their own. Thus, by this plan, the ground should be covered and covered well. But the obligation still remains with Grand officers, and especially Grand Deputies, and with the branch officers, to see to it without delay that concerted and organized work is begun at once. There never was a more favorable time in the history of the Association for the work of organization than the present. And aside from our duty to the Association, and the struggle, unrewarded, we should make for her glory and advancement, there is ample financial recompense offered to induce all our members to labor faithfully, zealously and unceasingly in the interests of the C. M. B. A.



REV. NICHOLAS J. DIXON.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Nicholas J. Dixon, P. P.

Our esteemed friend, Rev. N. J. Dixon, P. P., recently deceased, has long been known to us in so favorable a way that we have solicited some facts for publication concerning his career. In connection with his portrait on this page which has been loaned to us through the courtesy of The Michigan Catholic will, we are sure, be read with deep regret by those of his chosen calling as well as by his many friends throughout the province. The deceased was Spiritual Adviser of Branch No. 2, C. M. B. A., Kingsbridge, and was at one time a member and Spiritual Adviser of Branch No. 1, Port Lambton.

The death of this well-known priest was mourned with deep regret by his relatives and friends, which sad event took place on Sunday, January 21, just as he was about to celebrate Mass and begin the service of the forty-hours devotion.

Father Dixon was born in Carleton Place, Lanark, on the 14th of February, 1877. He came to Essex in 1897 and settled with his father near Maidstone Cross. Rev. D. Gauthier, P. P., of Maidstone, taking a great interest in him as a little boy, took him and he remained with him for a year and a half. Taking a great interest in the family, Dr. Gauthier sent him to Sandwich College, when he took the degree of Professor. He taught for three years at Sandwich and then entered the Grand Seminary at Montreal, where he completed his education. He was ordained at London by the late Archbishop Walsh, in November, 1883, was assistant to Father McKeown at Bothwell; afterwards he assisted at Windsor and Stratford. He was sent to Port Lambton, where he administered the duties of parish priest for four years. He was afterwards appointed parish priest of Kingsbridge, Ashfield Township, one of the most important parishes in the London diocese. Since his appointment to Ashfield he labored unceasingly for the welfare of his people; early and late he was always at their service. His thoughts were all of his church and people, and his especial pride was his school. The little children idolized him, and many happy hours he spent in their company, both in the school-room and in the church.

A couple of years ago he opened a mission a few miles from Kingsbridge in a village which at one time had been bitterly anti-Catholic. Among the first subscribers to the new church were a couple of Protestant gentlemen in the village. They admired the zealous priest and encouraged him to come among them. This is but one of the many incidents which could be related of good Father Dixon's popularity and success as a priest.

The body of deceased lay in state in the church from Sunday until Wednesday and the funeral was held from the church in which he had served God so well, Wednesday morning, and it is needless to say that the sacred edifice was crowded with heart-broken mourners. Six priests, friends of deceased, acted as pall bearers and seventeen priests in all attended. High Mass Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father McCabe, P. P., of Seaforth, assisted by Rev. Father Hogan, of Mt. Carmel, as deacon, and Rev. Father Ladouceur, of London, as sub-deacon. Rev. Father D. J. Downey, P. P. of Mitchell and Logan, acted as master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop McEvay preached the funeral sermon, in which he spoke in feeling terms of this deceased devoted priest. His Lordship said "he was loved by his flock and died as a soldier on the battle field." Tears are of little avail now: all the bereaved ones can do is to pray fervently and teach their little ones also to pray for the happy repose of the soul of him who had always been their friend and counsellor—a friend to the widow and orphan.

"We have loved him in life, let us not forget him in death."

Offended vanity is the great exponent of unharmfulness in the social life.

Two-thirds of human existence seem to be wasted in hesitation, and the last in repenting.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY. — Leo XIII has well said that "parental authority can neither be abolished by the State nor absorbed, for it has the same source as human life itself."—American Herald.



REV. JOHN C. SINNETT

A POPULAR PRIEST.

An able, popular, generous and warm-hearted priest, in the person of Rev. John C. Sinnett, has gone as Catholic chaplain with the Second Canadian Contingent to South Africa. While Father Sinnett is, perhaps, better known in the Northwest than in Eastern Canada, he is not unknown in Ontario, where he labored for several years after his ordination.

Rev. Father Sinnett was born in 1856 at Ridgetown, Ont., where his relatives still reside. He was educated at the Jesuit College, Fordham, N. Y., and was ordained priest at Three Rivers, Quebec, in 1887.

A short time after his ordination Father Sinnett was stationed at Guelph and had charge of the Rockwood and Ouellet missions in that district. He was removed from Guelph in 1888 to Sault Ste. Marie, where he resided until he was chosen for a place on the teaching staff of St. Boniface College, St. Boniface, Manitoba, about 1890. While residing at St. Boniface Father Sinnett attended Portage la Prairie, Hun's Valley and other missions in Northwestern Manitoba, and during this time he so endeared himself to the people of Portage la Prairie that an urgent effort was made to have him appointed parish priest at that place. He remained at the college, however, until the winter of 1892, when he was placed in charge of the parish of Regina, N. W. T., where, during his residence, he gained the respect and esteem of all classes and creeds. So popular, indeed, had Father Sinnett become at the Territorial Capital that when His Grace Archbishop Langevin intimated that the Rev. Father would be transferred to Portage la Prairie a largely signed petition was forwarded to the Archbishop from Regina, asking that Father Sinnett be allowed to remain at that place. He was, nevertheless, sent to Portage, and during his stay there the parish prospered and the people of Portage district, which included missions to attend, some of which it was necessary to drive sixty or seventy miles across the prairie, quickly learned to deeply love their devoted priest.

Father Sinnett is an earnest, able and eloquent preacher—he was one of the most popular speakers in western Canada—and notwithstanding his very busy life, he found time to lecture and preach from time to time at Brandon, Rat Portage, Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba and across the line in North Dakota.

There are, unfortunately, few Irish priests in Canada west of Lake Superior, and each year upon the occasion of the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint from every parish in the west which contained a handful of the sons of Ireland there was a desire to have Father Sinnott preach the panegyric of St. Patrick.

During his residence in the North west Father Sinnott became widely acquainted and is today probably better known and has more warm friends in the west than any other clergyman who has ever lived in Western Canada. He is, indeed, truly an ideal priest, an able exponent of the doctrines of the Church of Christ, preaching always the doctrines of love and peace and ever ceaselessly striving to bring spiritual comfort and contentment to those entrusted to his care. Hundreds there are, scattered over the broad, bleak prairie, who will shed a bitter tear and heave a heavy sigh when the news reaches them that the good father, who so zealously worked for their spiritual welfare and was ever ready and deeply solicitous to make happy the humblest homes and the poorest souls, has been chosen for duty in South Africa.

Father Sinnott, during his residence in the west, was not unmindful of the fact that in Catholic societies there is great good. In 1896 he organized and became a member of the Portage la Prairie branch of the C. M. B. A., to the successful formation of which may be attributed the organization of a branch shortly afterwards at Brandon.

In 1898 Father Sinnott left Portage la Prairie, going to Montreal, where he was appointed assistant at St. Anthony's Church, which position he held when chosen as chaplain of the Second Contingent. Prior to his leaving for the east, the Rev. Father was presented by his Portage la Prairie parishioners with a magnificent testimonial of their love and gratitude and by his friends in Brandon he was also given a suitable token of the high esteem in which he was held even by those whom he visited only occasionally. Among the Catholics of both places, and indeed throughout the entire Northwest, there was the deepest regret when the Rev. Father took his departure for eastern Canada, and the wish was general that he might be spared to return to the west and again engage in the noble work which he had been performing so ably and so well.

Last year Father Sinnott made a visit to Edmonton district in the interests of immigration and to report upon the advisability of establishing a colony of Eastern French families in the far west. It was thought that this visit was but the forerunner of Father Sinnott's return to western Canada and the news of his despatch to South Africa came as a surprise and bitter disappointment to western Catholics.

That the good father may be spared to return safely to his native land when the war is over will be the earnest wish of his western friends who are numbered by thousands, for scarcely a settlement from Winnipeg to Calgary is without those who love and revere Father John C. Sinnott.

FAREWELL TO FATHER SINNETT

A hearty farewell was extended by the parishioners of St. Anthony's church, Montreal, to Rev. Father John C. Sinnott when he was leaving to join the Second Contingent in the capacity of chaplain. He was presented with a purse of \$250 and an address, in which

his self-sacrifice in the exercises of his ministry was eulogized and assurances given him that the parishioners would watch his progress with deep interest. They assured him that they would pray for his safety and his work and wished him a happy return. Father Sinnott made a very touching reply.

Father Sinnott sailed from Halifax for South Africa on the 17th of January.

GRAND COUNCIL TRUSTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Grand President and Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was held in St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, Que., on January 17, 1900.

The following members were present: Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand President, P. J. O'Keefe, J. J. Behan, P. J. Rooney and Joseph A. Chisholm, Grand Trustees. Dr. Ryan, Supervising Medical Examiner, F. K. Latchford, Solicitor, and Samuel R. Brown, Grand Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on motion of Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Chisholm.

The Grand Secretary presented the following statistics for the year 1899, which, on motion of Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. Chisholm, were ordered to be spread on the minutes and published in the official organ.

STATISTICS.

During the year 1899 the C. M. B. A. of Canada issued 17 assessments.

We received on Beneficiary account \$179,251.17; the amount transferred to Reserve Fund was \$8,991.90; our Reserve Fund at present, including interest, is \$67,110.00; we paid to heirs of deceased brothers \$131,000.66.

We received on General Fund account, including the balance from 1898 \$112,007.11; our General Fund disbursements amounted to \$13,752.00; the General Fund balance on Dec 31st, 1899, was \$175,111.00; we paid organizers during 1899 \$1,718.17.

The total number of members initiated was 134; the net increase in membership was 128; our membership at present is 1,278.

The number of new branches organized was 25; the total membership of said branches is 1,000.

The number of new members admitted in 1899 in Ontario was 100; Quebec 122; Nova Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and North West Territories, 11.

The amount paid to organizers for 1899 is as follows:

W. F. Higgins	Salary for 6 months	\$1,200.00
	Expenses for 6 months	100.00
	Total	\$1,300.00
J. E. H. Howison	Salary for 12 months	\$2,400.00
	Expenses for 12 months	200.00
	Total	\$2,600.00
H. J. Johnson	Salary for 6 months	\$1,200.00
	Expenses for 6 months	100.00
	Total	\$1,300.00
John C. Sinnott	Salary for 6 months	\$1,200.00
	Expenses for 6 months	100.00
	Total	\$1,300.00
John M. Gibson	Salary for 6 months	\$1,200.00
	Expenses for 6 months	100.00
	Total	\$1,300.00
	Total	\$8,100.00

John H. Feeley, Canvasser in Montreal, received \$200.00 for bringing in 22 new members.

W. F. Higgins, Organizer for Nova

Scotia, received \$100.00 salary for one month.

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The Secretary reported that a large number of branches were in arrears for per capita tax, etc., and he asked the Board what action should be taken, as the constitution in this matter was continually violated.

It was moved by Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Rooney, that the branches in arrears for the per capita tax, initiation, supplies and Supervising Medical Examiners fees be again notified by the Grand Secretary that all such arrearages must be paid within thirty days from date of notice, and also that the attention of the members of said branches be called to the neglect of the branch officers in complying with Sections 17, 18 and 19 of our Constitution. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Bro. Chisholm, seconded by Bro. O'Keefe, and carried unanimously.

Whereas His Lordship Bishop Mac Donald, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has recently addressed a circular letter to his clergy in which he warmly recommends the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada to his people as an organization highly deserving of the confidence and support of all Catholics.

Resolved that this Board, on behalf of the Association at large, put on record its sincere thanks to His Lordship for thus graciously emphasizing the claims of our Association upon the support of the Catholics of the Dominion. Further resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes and a copy of the same be forwarded to His Lordship Bishop Mac Donald.

A deputation from the Montreal branches waited on the Board to discuss the question of devising some other means of adopting some better plan than at present in existence to increase the membership of the Association, particularly in the Province of Quebec.

The following Grand Deputies and brothers were present: A. H. Spedding, A. B. Poltevin, F. Bourgeau, Chas. Fortier, J. H. Feeley, J. J. Costigan, P. Reynolds, C. Paudelin and H. Auclair. Grand Organizer Howison was also present.

The members of the Board were very much pleased with the remarks made by the various speakers, and promised to carefully consider the suggestions given, and if at all possible would comply with the deputations' request.

A question was brought up as to the legal standing of a certain member of one of the Toronto Branches.

After some discussion it was moved by

Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Behan, that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee of the Association to advise the Board.

