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DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP WALSH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELEVENTH CONVENTION.

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

M. F. HACKETT,

Grand President.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,

Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC CONVENTION.

RAILWAY FARES.

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

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

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

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

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

HOTEL RATES.

Hotels.	Accommodation.	Rates.
Chateau Frontenac.	Unlimited.	\$2.50
Hotel Victoria.	25 to 200	1.50 to \$2.00
Clarendon.	25 to 75	1.50 to 2.00
Mount on Hill House.	50	1.00 to 1.50
Beauchamps.	50	1.50
Michael Henchey's.	25 to 30	1.25

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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

BRANCH 1.

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

BRANCH 3.

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

BRANCH 5.

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

BRANCH 8.

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

BRANCH 9.

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

BRANCH 11.

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

BRANCH 12.

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

BRANCH 13.

I. That the present system of selecting representatives to Grand Council be abandoned, and the following system substituted therefor:

(a) That all the Branches of the C. M. B. A. be divided into districts so that in each district there shall be from 200 to 600 members.

(b) That each such district shall be entitled to one representative for each 200 members in said district.

(c) That the mode of election of such representatives shall be as follows:

(1) The Grand Secretary shall furnish to each Branch in each district, at least two months before the date of election, a list of the members in said district eligible for election as representative, and shall also certify the number of representatives which such district is entitled to elect.

(2) The Grand Secretary shall also at the same time supply to the Recording Secretary of each Branch a sufficient number of ballots for such Branch marked with the number of such Branch.

(3) One of such ballots shall be supplied by the Recording Secretary to each member present at the meeting for the election of officers, such ballot having been previously signed on the back thereof by the President and Recording Secretary of the Branch.

(4) Each member so supplied shall write on the face of his ballot the names of the persons for whom he wishes to vote as Representatives, the names so written not to exceed in number the number of Representatives for the district and shall thereupon return the same to the Recording Secretary whose duty it shall be to forthwith transmit all the ballots so cast in his Branch to the Grand Secretary.

(5) The Grand Secretary shall, during the calendar month following the month in which the election is held, count the ballots under such supervision as the Board of Trustees may determine, and shall declare the persons receiving the largest number of votes in each district duly elected as Representatives for such district to the number to which such district is entitled.

(6) In the event of a tie he shall declare the candidate who shall have been longest a member of the Association, elected.

(7) The Grand Secretary shall cause to be published in the issue of THE CANADIAN for the succeeding month the names of the persons elected as Representatives and Alternates for each district.

II. That conventions of the Grand Council be held every three instead of every two years.

III. That an auditor be appointed at each convention whose duty it shall be to make an annual audit of the books of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Trustees of the Reserve Fund, whose report shall be published annually in THE CANADIAN and that the Finance Committee be relieved of the duties so directed to be performed by the Auditor.

IV. That each person hereafter becoming a member of this Association shall, if he hold a \$500 certificate, pay into the Beneficiary Fund each month the amount set out opposite his age at initiation in column 1 of the underwritten Table of Rates; if he hold a \$1,000 certificate he shall pay the amount so set out in column 2 of said table; and if he hold a \$2,000 certificate, he shall pay the amount so set out in column 3 of said table.

TABLE OF RATES.

MONTHLY AMOUNT PAYABLE

Age at Initiation.	For a \$500 Certificate.	For a \$1,000 Certificate.	For a \$2,000 Certificate.
21	1.12	2.24	4.48
22	1.12	2.24	4.48
23	1.12	2.24	4.48
24	1.12	2.24	4.48
25	1.12	2.24	4.48
26	1.12	2.24	4.48
27	1.12	2.24	4.48
28	1.12	2.24	4.48
29	1.12	2.24	4.48
30	1.12	2.24	4.48
31	1.12	2.24	4.48
32	1.12	2.24	4.48
33	1.12	2.24	4.48
34	1.12	2.24	4.48
35	1.12	2.24	4.48
36	1.12	2.24	4.48
37	1.12	2.24	4.48
38	1.12	2.24	4.48
39	1.12	2.24	4.48
40	1.12	2.24	4.48
41	1.12	2.24	4.48
42	1.12	2.24	4.48
43	1.12	2.24	4.48
44	1.12	2.24	4.48
45	1.12	2.24	4.48
46	1.12	2.24	4.48
47	1.12	2.24	4.48
48	1.12	2.24	4.48
49	1.12	2.24	4.48
50	1.12	2.24	4.48

V. The Board of Trustees shall have power to make said table apply to all persons at present members of this Association whenever they may deem it expedient to do so.