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lished and that the Grand Secretary notify each Organizer at present engaged that his work as organizer shall cease at the expiration of the present term. Carried.

Moved by Bro Behan seconded by Bro. Chisholm that the Grand Council give a bounty of \$1.00 to each Branch for each new member brought in from and after the expiration of the term of the present Organizers in each Province, and where there are no organizers then from and after the 1st of January. The said bounty to be given when an account for same signed by the President and the Recording Secretary of the Branch is sent to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary is to furnish blank forms of said accounts to Branches applying for same. Carried.

This new system goes into force in Ontario on March 1st. In Quebec Province on February 1st. In Nova Scotia on March 1st. In New Brunswick on March 1st. Prince Edward Island, February 1st. Manitoba, February 1st. North West Territories, February 1st.

A general discussion took place as to the advisability of recommending some central place for holding Conventions instead of at different places, as at present. No definite action was taken.

An appeal from Branch No. 21 Toronto, Ont., on behalf of one of its members was read.

The Board decided that it had not sufficient information to warrant its allowing said appeal to go to the branches, and instructed the Secretary to write to the Branch for further information, and when such is received to send a copy of same to each of the members of the Board. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Rooney, seconded by Bro. Chisholm, that the next meeting of this Board be held in Berlin, Ont., in August or early in September next. Carried.

Solicitor Latchford reported regarding the case of the late Telesphore Savole, formerly a member of Branch 276 Tracadie, N. B. The Board decided to leave the matter in the solicitor's hands.

Moved, seconded and carried, that J. E. H. Howison be continued in the employ of this Association in clerical or such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Secretary, and that he is to be subject to the instructions and orders and under the direction of said officer.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had on hand a large quantity of policies in French with the year 1900 on them, and asked the Board if he should continue using said policies. It was decided to use them, the year being changed without at all altering the policy.

Attention was called to the complaints from members not receiving THE CANADIAN regularly. The Grand Secretary was instructed to send all such complaints to the publisher, Bro. Coffey, and have him make a thorough investigation into such complaints, as the making is done by him.

A member changing his address should immediately notify the Grand Secretary and the Recording Secretary of his Branch such notice.

Moved by Bro. Chisholm seconded by Bro. Coffey, that we do now adjourn to meet at the call of the Grand President. Carried.

Effort so to live that when you die even the undertaker will be sorry — Anon.

It was correspondence to grace which was Mary's grandest grace — Faber.

PRESENTATION TO RIGHT REV. DR. BARRY.

The reception Thursday evening to Bishop-elect Barry by the Bathurst branch of the C M B A was a decided success. Those who had the good fortune to be present at this reception will not so forget the pleasant evening spent with the members of the C M B A in entertaining their Spiritual Director, Dr. Barry.

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, hanging pictures, etc., the work of Messrs P. J. Venlot and Francis J. Melanson. Over the president's chair was the C M B A banner, to the right of which was a picture of His Holiness Leo XIII. and to the left that of Bishop Rogers, both these pictures being handsomely draped with purple. Over the entrance to the stage was the motto "Ad Multos Annos," the rear being draped with the British ensign.

The hall was crowded when the Bishop elect, accompanied by Rev. Father Varrilly, pastor of Bathurst Village, and Rev. Father Purcell, His Lordship's assistant, entered.

His Lordship and party proceeded to the platform, amid the strains of a march. They were received by First Vice-President P. J. Venlot and conducted to seats assigned them on the stage. The First Vice-President opened the meeting by expressing the regret of all the members for the unavoidable absence through illness of our worthy president, Bro P. J. Burns. It was all the more regrettable from the fact that Bro Burns, who is one of the charter members, was also a very intimate friend of the person in whose honor we had assembled. He next welcomed all present to the C M B A hall to be participants in the rejoicings which animated Branch 130 at the elevation of its Spiritual Director to such a dignified position in the government of the Church.

The choir, ably led by Bro J. J. Harrington, with Miss Emma Power as organist, and assisted by several ladies of the Sacred Heart choir and Bros. Lavalles and J. Melanson, then sang "Vivat Pastor Bonus," immediately after which Bro E. L. O'Brien, Second Vice President, read the following address:

To the Right Reverend Thomas F. Barry, D. D., Bishop elect of Thuzga and Coadjutor Bishop-elect of Chatham.

My Lord—We, the members of Branch No. 130 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, beg to offer you our sincere congratulations on your elevation to the high and holy office of Bishop.

Your long period of faithful service in the holy priesthood, your zeal and energy in the advancement of the interest of Mother Church and your constant solicitude for all that appertained to the exaltation of religion, have, in times past, caused those who have watched your priestly career, to hope that the laborer would one day receive the reward of his unflinching toil, that your self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of the Church and your faithful vigilance over the flock committed to your care would receive that recognition which is due to your continuous endeavor and as the reward of duty well performed. That time has now arrived. It has pleased our holy Father, Pope Leo the Thirteenth, to place you among the Hierarchy as Bishop of Thuzga and Coadjutor to our venerable and venerated Bishop Dr. Rogers. The honor conferred upon you is one that fills us with joy and gratitude, but lips cannot give adequate expression to our sentiments of satisfaction at this signal proof of estimation in which our beloved pastor is held. This dignity is one that by its nature casts a radiance on this parish, over which you have so successfully presided, and in a more particular manner on this branch of which you are the Spiritual Adviser, and which established under your patronage, is the banner of such of the Maritime Provinces.

Years ago, My Lord, the Venerable Ordinary of this diocese saw capability and administrative qualities and in appointing his Vicar General chose one who has proved

himself an able auxiliary in the management of diocesan affairs. We, ourselves, have been witnesses of your progressive ideas in parochial affairs. A glance at those stately granite structures, the church of the Sacred Heart, the presbytery and the school house, shows ample evidence of your untiring energy since your advent into this parish, while the affectionate regard in which you are held by the members of your congregation attests that you have indeed been to them a faithful shepherd.

We thank you, My Lord, for all that your fatherly care has done for us, and repeating our congratulations, pray God to grant you a long and happy life in the exalted position to which Mother Church has called you.

Though we cannot be with you on the day of consecration, we shall follow you in spirit and as an evidence of our regard we beg you to accept the accompanying Cape and request you to wear it on that occasion.

We are, Right Reverend Sir, your devoted children in Christ.

The C. M. B. A.

The address was beautifully illuminated.

On rising to reply to the address His Lordship referred to a resolution of congratulations recently passed by the C. M. B. A. at a regular meeting a copy of which appears below. In that resolution, said His Lordship, you express the hope that I may long be spared to continue "the good work begun and so well carried on by Dr. Rogers." I thank you for this kindly wish, but while I am willing to do my utmost to follow in the footsteps of my venerated Bishop, I feel that you expect too much of me. The work that the venerable Ordinary of this diocese has been able to accomplish since he became Bishop has been of a herculean nature. His success in the administration of diocesan affairs has been due to his marked ability and strict devotion to duty. I doubt very much if in Canada there is to be found a Bishop, who, under similar circumstances, and having the same difficulties to contend with, has been able to accomplish so much for the good of religion and glory of God. I have not, continued His Lordship, the same difficulties to contend with as had Dr. Rogers when taking charge of the diocese in its infancy. He had the ship to build and so well did he construct her and guide her over the troubled sea of her youth that now in her maturer age the task of navigating her will be a light one.

Dr. Barry next referred to the address, thanked the members of the C. M. B. A. for the kind wishes therein expressed and also thanked them for the very handsome gift which accompanied the address. His Lordship in the course of his remarks spoke in high praise of the attainments of the youthful Bishop elect of St. John and wished that like him he had youth upon his side, which would be of great aid to him in the responsible position to which he had been called. In closing his remarks Dr. Barry said it gave him much pleasure to see the C. M. B. A. prosper. He regretted not being able to attend the meetings more regularly, but he was pleased to see that lately Rev. Father Purcell, his assistant, had joined the association and under his direction he was sure the society would continue to prosper.

The President next called on Rev. Father Varrilly, who said that though not a member of the C. M. B. A. he had its advancement at heart and was pleased to see so many of his own parishioners members of Branch 130, which to-night was honoring its Spiritual Adviser, Bishop elect Barry. Your address, said he, spoke of the honor attached to the elevation of Dr. Barry to the episcopate. While it is an honor, permit me to supplement the address by adding that it is an "onus," an additional burden added to the responsibilities already resting upon his shoulders,

which I know will be lightened by the knowledge of the fact that he possesses the good will of all classes in the diocese.

Rev. Father Purcell was next called upon and said that as a member of the C. M. B. A., he was glad to see one of its number raised to the episcopate, but was particularly pleased to see the Spiritual Adviser of the branch to which he belonged the person so honored.

He referred to the responsibilities attached to the office of Bishop and said that it was not enough to wish Dr. Barry well, but that we should pray that God might grant him all the graces necessary for the performance of the duties of his exalted office. In conclusion, Father Purcell made a strong appeal to non members present to join the C. M. B. A., not so much for the insurance as for the good done for religion by such an organization. He referred to the pastoral letter of His Lordship Bishop McDonald, of Charlottetown, touching societies in which he strongly recommends the C. M. B. A., and he hoped they would read that letter and follow the advice given therein.

The choir then rendered in a really beautiful manner "God Bless Our Pope," after which the President made a few remarks and the meeting dispersed by singing God Save the Queen.

Following is the resolution above referred to:

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 130 C. M. B. A., held on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1900, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. P. J. Venlot, seconded by Bro. E. L. O'Brien, that the members of Branch 130 hereby tender to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, Spiritual Adviser of this branch, their sincere congratulations on his appointment as Bishop of Thuzga and Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Chatham, and pray that he may long be spared to continue the good work commenced and so well carried on in Northern New Brunswick by the Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, the venerable Ordinary of this Diocese.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, inserted in THE CANADIAN and spread on the minutes of the meeting.

QUESTION BOX.

Summerdale, P. E. I., Jan. 31, 1900.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN, London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—For the information of members of the C. M. B. A., will our C. M. B. A. Solicitor kindly answer through the columns of THE CANADIAN the following questions:

1st. Can a member in good standing change his Policy in favor of another or others without first getting the consent of these beneficiaries already named in his Policy.

2nd. Can a member away from home and out of reach of his Policy, having suddenly taken ill or overtaken by accident but still in sound mind make a will changing his Policy in favor of some other party or parties other than those already named in the Policy, this being the last will and testament of the member?

3rd. Does the same law governing the C. M. B. A. apply to all the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada alike?

By answering the above questions you will greatly oblige,  
Yours fraternally,

D. J. MCKINSON, Captain.



## SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC MEETING IN GRANBY, QUE.

On Sunday evening, December 10th, 1899, Branch 129 held a most successful public meeting. The Grand President, the Hon. M. F. Hackett, and the Provincial Organizer, Brother J. E. H. Howison, were present and addressed a large and very attentive audience.

Brother Howison was the first speaker in French. He had accepted with pleasure to come and speak of the C. M. B. A. to the people of Granby. The twenty three years of existence of the Association proved a constant and steady progress, and now the C. M. B. A. was protecting hundreds of families from the North West Territories inclusively down to the Atlantic Ocean. As an insurance brotherhood, its principles were sound and its rates just, giving insurance at cost, from year to year. The Association was collecting only what was required, but at the same time had wisely made provision to collect a sum sufficient for all time to come, and thus could never fail to fulfil its obligation towards each and every member. It was incorporated in the Dominion by a special act of the Federal parliament, and the Government was controlling its operations through the Superintendent of Insurance, who once a year makes a thorough investigation at the Grand Secretary's office. The C. M. B. A. was also accumulating a reserve, although not required by law. That was a protection for the members against any emergency, and to perpetuate the Association. The C. M. B. A. had distributed up to the present time nearly \$2,000,000 to the widows and orphans of its deceased members, and this large sum which represented the death claims of the Association had all been paid without any litigation. Where was the regular life insurance company, or the fraternal association, which had done better.

Besides helping the widows and orphans, the C. M. B. A., as a truly Catholic association, was also uniting its members in the bonds of the noblest and most durable fraternity, the Christian Catholic brotherhood, making no distinction as to their nationality or condition in life, excepting that they practice the faith of their fathers, the Catholic faith.

The C. M. B. A. was again a powerful factor against improvidence, and it was a sweet consolation for the husband and the father who at their death could depend on it for the future welfare of their family. The importance of providing for the future needed no comments. Now-a-days, no one had any right, so to speak, to die and leave a wife and small children in charge of relatives, friends, or the public. It was a duty then for every father to provide for those dependent on him in case of a premature death. It was a filial duty for the young men to endeavor to leave, in case of death, something to their parents who brought them up and in return were entitled to some help. It was also a duty for those enjoying health to encourage good things even at a sacrifice. Who would care or could deny the excellence of the C. M. B. A.? Every one could fulfil this duty to the satisfaction of his conscience by becoming members of the Association. A great mistake to be avoided and which was made by many of those who were invited to membership was to defer the matter. They were never ready, or thinking they could always wait a little longer. The sad consequence was that they were wait-

ing too long and almost invariably were always too late to join.

Brother Howison gave an illustration of the case by reporting a very pathetic example. The bread-winner had left his home in the morning, happy to be able to earn another day's salary and comfort for his family. Suddenly he met with an accident and was carried away in the ambulance to the hospital. On his arrival the doctor examined his wounds, pronounced them to be mortal and hastened to summon the priest. Realizing his precarious condition the poor man was thinking of what might become of his wife and his children after his death, and he regretted deeply his negligence in not joining a good association such as the C. M. B. A. But it was too late. Death had come and his family was left unprovided for. Then commenced for the widow and her young orphans a life of sorrow and misery. The family was dispersed. The boys were soon placed into a manufactory working therein the whole day long for a salary hardly sufficient to pay for the most modest boarding. The eldest girl, to whom piano and embroidery work were perhaps taught in prosperous times, had also to work to endeavor to earn her living. The young ones, and the baby, too, had also to depart, for their widowed mother had also to work for her own living. The poor mother got the worst, though. Every day she had to go out washing here and ironing there and every evening when she came back to her empty room she figured the cost for the piece of bread and meat needed for her subsistence and, full of joy, was finding the means of putting half of her small earnings in reserve, for her little children, later on, when she would be able to go and see them.

That was no invention. It happened almost every day in the families bereaved by the sudden call of the bread-winner. Read the papers, inquire from the thousands of young people, girls and boys, working in the manufactories, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses and all or almost all of them will tell you that they enjoyed a prosperous and happy life when the family was together, but suddenly the father was called away, and as this brave father had never thought to provide for his family after his death, misery was their lot. All of you who may yet hesitate to become members of a good mutual benefit association, are invited to visit the hospitals, asylum and even jails. At the hospital see this young girl. She is coughing terribly, she spits blood. Get nearer her bed, be not afraid. Her eyes are still brilliant, and they looked at you with kindness; her lips are still smiling peaceably. She will soon die. Ask her the cause of her awful state. She will tell her story without hesitation; for she suffered too much and does not want to die without letting her neighbors profit by the cruel teaching of her miserable life.

I lost my father when I was young. As he had left us penniless, my mother had to separate from her children, and I took engagements where I could find any. One day I was deceived, and soon misery, shame, discouragement and despair made me fall lower and lower until the day I was brought in this hospital, where they took pity on me and procured me the happiness of preparing myself to die as a Christian. Ah! if my father had been living, or, at least, if he had left me something to live with!

At the asylum. See this young man.

Everything in him indicates a man of sorrow, caused by hard work and misery. Try and have him to recall the past. Suddenly his face will be illuminated by a heart-rending smile and his lips will stammer the name of his father, dead, dead, gone, without any money, misery, misery.

At the goal now! Do you remark some among the young convicts who turn their faces at your approach, they blush, they try to get away from your sight. Ah, poor young men, tell us also your story. Tell us why you are here, in this house of shame and infamy.

We lost our father when we were young. My mother had not the means to support us. She placed us into manufactories wherein we had bad companions. They brought us with them into the evil path. We soon lost our job, and hunger and misery, taking hold of us, we have been stealing.

Brother Howison concluded by an appeal to join while it was yet time. A policy in the C. M. B. A. would avoid such a disaster and be one of the best, if not the best, part of an inheritance to be left to the family.

The Grand President followed. Speaking French, he asked that after the eloquent address delivered by the Organizer he be permitted to say a few words in English. Granby is the birth-place of the Hon. M. F. Hackett, and recalling his early days in most eloquent terms, it was a great pleasure for him to find himself in his native city, and he was proud to be present at this meeting in his capacity as Grand President of such an association as the C. M. B. A. The Grand President's address was most eloquent and enthusiastic, and good results are expected after his and the Organizer's visit.

## EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Of Branch 11 Stratford Ont. and Banquet to Hon. F. R. Latchford, M. L. A.

Hon. Bro. F. R. Latchford, Q. C., Minister of Public Works for Ontario, and Solicitor for the C. M. B. A. of Canada, was yesterday afternoon and evening the honored guest of Branch 13, C. M. B. A. The hon. brother was entertained with both a concert and banquet during the evening and during his stay in the city was the guest of Dr. Devlin.

## THE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Separate school hall was prettily decorated with flags and red, white and blue bunting. In a brief introductory speech the chairman, Mr. John Nelligan, President of Branch 13, welcomed the audience, which was a very large one.

The programme opened with an instrumental by Miss Gertie Folk, who played with her usual brilliancy. Miss Kennedy rendered "The Children's Home" and was heartily applauded. Miss Kate Carlin's solo, which followed, was artistically taken, and was also well received.

Brother Nelligan next introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. F. R. Latchford. As the Minister of Public Works came forward on the platform two little girls presented him with a handsome bouquet.

While delighted to be present, Brother Latchford felt he owed an apology for not coming prepared to speak on the aims and purposes of the C. M. B. A., as he was expected to do. In celebrating the eighteenth anniversary of Branch 13, C. M. B. A., it would be well, said the speaker, to look back a little to its position eighteen years ago.

It must be remembered that the C. M. B. A. was then an American institution. The Order had spread to Canada, and the first Canadian lodge had been founded at Windsor.

In 1880 the fifth convention of the Grand Council had been held in Stratford, and at that time there were only a few hundred members in the whole Association. Those present had gone away well pleased with Stratford's hospitality, and Brother D. J. O'Connor, of this city, was elected President. To-day the membership numbered 13,000, and was still increasing. This was a very happy record. In 1881 another great step was taken. Before that time the American branches had controlled those in Canada, but it was felt that the Canadians were not getting justice, and separation was the result.

The cause for insurance were very low. Last year there were only fifteen, continued Brother Latchford. When a man joined the C. M. B. A. he agreed to pay so much per month, while the organization guaranteed him or those dependent on him a fixed sum. In this way \$100,000 had been paid out to widows and orphans in the Dominion. The flourishing state of the organization was the more remarkable, since many of its members had come to this country in poverty or humble circumstances.

The people of Stratford, said Brother Latchford, were to be congratulated on the progress of education in this city. He knew of cities larger than Stratford which had not such a hall in their separate schools.

He was not sure that the C. M. B. A. was doing all that it might do. The people were not brought together as they should be. He thought the ladies, especially, should know more of its aims than they did. Every lady who was about to be married should make it a condition that her husband should insure in some society, for a man was not dealing justly with his family unless he did so. Yet many men could not spare the price of a bad cigar or a worse drink daily for this purpose.

If Stratford made a special effort the membership of the C. M. B. A. could be increased and perhaps doubled.

There was, said the speaker, a social side to the C. M. B. A., and perhaps this was not made so prominent as it should be. Religion, too, had to be considered, as no one could be a member of the C. M. B. A. without being a practical Catholic. There were fewer societies uniting Catholics to come together than those which were enjoyed by other denominations. The C. M. B. A. was not a secret society. The Order had no signs or passwords. The speaker considered that many of the secrets of so-called secret societies were mere nonsense after all.

He was glad to find that the C. M. B. A. was well represented whenever anything of a patriotic nature was being done. In closing Mr. Latchford thanked the audience for their attention, and expressed a wish to meet them again in the near future.

Brother Bernard O'Connell, Dublin, followed in a neat and humorous speech, and ended by saying that he did not know why he had been asked to speak. Perhaps, like Lepidus in the second Triumvirate, he had been thrown in to make up the number.

After solos by Miss L. J. O'Connor and Miss Kate Carlin and a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker of the evening, moved by Rev. Father Cook and Mr. James O'Leary, the meeting broke up with God save the Queen.

## THE BANQUET.

The entertainment over, the members of Branch 13, and their guests from outside places, adjourned to the Commercial hotel, where a banquet was to be tendered the guest of the evening, Bro. Latchford. It was about 11:20 o'clock before the assembled company took their seats, and after grace had been pronounced by Rev. Father Cook, all fell to upon the viands, which a contingent of skilled waitresses deftly placed before them.

The dining room presented a very handsome appearance when all were in their places. The guests table was laid crosswise at the west end of the room, while the major portion of the brethren were accommodated at two long tables running lengthwise and at right angles to the guests' table. Snow white napery, glistening silver and glass, and the other handsome appointments of the tables produced a very good effect. Before each plate lay a fragrant button hole bouquet and the neatly printed menu card. Indeed it might be said that few banquets held in this city of recent years were so nicely and tastefully set out. It was a common remark that Mine Host Brother J. J. Hagarty had certainly made a record on this his first banquet.

In addition to Hon. F. R. Latchford, the guests from outside points were Rev. Father Guam, of Hesson; Brs. Bernard O'Connell, of Dublin; Dr. McDonald, of Orillia; County Councillors Hay and Ryan, of Listowel and Hibbert, respectively; Mr. Broderic, of Mitchell and Bro. Dowd, of Welland.

The menu presented a bewildering array of good things, consisting of oysters, soup, fish, boiled and roast meats, entrees, fowl, sauces, vegetables, pastry and various desserts. The eatables were cooked and served in a very creditable manner, and met with the approval of all, as was evidenced by the rapidity and gusto with which they disappeared.

## THE TOAST LIST.

At about 12:10 o'clock Chairman Nelligan opened the toast list by proposing the health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. The company, rose en masse and heartily sang the National Anthem.

"Canada" was the next toast, greeted by the "Maple Leaf Forever," rendered by Mr. J. F. Kelly, with chorus by the company.

In speaking to this toast Bro. Jas. O'Loane, P. M., referred to the difficulty of even attempting to do justice to such a subject in a necessarily brief speech. What could not be said for Canada, this glorious country of ours? From the first, the country had progressed slowly and gradually but very surely; it had progressed not only materially but intellectually. It was a land of mighty forests, immense waterways and wealth-giving mines, a glorious land, one that all might well be proud of. Our educational institutions were the envy of the world. They had arrived almost at a state of perfection. Our impartial judiciary was our pride, but the crowning glory of the land was the religious liberty which reigned from ocean to ocean. (Applause.) We were a nation strong and loyal, and he fancied other persons or countries would be slow to attack us. If they did, they would most assuredly get more than they bargained for. (Applause.) Our patriotism had been only strengthened by recent events in the Transvaal. Canada had sent two fine bodies of men to show the world that we stood by the Empire and the Queen. Canada could

send a dozen more contingents were such required, and not only that but some loyal Canadians thought that we should pay our men all the time they were "Soldiers of the Queen" and not let them be an item of expense for the Imperial Government. Applause. However, that was a matter which could safely be left to the Legislature. Canadians, said Bro. O'Loane in conclusion, had every right to be proud of their country, of their Queen and of their countrymen in all parts of the Empire.

"The Red, White and Blue" was sung by the company when the toast "Our Army, Navy and Volunteers" was announced, coupled with the names of Dr. Davlin, of Stratford, and Dr. McDonald, of Orillia. Ed. Selterie rendered "Soldiers of the Queen" before the speakers took the floor.

Dr. Davlin delivered a ringing patriotic address. He showed that the Empire's soldiers went into battle not for fun, sport, or for idle aggrandizement but for duty's sake, and for love of that flag, the meteor flag, which had braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. The present little difficulty had served to show how complete was the tie which bound us to the mother land and had given us real reason to be proud of this Canada of ours for her prompt answer to the great motherland's call.

Dr. McDonald said Paul Kruger deserved praise, for he was undoubtedly the man who had done much to cement the bonds of Imperial unity. He closed a neat little speech by reciting a poem containing an appeal for our own "Absent Minded Beggars."

After a song by Mr. J. J. McCauley, Bro. M. F. Goodwin rose to respond to the toast C. M. B. A. Bro. Goodwin set forth very clearly the aims and objects of the Order. It was one that every Catholic should belong to. It was an Order to be proud of and which could but make a member a better Catholic and therefore a better citizen.

Bro. E. O'Flaherty spoke to this toast along the same lines.

The toast of the evening, "Our Guest," brought the company to their feet to express vocally the sentiment that Bro. Latchford was a jolly good fellow, with three times three and a tiger.

Bro. Latchford, responding to the toast, said he esteemed very highly the honor done him by Branch 13 in tendering him this banquet. It was fourteen years since he first had the pleasure of meeting a representative of Branch 13. That was his first C. M. B. A. convention, and he was then, and had ever since been, surprised and impressed at the stamp of men who yearly gathered to represent the C. M. B. A. at these conventions. Intelligent and capable, they would compare more than favorably with any similar body of men, and their management of the affairs of the Association could not be excelled. (Applause.) He very much regretted that the President, Bro. Hackett, was not present. Bro. Hackett and he differed politically, but they were good friends for all that. Every man was entitled to think as he chose, but he was proud to say that politics never had and he hoped never would enter into the C. M. B. A. affairs. (Applause.) Regarding the officers of the Association, he could say that no fraternal body in Canada was better or more economically managed than was the C. M. B. A. (Applause.) The organization was one in which all might have every confidence. A good C. M. B. A. man was a good

citizen. As citizens they were proud of their country, and of their glorious old flag. Protecting them, it was their duty to fight for that flag, and he was proud to know that

We are taught for England a year or two from here to there.  
And still there's a tough lot of 'em  
Kelly and Burke and Shea.

The vice chairman, Bro. C. E. McIlhargy, then took charge of the toast list, and read letters of regret from a number of those who were unable to be present.

"Our Educational Institutions" was responded to by Bro. J. J. Coughlin, who delivered an interesting and scholarly panegyric upon the Provincial and Dominion systems.

"Our Sister Branches" brought Bro. Dowd, of Welland, to his feet, and "Our Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Bernard O'Connell.

"The Ladies" were ably championed by Dr. Robins, and after the usual toasts to the press and the host and hostess, the gathering dispersed.

## ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 131 Fairville, N. B., held on January 1, 1900, it was moved by T. Hooley, seconded by Brother J. Gillis, and unanimously adopted, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a farewell address to Brother E. A. O'Connor, and which they respectfully submitted at a special meeting held on the 8th inst.:

To Mr. Edmond A. O'Connor, Chancellor of Branch No. 131, C. M. B. A.

Dear friend and Brother—We, the members of this branch, gather about you this evening to tell you that sorrow has come upon us, for the news of your departure from our midst has had a saddening effect upon us all. Little did we think that the ties of friendship, that have so long bound us together, should so soon be broken; and, I am sure, did we this evening reveal to you our feelings, you would accuse us of honest flattery.

It is indeed hard to think that you are about to leave us, for it is not as though you had come and settled amongst us for a time, or conferred upon us some great temporal favor. No, we have regarded you as one of a near and dear circle of friends—one from whom we had never thought of separating. Many of us have even known you in boyhood; and, looking back over those years that have sped so silently and serenely away, nothing but pleasant associations come to our minds. We were friends then; we are friends to-day. The friendship that bound us together in days past has but increased as years rolled by, nor were you alone our friend, but a friend to all worthy of the name; and even now, about to leave us, there is not, I am sure, a single one left who does not wish you peace and prosperity wherever your lot be cast. This is due to your kind heart and sympathetic nature, your honest, upright, manly course—qualities and virtues certain of appreciation in any man.

You and your good family, then, will be greatly missed from our midst. But your absence will be felt greater nowhere than when we again meet in the councils of the C. M. B. A. In your place of honor you will be seen no more. The chair you have so long filled with dignity will once more be vacant. You, who have worked so faithfully for the good of the society, leave nothing but regrets amongst your brother members of this branch.

It is, then, the sincerest wish of us all that, wherever you go, you may be known as we know you. Then we are sure you will have good friends and true friends—a blessing in the hour of need. And now we ask you in all kindness to accept these trifling gifts in token of the esteem in which you have ever been held by the members of this Association.

They moreover express the hope that at some future time they may have you at their meetings whilst you will be paying a friendly visit to Fairville.

Signed on behalf of the members of Branch No. 131.

T. HOOLEY,  
P. MURPHY,  
J. GILLIS.

At a special meeting of Branch No. 131 Fairville, N. B., Monday evening, January 5, Mr. Edmond A. O'Connor,

previous to his departure for Temiscouata, Mass., was presented with a very handsome meerschaum pipe and a pouch filled with tobacco, accompanied by an address which had been prepared by a committee composed of Messrs. T. Hooley, P. Murphy and J. Gillis. The address, which was read by Mr. Hooley, was expressive of the many good qualities that have made Brother O'Connor so popular, both as a member of the C. M. B. A., and as a citizen of Fairville—an intelligent, enthusiastic and zealous member of the society and community. His departure would leave vacant a place not easily filled.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Hooley, Murphy and others, all indicating the high esteem in which Brother O'Connor and his family were held, and wished them every happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Brother O'Connor replied in feeling terms, expressing the sorrow which he and his family felt at parting from home and from friends so tried and true, among whom he had spent the greater part of his days.

Brother O'Connor, who leaves shortly to take a position as foreman in a large mill at Temiscouata, has filled the offices of Chancellor and President of the Fairville C. M. B. A.

## MEETING OF BRANCH 166.

According to a call made in church January 11th, fifty to sixty people assembled in the hall for an open meeting of the branch. Grand President M. F. Hackett, was in the chair.

After the installation of the officers for the present year, the regular order of business was dispensed with. The chair called on Bro. L. A. Lapalme to address the meeting. This gentleman spoke on the advisability of every man, young or old, carrying a life insurance policy as a protection to his family. He gave the reasons why they should join the C. M. B. A., considering the religious, fraternal and financial aspect of the case. After he had resumed his seat and answered the questions put by some one in the audience, Bro. M. F. Hackett took the floor. In a masterly speech he gave the history of our Association from its foundation to this day. He explained that this age is an age of combines and associations. The members of every industry, trade and branch of commerce are binding themselves together for self-protection or advancement. The Catholics must do the same if they do not wish to be left behind in the struggle for life. He then demonstrated the advantages offered by the C. M. B. A. as a fraternal institution with mutual insurance. Its solidity is shown by the results to this day, by the unanimous approval of it by the Catholic Bishops of Canada and by the favorable reports from insurance experts. He concluded by an eloquent peroration, urging every member of the branch to live up to his fraternal obligations and to work for the progress of the Order. He asked the non-members to study the working of the Association. He was sure they would be convinced of its advantages and demand their admission to membership. He took his seat amid the loud applause of the assembly.

After the meeting had closed quite a number of men came forward and expressed their intention of joining the Association. We expect good results from this meeting.

L. A. LAPALME,  
Recording Secretary.

Statement of Assessments Received in January, 1900  
Etat des Cotisations Recues Durant le Mois de Janvier

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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME D'ASSESSMENT  
The Grand Secretary of the C.M.B.A. of Canada  
M. R. BROWN

BENEFICIARY FUND—FONDS DES BENEFICIAIRES

Amount on hand Jan 1st	11,320.00
Montant en cause le 1er Jan.	11,320.00
Amount accrued since last report	15.25
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport	15.25
In excess reported for 1900	2,630.50
Total	14,970.75

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE

Amount on hand Jan 1st	9,910.22
Montant en cause le 1er Jan.	9,910.22
Amount accrued since last report	15.25
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport	15.25
In excess reported for 1900	2,630.50
Total	12,555.22

To the Members of the C.M.B.A. of Canada—  
Aux Membres de la C.M.B.A. du Canada—

Brothers: The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 2 (February Assessment) is given in compliance with Sections 7 & 8 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 Secretary of your Branch on or before the 3rd day of March 1900. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this Assessment, on or before the 9th day of March, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report. 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 Secretary.

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Such was my own... A young man... Michael... the great and good... complete.

N. B.—All branches not appearing on the foregoing statement as having paid No. 1 Assessment, with the exception of Branches 1, 4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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1 Windsor, Ont.	P M Koogl, Box 126	J O Peck	Thurs 1	112 Merrickville, Ont	E L Payes	F A Payes	Thurs... 1
2 St Thomas, Ont	George Duffy, Box 159	Michael Dunn, Box 1059	Wed'y 2	113 Waterloo, Que	E A Lefebvre	C E A Tartre	Tues... 10
3 Amherstburg, Ont	Henry Fleming	Phyllis J Beaune	Friday 2	114 Niagara, Ont	J J Healey, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Box 140	P Donnelly	Tues... 3
4 London, Ont	P E Boyle, 241 Sydneyham st	M O Meara, P O Dept.	Thurs 3	115 Cheselaw, Ont.	Geo Laves	Geo Laves	Thurs... 3
5 Brantford, Ont	W E S. Kaler, 5 Wilboro st	Frank Mattar, Box 75	Mon 4	116 Fergus, Ont	Fred Fischer, Elora, Ont	Wm Fitzpatrick	Wed... 3
6 Stratroy, Ont	F R McCabe, M D	James Healey	Mon 3	117 Johette, Que.	J A Martin, Box 14	Alfred L. Marsolais	Mon... 2
7 Sarnia, Ont	Geo Wilkinson	Jas Spearman	Mon 3	118 Sherbrooke, Que	J L Mathieu	Z P Cormier	Wed... 2
8 Chatham, Ont	John Welsh	D J O Keefe, Box 177	Tues 3	119 Welland, Ont	Joseph McGuire	Walter V Smith	Mon... 2
9 Kingston, Ont	M P Nolan, 129 Brock st	E Lyons, 193 University st	Wed 2	120 Port Colborne, Ont	Timothy Ryan	Thomas Lannan	Tues... 2
10 St Catharines, Ont	J T Carey	Jas E Lawrence	Thurs 1	121 Sudbury, Ont	L Lynch, Copper Cliff, Ont	M J Powell	Tues... 2
11 Dundas, Ont	James P Fraut	Wm Lann	Tues 1	122 Sandwich, Ont	Pierre C Cadarette	Chas F Pequegnot	Tues... 13
12 Berlin, Ont	Ignatz E Haller, Box 144	Jo Fuhrmann, Box 131	Mon 9	123 Dunnville, Ont	James Cooley, Box 28	J Barry, Box 28	Thurs... 2
13 Stratford, Ont	F J Knott	M J Dillon	Wed 3	124 Biddulph, Ont	W Toohy, Lucan, Ont...	Rev T Noonan, Lucan, Ont	Friday... 3
14 Galt, Ont	Thos Barrett, Box 81	Oliver Cooper	Mon 2	125 Dissolved	John McCaffray	J R Miquelou	Tues... 1
15 Toronto, Ont	W Moran, 31 Adelaide st w	C N Ryan, Toronto St R Co	Friday 2	126 Calgary, N W T			
16 Prescott, Ont	Wm J Brader, Box 241	A B Macdonald, Box 127	Wed 2	127 Dissolved			
17 Paris, Ont	Wm Lavoy, Lock Box 111	Frank Fry	Tues 3	128 Parkhill, Ont	James Phelan	James Phelan	Thurs... 8
18 Niagara Falls, Ont	Wm Burke	John M Healey	Tues 3	129 Granby, Que	P A L'Ecuyer	J A Lapointe	Thurs... 2
19 Ingersoll, Ont	F P O'Neill	Robert Keating	Mon 2	130 Bathurst, N B	Wm J Lalonde	Joseph J Meahan	Tues... 2
20 Maudslayi, Ont	Paul J Kenney	Wm Cole, Newcastle, Ont	Sat 2	131 North Sydney, N S	M Shean	James Dasmond	Wed... 6
21 St Clements, Ont	Joseph I Stumpf	John G Weber	Sat 2	132 Halifax, N S	F W Meyer, 15 Bishop st	D I Reddy, 26 Allan st	Tues... 2
22 Wallaceburg, Ont	F J Barrett	A J O Flynn	Thurs 2	133 St John, N B	J F Owen, St John w, N B	D O Keeffe, Carleton, St John	Wednes... 1
23 South, Ont	John McQuade	Michael Jordan	Mon 2	134 St John, N B	J J Mollin, Box 70	F J Power, Box 70, N. B.	Tues... 1
24 Thorold, Ont	John M. Carthy	Archibald McKeague	Thurs 2	135 St Hyacinthe, Que.	H A Beauregard	Chas M Lapierre	Wed... 2
25 Cayuga, Ont	Moses C. Sir	Peter J. McMullen	Mon 1	136 Dissolved			
26 Montreal, Que	P J M. Donagh, 82 Visitation	R Warren, 23 Brunswick st	Mon 1	137 Dissolved			
27 Petrolia, Ont	John T Huban	J Galloway	Tues 2	138 Dissolved			
28 Ottawa, Ont	Thos McGrail, 136 Bay st	P Kehoe, 524 Bank st	Wed 2	139 Dissolved			
29 Ottawa, Ont	L Laframboise, H. se of Com	A A Pinar, 39 Water st	Friday 2	140 Montreal, Que	C Perreault, 24 Visitation	N Favreau, 341 Ontario st.	Tues... 10
30 Peterborough, Ont	W F Morrow	M H Quinlan, Box 88	Tues 1	141 Chapleau, Ont	P McCool	J J Furootte	Thurs... 1
31 Guelph, Ont	Jas Kennedy, Box 500	Geo Urquhart, Box 326	Tues 3	142 Montreal, Que	Jos Lecomte, 408 Laval ave.	J Desrosiers, 171 St Elizabeth	Wed... 3
32 Wingham, Ont	Ray D P McManamin, S	P Kearney, St Augustine	Tues 3	143 Montreal, Que	H Keller, 591 Cadieux st.	J M Beauchamp Saugnet	Friday... 3
33 Morrisburg, Ont	J P Gormely, Augustine, Ont	Thos Mc Donald	Tues 2	144 Toronto, Ont	R G Baigent, 497 Sherbourne	F T O'Leane, 51 Howard st	Mon... 3
34 Almonte, Ont	B Maher	Michael Hogan Jr	Tues 2	145 Toronto, Ont	J Grant, G St Joseph st	X K Roman, 262 Ave road	Tues... 2
35 Goderich, Ont	C V Shannin	J D O Connell	Mon 1	146 Drummondville, Que	P A Robitard	Leopold Poirier	Wednes... 2
36 Port Lambton, Ont	M L O'Leary	Wm Ryder	Thurs 1	147 Portage du Fort, Que	Jos E Dolan	John Coyne	Wednes... 2
37 Hamilton, Ont	Phos Lawlor, 65 Smith ave	G Guyette, 221 Ferguson	Thurs 2	148 Chamoulet, Que	W McVeigh, Bryson, Que	R McNaally, Bryson, Que.	Thurs... 2
38 Cornwall, Ont	Patrick McAlhe, Box 211	D G McDaniel	Wed 2	149 Lasdette, Ont	W McNamara, Hawtrey, Ont	J Burke, Jr, Brandy Creek	Thurs... 2
39 Newstadt, Ont	Jacob J Woment	Markus Kari	Sat 10	150 Withdrawn			
40 New Hamburg, Ont	Joseph Hollcher	F J Hartman	W A S 3	151 Brechin, Ont	R L Gaughan	John Malone	Friday... 2
41 Montreal, Que	J J Jones, 512 St Antoine st	H Thompson, 53 Richardson	Wed 3	152 Whithy, Ont	James Long	Wm B O'Connor	Tues... 2
42 Woodstock, Ont	Ray M McCormack	J E Thompson	Wed 3	153 Dissolved			
43 Brockville, Ont	W J Jento	Jas H Kelly, 26 Apple st	Tues 7	154 Eganville, Ont	Wm Lawson	Wm Lawson	Friday... 2
44 Arnprior, Ont	E C Armand, Box 180	E C Armand, Box 180	Tues... 2	155 Dissolved			
45 Tecumseh, Ont	John Dugal	D Richelean	Tues... 11	156 Dissolved			
46 Walkerton, Ont	M Goetz	John Wingfelder	Mon... 4	157 Fletcher, Ont	Frank Sainsbury	Michael Gleeson	Thurs... 3
47 Arthur, Ont	J D Callaghan, Box 43	Duncan McIntosh	Thurs 2	158 St Vincent de Paul, Q	G B Lamarche	Joseph Demers	Mon... 2
48 New Germany, Ont	L Spitzig	Jacob Knepper	Mon 1	159 Ottawa, Ont	J O Gara, 33 Main st, Ottawa	P T Connolly, Aud Gen Dep	Mon... 3
49 Toronto, Ont	J J Leudy, 162 Strachan ave	H McCaffrey, 83 Welling	Friday 3	160 Halifax, N S	F P Quinn, 371 Barrington	M Moroney, 70 North st.	Wed... 1
50 Montreal, Que	P P Fahey, 14 Drummond st	H H Sav, Westmount, Que	Wed 2	161 Carlsruhe, Ont	Ernest Seeber	Anthony Lobsinger	Tues... 3
51 Barrie, Ont	P Moran	T F O'Meara, Box 212	Mon 9	162 Moncton, N B	Damien J Leger, Box 532	H H Melanson, Box 350	Thurs... 1
52 Winnipeg, Man	R F Hinds, 65 May st	D T Allman, Colony st	Wed 2	163 Winnipeg, Man	J Markinski, 181 Austin st	J E Manning, 530 Cumber	Tues... 2
53 Mount Forest, Ont	J P Noonan	P McGillicuddy	Thurs 11	164 Nicolet, Que	L P Braultier	M Z A L'anglais, 144 ave	Mon... 2
54 Montreal, Que	F McGivern, Exchange H	Jas D Cogan, 141 Shaw st	Wed 2	165 Cardinal, Ont.	Jas A Wight, Box 18	Wm J Enond	Tues... 2
55 St Agatha, Ont	Louis Dietrich	John Noll	Sat 9	166 Rock Island, Que	L A Lapalme, Staustead, Q	P Gobeille	Mon... 3
56 Hamilton, Ont	J P Dougherty, 193 Mary st	J J Burns, 290 John st n.	Wed 2	167 Rochester, N B	J D Brown	A A Allain	Wed... 1
57 Orillia, Ont	J A Thompson, Box 141	J J Castman	Thurs at Wed 2	168 Amherst, N S	Jas J Hickey, Box 118	Michael J Walsh, Box 118	Wed... 1
58 Ottawa, Ont	W A Bedard, Wellington Ward C	C Castangauy, 37 & 39 So	Tues 2	169 Shediac, N B	P J LaBlanc	J V Bourque	Tues... 2
59 Dissolved	[Market]			170 Elgin, Ont	M L Jordan	John K Jordan	Friday... 3
60 Dublin, Ont	M E Williams	James Jordan	Wed 2	171 St Laurent, Que	A R Pinet, M D	G S Taase	Mon... 2
61 Merriton, Ont.	John H G Horey	R G Smith	Thurs 2	172 Collingwood, Ont	M P Byrnes	James Guilfoyle	Thurs... 3
62 Canard River, Ont	Oliver Reaume	Joseph Benetou	Sat 2	173 Belle River, Ont	Charles J Gerard	Felix Sauve	Thurs... 2
63 St Marys, Ont	James Graham, Box 524	Patrick McFadden	Thurs 3	174 Dissolved			
64 North Bay, Ont	J M McNamara	D J McKeown	Mon 2	175 Kinkora, Ont	Francis Jordan	Timothy Coughlin	Mon... 2
65 Ayrton, Ont	Thos Flynn	Duncan Lynch	Mon 2	176 Ottawa, Ont	A R Parent, 240 Church st.	W Labelle, 416 Clarence st	Wed... 3
66 Mattawa, Ont.	J A Fink	Geo L Lamotho	Thurs 2	177 Newcastle, N B	Henry T Carter	Thos W Butler	Tues... 1
67 Pembroke, Ont	James P Sarsfield	Michael Howe	Wed 3	178 Memramcook, N B	Thos O LeBlanc	Denis R LeBlanc	Sat... 1
68 Hull, Que.	L Genest, 73 Britannia st.	G Arduin, 23 Lungovin st	Tues 2	179 Fox Creek, N B	A E Bourque	Tilmon T LeBlanc	Wed... 7
69 Deamerton, Ont	John J Lobsinger	Geo Lobsinger	Sat 1	180 Yarmouth, N S	Denis Pothier	John R Saulnier, Box 402	Mon... 2
70 Mildmay, Ont	Geo Herringer	John F Scheidt	Thurs 3	181 Harnopol, Ont	John A Murphy	John Flynn, Box 9	Tues... 2
71 Trenton, Ont	Chas H Goodwin, Box 159	James Fitzpatrick, Box 158	Wed 2	182 Wolfe Island, Ont.	C Cummins	F Briceland	Mon... 2
72 Formosa, Ont.	John B Goetz	Julius Noll	Friday 2	183 Snyder, Ont	Peter Willick	John J Willick	Sat... 3
73 Dissolved	[Road]			184 Fairville, N B	J E Delaney, Milford, N B	D M Delaney, Milford, N B	Thurs... 6
74 Montreal, Que.	Jas Doogan, 398 Hibernia	M Murphy, 77 Forfar st, Pt	Wed 2	185 Carraquet, N B	P E Paulin	P P Murray, Lower, Carraquet	Friday... 2
75 Penetanguishene, O	P T McDavid	W R Parker	Mon 3	186 Victoriaville, Que.	H H Dunn	H H Dunn	N B Wed... 3
76 Bellefleur, Ont.	Wm A G Hardy, Box 413	Edward McGinty, Box 571	Tues 2	187 Sturgeon Falls, Ont.	Geo Levesque	J F Prieur	Tues... 2
77 Lindsay, Ont.	L V O'Connor, Drawer 562	J O Reilly, 66 St Paul st.	Tues 3	188 Carleton Place, Ont.	S Galvin, Box 92	John R Galvin, Box 92	Wed... 1
78 Oshawa, Ont.	Leo O'Connor	Thomas McKittrick	Mon 12	189 Sydney, C B, N S	Henry Morley, Box 98	John G Young, Box 47	Tues... 1
79 Cananogue, Ont.	John Nolan	L Dandeno	Wed 2	190 Dissolved			
80 Tilbury, Ont.	T J Belanger	L J Lemire	Tues 2	191 Montreal, Que	E A Paquin, 206 B Dezery st	A Demers, 251 Notre Dame	Thurs... 3
81 Smith's Falls, Ont.	E Groulx	Daniel Halpin	Tues 3	192 Antigonish, N S	John F Sears	A D Chisholm	Friday... 1
82 Kingsbridge, Ont.	M Whitty, Kintail, Ont	J Long, Kintail, Ont.	Friday 2	193 St Jean Baptiste, M	Paul Gagnon	Jos B Dupas	Sat... 2
83 Montreal, Que.	P A Hubert, 62 St Famille st	C E Olivier, 33 Sanguinet st	Tues 3	194 Valcour, Que.	Chas Vezina, Box 194	Louis Allard	Tues... 2
84 Withdrawn				195 Petit Rocher, N B	J A Laplante	J A Doucet	Sat... 2
85 Toronto, Ont.	H J Winterberry, 113 Bond	B J Doyle, 77 Anne st.	Mon 2	196 Montreal, Que	E Dussault, 141 St Elizabeth	T M Routhier, 89 Forfar st	Wed... 2
86 Deseronto, Ont.	Thos C Maloney	James Gaultin	(both st) Wed 1	197 Trout Creek, Ont.	Frs J Nigh	Michael Corkery	Sat... 2
87 Montreal, Que.	J E Dupont, 127 Rivard st	J E Bourgeois, 115 St Elisa	Wed 2	198 Marlbank, Ont.	Mathew Wring	James Farrell	Wed Sat... 8
88 Orangeville, Ont.	M J Bench	D J Mungoven	Mon 3	199 Edmonton, N W T	R Collings	S LaRue	Tues... 8
89 Perth, Ont	John O'Laughlin, Box 141	E Young	Wed 3	200 Toronto, Ont	P J Dwan, 70 Queen st east.	Jas O'Hara, 321 Ontario st	Wed... 2
90 Picton, Ont.	Geo E Newman	D J Goodwin	Tues 2	201 Alexandria, Ont.	F L Malone	Angus McDonald	Tues... 3
91 Alliston, Ont.	Rev H J Gibney	Rev H J Gibney	Tues 2	202 Chatham, N B	Jas F Maher, Box 132	Dr John McDonald	Wednes... 6
92 Teeswater, Ont.	Wm G King	Michael Kennedy	Tues 4	203 Canso, N S	Rev J McKeough	P McKenna, Hazel Hill, NS	Wed... 2
93 Renfrew, Ont.	John O'Sullivan	William Egan	Sat 2	204 Parrsboro, N S	Timothy J Sullivan	Jas R McNamara	Mon... 3
94 Ottawa, Ont.	M J O'Farrell, 167 Murray st	A Hunter, 15 Church st	Mon 2	205 Steco, Ont	Francis Allore	Wm J O'Brien	Tues... 2
95 Lachine, Que.	L Forest	Andre Leger	Friday 3	206 West Pubnico, N S	Wm A D'Entremont	J D'Entremont	Thurs... 1
96 Lavis, Que.	Jos Guzner, 33 Eton st	S Marmet, Cote du Passage	Wed 8	207 Montreal, Que	E H Gauthier, 269 Fullum st	L A Lamarre, 324 Dorchester	Mon... 12
97 Quebec, Que	J E Philibert, 239 Prince Ed	A B Belanger, 133 de la Ceu	Wed 3	208 Dartmouth, N S	John Greene, Box 103	Wm F Brennan	Thurs... 3
98 Campbellford, Ont.	Jos Picard	E Crooe	Mon 3	209 Louisville, Que	L A C Boucher	L L Dube	Mon... 3
99 Westport, Ont.	Jerry J Donaghue	M Mullvill	Wed 2	210 Grand Falls, N B	S Bois	Rev M A O'Keefe	Wed... 2
100 Baden, Ont	Fred Sell	Jacob J Forler	Wed 2	211 Rat Portage, Ont.	Jules Cardinal	T F Rocan	Thur... 2
101 Three Rivers, Que.	John O Desilets	C Z Duplessis	Friday 2	212 Owen Sound, Ont.	Eugene Loos, Box 23	D J McLarty	Mon... 3
102 Richmond, Que.	P McDonagh	C Girard	Friday 3	213 Dissolved			
103 Dissolved				214 Alberton, P E I	Jas H Gavin	R H Reid	Thurs... 1
104 Waterloo, Ont.	Jos Berges, Box 151	John A Bauman, Box 151	Tues 3	215 Summerside, P E I	P C Gallant	J B Dempsey	Tues... 1
105 Dissolved				216 Charlottetown, P E I	Henry Fitzgerald	P W Clarken	Mon... 1
106 Cobourg, Ont.	James J Swift	John Kaiser	Thurs 2	217 L'Assomption, Que	Rev'd F Jobin, College de	F L Desmarais	Wed... 4
108 Quebec, Que	W J Breen, 55 D'Artigny st	J J Battle, 26 St Flavien st	Wed 2	218 Sorel, Que	Lindor Ethier, L'Assompu	J T Hurteau	Tues... 12
109 Withdrawn	[Main st, St Sauveur Que			219 Dissolved			
110 Quebec, Que.	N Lachance Jr, 162 St Ger	J Lachance, 162 St Germain	Tues... 2	220 Dissolved			
111 Toronto, Ont.	Jas O'Donnell, 65 Lucas st.	V P Fayle, 278 Lans'dn ave	Thurs... 3	221 Woodside, Ont	John Fitzgerald, Box 41, S	M McHugh, North Woodlee	Wed... 2
				222 Gravelhurst, Ont.	W J Moore, Box 109	Patrick J Traior	Sat... 2





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DEMARCHE IMPORTANTE.

Une démarche très importante, et qui sera pour le plus grand bien de la C. M. B. A. fut prise par les Grands Syndics à leur assemblée à Montreal. Depuis quelques années des organisateurs salariés étaient au service de la société, les succès obtenus n'étaient pas toujours satisfaisants. Ce plan de campagne allait bien dans certains districts et dans d'autres les résultats étaient presque nuls. D'un autre côté les dépenses augmentaient, et il devenait évident qu'il fallait changer de tactique. Tout dernièrement un autre mode d'agir fut adopté pour la Nouvelle Écosse et la ville de Montreal. Il s'agissait tout simplement de payer trois dollars à l'organisateur pour chaque membre qu'il faisait dans la Société.

Les Grands Syndics en sont venus à la conclusion d'étendre ce plan à toute la puissance. D'ici avant, la somme de trois dollars sera payée à tout frère qui pourra introduire un nouveau membre dans sa succursale.

Conséquence tout membre de la société devient par le fait même organisateur, et cette succursale est un centre d'organisation.

Nous ne désirons pas de la sagesse de cette démarche. La société ne payera que pour de véritables résultats. C'est un encouragement qui est offert à tous les membres de la société. Dans les districts où les succursales sont organisées nous attendons que tous les membres se feront inscrire à ce cahier d'honneur. Aussi c'est un encouragement pour organiser de nouvelles succursales dans les districts où la C. M. B. A. n'existe pas encore. Cependant il incombe aux grands officiers et tout particulièrement aux Grands Députés de voir à ce que l'on se mette à l'œuvre immédiatement.

Un mode plus favorable n'a jamais existé depuis la fondation de la société. Indépendamment de l'obligation que nous avons de voir à ce que l'Association progresse, il y a une récompense offerte aux membres qui travailleront fidèlement et avec zèle aux intérêts de la C. M. B. A.

LES ASSOCIATIONS CATHOLIQUES ET AMICALES DE L'AUSTRALIE.

Dans le dernier numéro de l'excellent journal Catholique, Le Liverpool Catholic Times, Mr. W. M. Fox, de Sydney, Australie, nous donne, dans un article vraiment intéressant, un aperçu de la croissance des sociétés Catholiques et amicales de l'Australie. Il apparaît que nos confrères de là bas, font de grands efforts pour maintenir leurs sociétés fraternelles, et si l'on considère leur population Catholique à la notre, ils surpassent de beaucoup, sous ce rapport, le Canada. En effet dans les sept colonies de l'Australie, la population Catholique est à peu près de 1,000,000, ou à peu près les deux-neuvième de la population générale. Au Canada, la population Catholique est à peu près de 2,000,000 sur une population générale de 6,000,000 ou approximativement le tiers de toute la population. De plus prenant la principale Association Catholique de l'Australie, et la comparant avec la notre, qui est, sans contredit, la première société du Canada, nous sommes forcés d'admettre que, nous leurs sommes bien inférieurs. Il apparaît aussi qu'il y a plusieurs Associations Catholiques et amicales en Australie, mais la première de toutes est la "Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society," établie en 1871. Ses membres sont au nombre de 16,000, avec un fond de réserves de 95,000 lbs. Elle est accessible aux Catholiques seulement, vu que la fréquentation périodique des sacrements est d'obligation, et inutile de dire qu'elle a la haute approbation de l'Église. Cette société a 250 succursales. Les membres de chaque colonie sont organisés en bureau de district, avec pouvoir de faire leurs statuts, et ces bureaux de districts à leur tour élisent des délégués qui constituent un conseil annuel mobile et qui est le bureau suprême. Sous ce rapport, leurs statuts semblent différer des nôtres, et avec cela ils ont une forte dépense pour le bénéfice à la maladie. Dans nos comparaisons nous ne perdons pas de vue, que dans la grande province Catholique de Québec, la C. M. B. A. n'a pas la position qu'elle devrait avoir. Dans les circonstances actuelles, Québec devrait donner autant de support à la C. M. B. A. que toutes les autres provinces réunies. Nous espérons, cependant, d'après l'assurance que nous donnent nos amis de cette province, qu'ils seront bientôt à la tête de l'Association, et alors, Québec réuni aux autres provinces, nous pourrions rivaliser avec nos frères de l'Australie, dont le succès, en matière d'organisation fraternelle, grandira toujours, nous l'espérons.

NOUVELLES SUCCURSALES.

La succursale 229 a été instituée le 21 Jan. 1904 à Forest, Ont., par Frère Joseph Kidd. La succursale No. 304 a été instituée le 1 Fév. 1904 à Castleton, P. Q., par Frère J. E. H. Howison. Nous publions dans la partie Anglaise la liste des officiers pour l'année courante.

UNE ASSEMBLEE PUBLIQUE A GRANBY, P. Q., COURONNEE DE SUCCES.

Dimanche soir, 19 Décembre, 1904 la succursale No. 120 a tenu une assemblée publique qui a été couronnée d'un grand succès. Le Grand Président, Hon. M. F. Hackett, et l'organisateur provincial, Frère J. E. H. Howison, étaient présents et adressèrent la parole à une nombreuse et attentive audience.

Frère Howison parla le premier, en français. C'était avec plaisir qu'il avait accepté de venir adresser la parole sur la C. M. B. A. à Granby. Les 23 ans d'existence de l'Association démontraient un progrès constant et régulier et maintenant la C. M. B. A. protégeait des centaines de familles depuis les Territoires du Nord Ouest inclusivement jusqu'à l'Océan Atlantique. Comme société fraternelle d'assurance, ses principes étaient sains et ses taux justes, donnant l'assurance au prix coûtant d'année en année. L'Association ne collectait que ce qui était requis, mais en même temps elle avait sagement pris les moyens de pouvoir collecter une somme suffisante pour toujours, et ainsi elle ne pouvait jamais manquer de remplir ses obligations envers tous et chacun de ses membres. La C. M. B. A. était incorporée dans La Puissance par un acte spécial du parlement fédéral et le gouvernement en surveillait l'opération par l'intermédiaire de son Surintendant des Assurances qui tous les ans se rendait au bureau du Grand Secrétaire pour y faire une inspection minutieuse des affaires de l'année. La C. M. B. A. accumulait aussi un Fonds de Réserve, sans y être tenue par la loi. C'était une protection pour les membres et dans le but de perpétuer l'Association. La C. M. B. A. avait distribué près de \$2,000,000 aux veuves et orphelins de ses membres défunts et cette large somme qui représentait les réclamations de décès avait été toute payée sans contestation de la part de l'Association. On était la compagnie régulière d'assurance ou la société fraternelle qui avait fait mieux que cela.

A part de secourir la veuve et les orphelins de ses membres défunts, la C. M. B. A., comme Association entièrement Catholique, unissait ses membres dans les liens de la fraternité la plus noble et la plus durable, la fraternité chrétienne Catholique, ne faisant aucune distinction d'origine ou de condition, sauf de pratiquer la Foi de nos pères, d'être Catholiques pratiquants.

La C. M. B. A. était aussi un puissant facteur contre l'imprévoyance et une douce consolation pour le mari et le père de famille qui à la mort pouvaient compter sur elle pour le bien-être futur des leurs. L'importance de pourvoir pour l'avenir ne nécessitait pas de commentaires. De nos jours, personne n'avait le droit, pour ainsi dire, de mourir et de laisser une femme et de jeunes enfants à la charge de ses parents, de ses amis ou du public. C'était un devoir alors pour le père de famille de pourvoir pour ceux dont il est le soutien au cas qu'il leur serait enlevé par une mort prématurée. C'était un devoir filial pour les jeunes gens de faire des efforts pour laisser en cas de mort quelque chose à leurs parents qui les avaient élevés et avaient droit en retour à leur aide. C'était aussi un devoir pour les gens favorisés de la fortune d'encourager les bonnes choses même au prix de sacrifices. Et qui oserait ou pourrait

nter l'excellence de la C. M. B. A. Tous pouvaient remplir ce devoir, à la satisfaction de leur conscience en devenant membres de l'Association. Une grande erreur à éviter et que comme étaient d'ordinaire beaucoup d'entre ceux qui étaient invités à devenir membres c'était de remettre la chose plus tard. Ils n'étaient jamais prêts maintenant ou croyaient toujours pouvoir attendre un peu plus longtemps. La conséquence funeste était qu'ils attendaient trop longtemps et presque invariablement étaient toujours trop tard pour se faire admettre membres.

Frère Howison illustra ce cas en rapportant un exemple des plus pathétiques. Un père de famille était parti le matin de chez lui, fier et heureux de pouvoir gagner une nouvelle journée de salaire et de confort pour sa famille. Soudainement il lui est arrivé un accident et on l'a transporté à l'hôpital dans l'ambulance. À son arrivée le médecin a sondé ses blessures, il en a constaté la terrible gravité et il s'est hâté de faire appeler le prêtre. Réalisant sa condition précaire le pauvre homme a pensé à ce qui allait advenir de sa femme et de ses petits enfants après sa mort, et il regrette amèrement sa négligence à devenir membre d'une bonne association comme la C. M. B. A. Mais il est trop tard. La mort survient et sa famille s'est trouvée au dépourvu. Alors a commencé pour la veuve éplorée et les jeunes orphelins une vie de peine et de misère. Les membres de la famille ont été dispersés. Les garçons ont été placés dans une manufacture y travaillant tout le jour pour un salaire à peine suffisant pour payer la plus maigre pension. La fille aînée, à qui on avait enseigné le piano peut être et la broderie dans le temps prospère, travaille aussi de son côté pour tâcher de gagner sa vie. Les plus jeunes enfants, et le bébé, eux aussi ont dû partir, car il fallait bien que la pauvre veuve puisse travailler aussi pour sa propre subsistance. C'est elle qui subit le plus écrasant fardeau. Tous les jours elle va bravement faire du lavage ici, du repassage là et tous les soirs lorsqu'elle retourne dans sa mansarde déserte, elle compte les sous qu'elle a gagnés, elle calcule ce qu'elle doit payer pour le morceau de pain et de viande qu'il lui faut acheter pour elle-même et toute rayonnante de joie elle trouve le tour de mettre la moitié de sa maigre recette en réserve, pour ses petits enfants, plus tard, lorsqu'elle pourra aller les voir.

Ce n'était pas là de l'invention. Ceci arrivait presque tous les jours dans les familles éprouvées par la mort prématurée de leur chef. Lisez les journaux, interrogez ces milliers de jeunes gens filles et garçons, qui peuplent les manufactures, les hôtels, les restaurants et les maisons de pension et tous ou du moins presque tous vous diront qu'ils vivaient à l'aise dans leur famille, qu'ils jouissaient d'une existence heureuse et prospère, mais que soudain le père leur fut enlevé et comme ce brave père n'avait jamais songé à pourvoir pour sa famille après sa mort, ils sont alors tombés dans la misère. Vous tous qui pouvez encore hésiter à faire partie d'une bonne société de bienfaisance êtes invités à visiter les hôpitaux, les asiles et même les prisons.

A l'hôpital. Voyez cette jeune fille. Elle tousse affreusement, elle crache le sang. Approchez de son grabat : n'ayez aucune crainte. Ses yeux sont encore brillants et ils vous regardent avec douceur; ses lèvres décolorées gardent encore leur sourire paisible. Elle va bientôt mourir. Demandez-

lui qui l'a réduite dans ce triste état. Elle vous dira son histoire sans hésiter, car elle a trop souffert et elle ne veut pas mourir sans faire profiter son prochain de la cruauté de sa misérable vie.

J'ai perdu mon père lorsque j'étais jeune. Comme il ne nous avait rien laissé ma mère dut se séparer de ses enfants et le pris du service un peu partout. Un jour je fus trompée, et bientôt la misère, la honte, le découragement et le désespoir me firent tomber de plus en plus bas jusqu'au jour où je fus transportée dans cette maison du bon Dieu où l'on eut pitié de moi, où l'on me procura le bonheur de me préparer à mourir chrétiennement. Ah! si mon père avait vécu, ou, si du moins, il m'avait laissé de quoi vivre.

A l'asile. Voyez ce jeune homme. Tout indique chez lui un homme de peine que le chagrin et le lourd travail ont épuisé. Essayez de lui rappeler le passé. Aussitôt sa figure s'illumine d'un sourire navrant et ses lèvres balbutieront le nom de son père, mort, mort, parti sans argent, misère, misère.

A la prison. Remarquez vous quelques uns d'entre les plus jeunes forçats qui détournent la tête à votre approche, le rouge leur monte au front, ils essaient de vous fuir. Ah! pauvres jeunes gens, dites votre histoire. Dites pourquoi vous êtes rendus dans cette maison de honte et d'infamie.

Nous avons perdu notre père lorsque nous étions jeunes, ma mère n'avait pas les moyens de nous nourrir. Elle nous fit placer dans des manufactures où nous avions de méchants compagnons. Ils nous ont entraînés avec eux dans la voie du mal. Nous avons bientôt perdu nos places de la faim et la misère s'emparant de nous, nous avons vu.

Frère Howison termina en faisant un appel à tous de devenir membres pendant qu'il en était encore temps, déclarant qu'une police dans la C. M. B. A. éviterait un tel désastre et serait une des plus belles, si non la seule belle part de l'héritage laissé à la famille.

Le Grand Président parla ensuite. S'adressant d'abord en Français il demanda qu'après l'éloquent discours de l'organisateur il lui fut permis d'adresser quelques mots en anglais. Granby est la place native de l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, et rappelant les jours de son enfance dans les termes les plus éloquent il dit que c'était un grand plaisir pour lui de se trouver en ce moment dans sa ville natale et il était fier d'être présent à cette assemblée en sa qualité de Grand Président d'une association comme la C. M. B. A. Le discours du Grand Président fut des plus éloquent et remplit d'enthousiasme et on attendit de bons résultats de sa visite et de celle de l'organisateur.

C. M. B. A. SUCCURSALE NO. 29.

A la séance régulière tenue le 3 Jan. 1900, la résolution suivante a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

Que les membres de la succursale No. 29 offrent de sincères condoléances à notre confrère, Monsieur Alfred Morin, chancelier. A l'occasion du décès de son père, arrivé ces jours derniers:

Que copie de cette résolution soit transmise au confrère Morin et au journal THE CANADIAN pour publication.

J. A. DORVILLE, Président. L. LAFRAMBOISE, Secrétaire-Archiviste.

SUCCURSALE 87. C. M. B. A.

Mercredi dernier, le 11 courant, avait lieu l'assemblée régulière de la succursale No. 87. Les grands députés Spedding, Poitevin et Fortier avaient bien voulu accepter l'invitation d'assister à cette séance, pour faire l'installation des nouveaux officiers.

Le grand député Spedding prit le siège présidentiel, ayant à ses côtés les grands députés Poitevin et Fortier, ainsi que le frère Chartier de la succursale 210 de Saint-Henri.

Après quelques affaires de routine vint l'installation des officiers, dont voici les noms: Chancelier, Jos. Courtois; président, Jas. Brand; 1er vice-président, A. Bourdon; 2e vice-président, Fort. Martineau; secrétaire-archiviste, Tel. Gervais; secrétaire financier, J. E. Bourgeois; trésorier, A. Desjardins; commissaire-ordonnateur, Jos. Therrien; sentinelle, Sévère Picard; syndics, G. Martineau, Max. Ayotte, F. Martineau, S. Picard et Olivier Patenaude.

Sur motion des Frères Bourgeois et Dupont, une rémunération sera accordée à chaque membre de la succursale qui fera admettre de nouveaux membres.

Les grands députés Spedding, Fortier et Poitevin étant invités à adresser la parole, firent de nobles et solennelles déclarations, et se sont déclarés heureux de voir que la succursale a fait de grands progrès en 1900. Ils félicitent ses officiers d'avoir rempli leur charge avec autant de zèle et ils sont heureux de constater que la succursale a un fort surplus dans sa caisse, ce qui montre, une fois de plus, que les officiers en charge sont de bons officiers.

Les Frères Frères Martineau, Rossard, M. D. Picard, Bourgeois, Berbe, Burden, Meris, etc., ont fait quelques remarques concernant le bien de la société et il est proposé par les Frères A. Meris et S. Picard que les remerciements soient votés aux grands députés Spedding, Fortier, et Poitevin, d'avoir bien voulu accepter l'invitation de faire l'installation des officiers de cette succursale. Cette motion est adoptée à l'unanimité.

Le Frère Chartier, de la succursale 210, Saint-Henri, a bien voulu regaler les membres de quelques chansons de son répertoire, très bien appropriées à la C. M. B. A.

SUCCURSALE NO. 166.

Stanstead, Que., 30 Janvier, 1900. Rapport de l'assemblée de la succursale 166, C. M. B. A., tenue le 22 Jan., 1900.

Conformément à l'avis donné par Mr le Curé de la paroisse du Sacré-Coeur de Stanstead, le 14 Janvier, une assemblée publique de la succursale eut lieu dans la salle ordinaire de ses délibérations, sous la présidence du frère M. F. Hackett, Grand Président.

L'assemblée fut ouverte suivant la forme ordinaire, puis eut lieu l'installation des nouveaux officiers. Après l'installation, l'ordre régulier du jour fut suspendu.

Sur l'invitation du Président, frère L. A. Lapalme adressa quelques remarques à l'assemblée. Il parla de l'opportunité pour tout homme, jeune ou vieux, d'avoir une police d'assurance, sur la vie. Il donna les raisons pour lesquelles les Catholiques devaient choisir l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle. Il considéra le sujet au point de vue religieux, fraternel et financier. Après qu'il eut

repris son siège et répondu à des questions posées par que qu'un de l'audience, le frère M. F. Hackett se leva pour adresser la parole.

Dans un magnifique discours, il raconta l'histoire de notre Association de puis sa fondation jusqu'à ce jour. Puis il nous parla de ce qui est un zèle de combinaison d'associations. Les membres de toutes les industries de tous les métiers et de toutes les branches du commerce s'unissent pour leur protection mutuelle et pour avancer leurs intérêts. Les athlètes doivent faire de même s'ils ne veulent pas rester en arrière dans la lutte pour la vie. Ensuite il prouva la solidité de notre Association par les résultats obtenus jusqu'à ce jour, ainsi que par l'approbation unanime des Frères du Canada et les rapports favorables faits par les experts en assurance sur la vie. Il termina par une éloquente peroration, encourageant les membres de la succursale à remplir fidèlement leurs obligations fraternelles et à travailler pour le progrès de l'Association. A ceux qui ne sont pas membres, il leur demanda d'étudier la constitution de notre Association et son état financier. Il est certain qu'ils seront bientôt convaincus de ses avantages et demandent leur admission au nombre de ses membres.

Il reprit son siège au milieu de applaudissements prolongés de l'auditoire.

Après la levée de la séance, plusieurs personnes exprimèrent leur intention de faire prochainement application.

Nous espérons beaucoup de bien de cette assemblée.

L. A. LAPALME, Secrétaire-Archiviste.

FETE AU GRAND DEPUTE BOURGEOU

Mercredi soir, le 11 janvier dernier, le grand député Bourgeois occupait la position de chef du département de l'Exécutif du journal "La Presse" de la cité de Montréal, et c'est l'objet d'une belle marque d'estime de la part des ses playes sous son contrôle, à l'occasion de son trente-sixième anniversaire de naissance.

La jolle adresse qui suit lui fut présentée, accompagnée d'un magnifique bouquet et d'une superbe pipe en cuivre de mer.

ADRESSE

A notre bien-aimé chef du département de la livraison de La Presse

Monsieur, Vos employés se permettent ce jour de se joindre à votre bien aimé journal et de vous offrir de leur part un cadeau de votre anniversaire de trente-sixième anniversaire de votre naissance pour venir d'abord vous féliciter de vos années passées et leur rendre pour le bien que vous avez su se rendre par un mois de bon travail et de bon succès. Nous sommes très fiers de vous voir en ce jour dans votre entreprise. Nous vous en félicitons avec tout le respect et toute la reconnaissance de tout cœur. Nous sommes très fiers de vous voir en ce jour dans votre entreprise. Nous vous en félicitons avec tout le respect et toute la reconnaissance de tout cœur. Nous sommes très fiers de vous voir en ce jour dans votre entreprise. Nous vous en félicitons avec tout le respect et toute la reconnaissance de tout cœur.

Frère Bourgeois ait répondu à ce témoignage d'amour par une allocution des mieux appropriées à la circonstance et qui termina par une invitation à ses employés de s'amuser à la bonne fête, cette

La musique, les gâteaux, les danses, les adresses et les autres distractions servies à diverses reprises par la Ligue, poussé le frère Bourgeois à continuer à faire passer sa soirée agréablement et gaiement jusqu'à une heure avancée et dont le souvenir restera longtemps gravé dans le cœur de chacun.

Nous adressons nos félicitations à Frère Bourgeois à l'occasion de cette démonstration de sympathie et nous lui faisons plaisir d'être inscrit dans ces colonnes.

ACCUSE DE RECEPTION.

Montréal 3 Dec 1900

Au Grand Conseil aux Frères et aux membres de la Cour No. 101 de la C. M. B. A. d'Halifax

Je ne puis que féliciter votre grande empressement à remplir les conditions et règlements de votre bienfaisante société. J'ai reçu un chèque de \$200, quatre-vingt-dix dollars sur la vie de mon défunt Mari Joseph La Paro.

Je vous prie d'exprimer ma profonde gratitude à votre Grand Conseil et à tous ses officiers qui me montrent que des institutions.

Que Dieu bénisse votre société, et dans l'intérêt des veuves et des orphelins, acceptez mes plus sincères vœux. Quelle joie pour de longues et nombreuses années, afin que de nouveaux membres l'entourent lorsqu'ils connaîtront tout le bien que elle répand la et éternelle.

ANNA FLEURY.

RESOLUTIONS DE CONDOLEANCES

A une assemblée régulière de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri, tenue le 22 Janvier 1900, la résolution suivante a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

Que les membres de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri offrent de sincères condoléances à notre confrère, Monsieur M. F. Hackett, Grand Président de la Succursale No. 29 de Granby, à l'occasion du décès de sa femme, Madame M. F. Hackett, survenue le 11 Janvier 1900.

A une assemblée de la Succursale St. Alex. tenue le 11 Janvier 1900, la résolution suivante a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

Proposé par Frère Georges E. Michaud, et adopté par les Frères C. F. J. Bourgeois, que l'on offre à notre confrère, Monsieur M. F. Hackett, Grand Président de la Succursale No. 29 de Granby, à l'occasion du décès de sa femme, Madame M. F. Hackett, survenue le 11 Janvier 1900, un bouquet et une pipe en cuivre de mer.

Montréal 3 Janvier 1900.

A une assemblée de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri, tenue le 11 Janvier 1900, la résolution suivante a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

Que les membres de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri offrent de sincères condoléances à notre confrère, Monsieur M. F. Hackett, Grand Président de la Succursale No. 29 de Granby, à l'occasion du décès de sa femme, Madame M. F. Hackett, survenue le 11 Janvier 1900.

Que les membres de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri offrent de sincères condoléances à notre confrère, Monsieur M. F. Hackett, Grand Président de la Succursale No. 29 de Granby, à l'occasion du décès de sa femme, Madame M. F. Hackett, survenue le 11 Janvier 1900.

Que les membres de la Succursale No. 210 de Saint-Henri offrent de sincères condoléances à notre confrère, Monsieur M. F. Hackett, Grand Président de la Succursale No. 29 de Granby, à l'occasion du décès de sa femme, Madame M. F. Hackett, survenue le 11 Janvier 1900.

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ASSEMBLEE DU BUREAU DES SYNDICS

Une assemblée du président et du bureau des syndics du Grand Conseil de la C. M. B. A. eut lieu à Montréal au St. Laurent le 14 Janvier, 1900.

Les personnes dont les noms suivent étaient présentes: L'Honorable M. F. Hackert, Grand Président; P. J. O'Keefe, J. J. Behan, P. J. Rooney, Joseph Chisholm, Grands Syndics; Dr. Ryan, M. Leclerc en chef; L. R. Litchford, Aviseur Legal; Samuel R. Brown, Secrétaire de l'Association.

Les minutes de la dernière assemblée furent lues et sur motion proposée par le frère O'Keefe, appuyées par le frère Chisholm, elles furent adoptées.

Le secrétaire fit lecture des statistiques suivantes qui, sur une motion du frère Behan, secondée par le frère Chisholm, devront être lues dans les minutes et dans l'organe officiel de la Société.

STATISTIQUES.

Pendant l'année 1900 la C. M. B. A. du Canada a eu quatorze contributions.

Les fonds de bénéfice ont été de \$175.24; le fond de réserve s'est accru de \$2,000.00; le fond de réserve est maintenant \$12,000.00; payé aux bordiers des membres défunt \$1,100.00.

Il y a pour fond de réserve la balance de \$100.00 comprise \$11,200.00 de remboursements des fonds généraux \$1,752.00; balance des fonds généraux au 1<sup>er</sup> Dec. 1900 \$1,448.00; payé aux organisateurs durant l'année 1900 \$1,752.00.

Nombre total des membres admis durant l'année 1900: augmentation des membres durant la même période 1,215; nombre total des membres de la C. M. B. A. 1,400.

Nombre total des nouvelles succursales, 25; nombre total des membres de ces succursales, 150.

Nombre total des membres admis dans l'Ontario, 81; Québec, 182; Nouveau Brunswick, 20; Nouvelle Ecosse, 22; Ile du Prince Edward, 10; Au Manitoba, 5; Territoire du Nord Ouest, 11.

Montant des sommes payées aux organisateurs en 1900:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes W. H. Killesey, J. F. H. Howison, H. J. Johnson, J. J. Kild, and M. J. McLeod.

John H. Feeley au service de la société à Montréal reçoit \$200.00 pour avoir introduit 22 nouveaux membres dans la société.

W. F. Higgins organisateur pour la Nouvelle Ecosse reçoit \$50.00 comme salaire pour un mois de travail.

Nombre total des membres sur le registre au 1<sup>er</sup> Janvier, 1900—1,215.

nombre total des nouveaux membres admis en 1900—1,215; nombre total des membres expirés en 1900—110; nombre total qui ont résigné en 1900—10; nombre des décès en 1900—101; total des membres au 1<sup>er</sup> Janvier 1900—1,104.

25 succursales ont des polices de \$100.00; 15 membres ont des polices de \$50.00; 215 membres ont des polices de \$25.00.

Montant des 1,104 polices en force au 1<sup>er</sup> Janvier, 1900—\$105,200.00.

Montant des 101 polices des membres décédés en 1900—\$11,100.00.

Nombre total des membres dans l'Ontario au 1<sup>er</sup> Janvier 1900—174; Québec—211; Nouveau Brunswick, 100; Nouvelle Ecosse—111; Ile du Prince Edouard—50; Au Manitoba—5; Territoire du Nord Ouest—10; total, 1,104.

Le secrétaire ensuite annonça qu'un grand nombre de succursales étaient arriérées dans leur taxe per capita, etc., et conseilla au bureau des syndics de prendre des moyens pour faire cesser un semblable état de choses et pour faire respecter les lois de l'association.

Alors le Frère O'Keefe, secondé par le Frère Rooney proposa que les succursales en faute soient de nouveau averties par le secrétaire qui tout arrérage devra être payé après 30 jours d'avis, et qu'avis soit aussi donné aux membres de ces succursales que leurs officiers ne respectent en aucune façon les sections 17, 30, 31 et 117 de notre constitution. Adopté.

La résolution suivante, proposée par le Frère Chisholm secondée par le Frère O'Keefe fut unanimement adoptée.

Attendu que sa Grandeur Monseigneur Mc Donald de Charlottetown, Ile du Prince Edouard, dans une circulaire adressée au clergé de son diocèse a chaleureusement recommandé la C. M. B. A. comme étant une société méritant la confiance et le support de tout catholique.

Il est résolu que le bureau des Syndics au nom des membres de toute la société, offre à sa Grandeur de sincères remerciements pour les belles paroles prononcées au sujet de notre Association.

Il est résolu aussi que cette résolution soit mise au cahier des minutes et qu'une copie soit envoyée à sa Grandeur, Monseigneur Mc Donald.

DELEGATION.

Une députation des succursales de la Ville de Montréal demanda au bureau des syndics de choisir et d'adopter certains plans plus efficaces que ceux du passé pour augmenter le nombre des membres de l'association dans la Province de Québec.

Les membres dont les noms suivent étaient présents:

A. H. Spedding, A. B. Poltevin, J. E. Bourgeau, Chas Fortier, J. H. Feeley, J. J. Conigan, P. Reynolds, C. Dandellin, et Ancieur et le Grand Organisateur J. F. H. Howison.

Les remarques faites par ces délégués plurent au bureau des syndics qui promit de prendre en considération sérieuse les plans suggérés et si possible de les mettre à exécution.

Il mit ensuite sur le tapis la question ayant rapport aux privilèges légaux d'un certain membre d'une succursale de Toronto.

Après quelque discussion, il fut proposé par le Frère Behan secondé par le Frère O'Keefe que la question soit référée aux Grands Députés de Toronto, c'est à dire aux frères Walter Beland, E. J. Hearn, et J. J. O'Hearn qui devront prendre connaissance des

faits et faire leur rapport au Grand Président.—Adopté.

Le Grand Secrétaire fit lecture de démarches que l'aviseur légal et lui-même avaient faites à l'égard de la question des garanties. La liste de garantie comprenant tous les officiers, qui d'après notre constitution sont tenus à ces choses devra être fourni par l'employeur Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, et le Grand Secrétaire devra payer en un seul versement la prime nécessaire.

La prime sur ces garanties devra être remise au secrétaire par chaque succursale.

Le tarif est de 50 centins pour chaque garantie de \$100.00. Le montant de la garantie tel que prévu par la constitution est de \$50.00 pour chaque membre actif V. Gr. Une succursale qui aurait 50 membres actifs devrait fournir pour son secrétaire financier et son trésorier des garanties de \$100.00 et la prime à payer serait de \$2.00.

Le bureau des Directeurs se montra satisfait de l'arrangement à hautement mentionné, et les démarches du solliciteur légal et du secrétaire furent adoptées à l'unanimité.

Le Grand Secrétaire lut une lettre qui lui avait été envoyée pour être publiée; et comme cette lettre n'était point en accord avec les règlements du CANADIAN en telle matière, il demanda l'opinion du Bureau. Après une courte discussion il fut jugé convenable de ne point publier cette lettre à moins que l'auteur permette d'y ajouter son nom.

Des lettres et des pétitions furent présentées demandant l'introduction de la C. M. B. A. dans la Colombie Anglaise et Terre Neuve. Le sujet fut traité entre les frères de Frère Behan, du Solliciteur Litchford et du Grand Secrétaire. Les dépenses énormes des délégués de la Colombie Anglaise aux conventions du Grand Conseil furent une des principales objections.

La question du rétablissement d'un ex membre de la Succursale St. Alphonse, Ont., fut discutée; il fut décidé que la succursale ne pouvait légalement réinstaller ce membre; nos règlements étant bien clairs sur ce point.

Une communication fut lue demandant l'appointement de Frère P. J. Finnegan de la Succursale St. Kinkora, Ont., comme grand député. L'affaire fut laissée au Grand Président.

On lut une communication du Grand Député F. Samson de St. Valler, Qué., Elle mentionnait que l'on devrait ajouter à la C. M. B. A. une caisse pour les malades.

La question fut remise à plus tard.

Le grand secrétaire reçut instruction de fournir à l'exécutif de la Société une collection du journal officiel LE CANADIAN.

Le Frère Behan appuyé par le Frère O'Keefe introduisit la motion suivante:—Que les 5 pour cent, qui chaque mois sont mis aux fonds de réserve, devront après le 1<sup>er</sup> Février et jusqu'à avis contraire, être déposés dans une des Banques de la Nouvelle Ecosse, au choix du Frère Chisholm.—Adopté.

Après avoir écouté les remarques du Grand Secrétaire sur le salaire du Dr. Ryan, il fut proposé par le frère Behan, secondé par le frère O'Keefe, que le médecin en chef soit payé tous les trimestres par le grand conseil, sans attendre le retour des succursales. Adopté.

Proposé par le frère Behan, secondé par le frère Rooney, et adopté, à l'unanimité que les organisateurs soient

abolis et que le grand secrétaire donne avis à chaque organisateur actuellement au service de la société que leur engagement devra finir avec le terme présent.

Proposé par le frère Behan, secondé par le frère Chisholm et adopté à l'unanimité que le grand conseil offre un bonus de \$100.00 à chaque succursale pour chaque nouveau membre qui sera introduit dans la société à partir de l'expiration du terme d'engagement des organisateurs actuels, et à ou il n'y a pas d'organisateur, à partir du 1<sup>er</sup> Février de la présente année.

Le susdit bonus sera payé sous présentation d'une reçue adressée au grand secrétaire et signée par le président et le secrétaire archiviste de la susdite succursale.

Le grand secrétaire devra fournir des blâmes pour ce but.

Ce nouveau système sera en force dans l'Ontario le 1<sup>er</sup> Mars, dans Québec le 1<sup>er</sup> Février; dans la Nouvelle Ecosse le 1<sup>er</sup> Mars; dans le Nouveau Brunswick le 1<sup>er</sup> Mars; dans l'Ile du Prince Edouard le 1<sup>er</sup> Mars, et dans le Manitoba et le territoire du Nord Ouest au 1<sup>er</sup> Février.

On discuta les moyens à prendre pour choisir une place centrale où devraient avoir lieu les conventions sans être obligé de les avoir à différents endroits comme actuellement. Rien de dénoté, si ce n'est que.

Lecture fut faite de l'appel de la succursale St. Thorold, Ont., en faveur d'un de ses membres.

Le Bureau décida que les informations n'étaient pas suffisantes pour permettre d'envoyer cet appel aux succursales, et il donna instruction au secrétaire d'écrire à la succursale de Thorold pour de plus amples informations et quand il lui aurait reçues d'en envoyer une copie à chacun des membres du Bureau. Adopté.

Proposé par le frère Rooney, secondé par le frère Chisholm que la prochaine réunion du Bureau ait lieu à Berlin, Ont., dans le mois d'Avril ou au commencement de Septembre prochain. Adopté.

Le Solliciteur Litchford fit un rapport concernant le cas du défunt Téléphore Savoie autrefois membre de la succursale St. Tracadie, N. B. Le Bureau décida de laisser l'affaire entre les mains du solliciteur.

Proposé, secondé et adopté, que J. E. H. Howison continue d'être employé dans la société, à n'importe quel travail qui lui sera assigné par le Grand Secrétaire, et qu'il devra être soumis aux instructions et aux ordres et sous la direction du susdit officier. Adopté.

Le Grand Secrétaire rapporta qu'il avait eu mailu un grand nombre de polices en Français avec l'année 1899 imprimées dessus, et il demanda au Bureau s'il devait continuer de se servir de ces polices. On décida que le changement de l'année n'affectait nullement ces polices et qu'on pouvait en faire usage.

On attira aussi l'attention sur les plaintes de certains membres qui ne recevaient pas la Canadian régulièrement. On donna instruction au secrétaire d'envoyer ces plaintes à l'éditeur, frère Coffey, et lui demander de faire des recherches à ce sujet puisque c'est lui qui expédie le journal.

Un membre qui change d'adresse devrait immédiatement notifier le Grand Secrétaire, ou faire envoyer cette notice par le Secrétaire Archiviste de sa succursale.

Proposé par le frère Chisholm, secondé par le frère O'Keefe, que nous jurions pour nous réunir de nouveau à l'appel du Grand Président. Adopté.