VI. The moneys realized from the monthly payments under the above table shall be invested in so far as not needed for the payment of current death claims, and the moneys so invested shall at all times be available for the payment of the death claims which in any one month may exceed the amounts collected during such month.

BRANCH 30.

That section 35 be amended by striking therefrom in the first and second lines the words "Branches shall be represented by their Representatives or Alternates," and the following be substituted: "Each group of two branches shall be represented by one Representative or Alternate, the grouping of the branches to be arranged by the Grand Council, the appointment of Representative to be made from each branch of the group alternately, the Representative first appointed to be from the senior branch of the group, the Representative to take his instructions from both of the branches. In case of disagreement between the two branches of each group regarding amendments or instructions to Representatives, a vote of the members of both branches shall be taken, and the Representative to be governed by a majority vote.

BRANCH 49.

Recommends the employment annually of a selected chartered accountant to examine into the accounts, books and vouchers of the Grand officers of the C. M. B. A., reporting thereon to the Grand President and Grand Secretary and such further officers or persons as may be designated by the members assembled in convention, also signs or passwords.

BRANCH 63.

The holding of conventions every four years instead of every two years.

BRANCH 67.

(1) That we, the members of Branch 67, C. M. B. A., of Pembroke, are of the opinion that the Grand Council at its next meeting should devise and promulgate a scheme for equal monthly payments based on a graded system increasing with each year of age, in-

stead of every five years as at present.

(2) That we consider the expenses in connection with the holding of biennial conventions are far too great for the benefits obtained, and we are of the opinion that the objects of these conventions could be obtained in a less expensive and more perfect manner by reducing the number of delegates to, say, one for every four, hundred or five hundred members.

That we consider a further reduction in the expenses of the Grand Council, without in any way lessening its efficiency, could be attained by holding triennial instead of biennial conventions, and, of course, lengthening the terms of Grand Council officers to three years.

BRANCH 77.

To lessen the expenses of our conventions by Provincial or District representation.

BRANCH 91.

Recommends to reduce the cost of holding the convention by having the Grand Council composed of about thirty members elected by districts or groups of branches or chosen by the Grand Council, and when reduced to said number, the convention to be held yearly.

BRANCH 102.

To adopt a sick benefit feature obligatory to all branches and members thereof.

BRANCH 101.

To strike out the word "representative" in the first and second lines of Section 91 and add to said section the following: "Branch delegates' expenses and per diem shall be paid by the branch they represent;" also the holding of conventions in as central a locality as possible; also an old age and disability clause; also that organizers be replaced by District Deputies appointed in each district; also the printing of the constitution in the German language.

BRANCH 126.

That section 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law be amended so as to have double assessments bi monthly making a total of 18 assessments payable at fixed dates.

BRANCH 132.

Whereas, it has frequently come under observation that many of our co-religionists who, from causes beyond their control, such as being beyond the age limit or through physical defect, are ineligible for membership in our Association, yet would wish, from a spirit of fraternity and interest, to become members, and

Whereas, the inclusion of this element of our people would have a tendency to increase the influence and prestige of the C. M. B. A., besides offering a means of augmenting the Reserve and Branch funds, therefore this branch respectfully submits for the earnest consideration of the C. M. B. A. the desirability of adopting measures to have such additions made to our charter as may be considered necessary to enable the Association to adopt the plan of having ASSOCIATE members.

BRANCH 145.

To reduce the number of delegates to the Grand Council by cancelling the privilege of sending representatives to the Convention from such branches as already have members in the Council, and also to have representatives elected by districts or groups of branches, instead of by single branch as at present.

I. That the word "Biennially" in Section 12 be eliminated and the word "Triennially" substituted.

II. That Section 12 be struck out entirely and the following amendments substituted therefor:

1. That the different branches of each County or Counties comprising ten branches shall the year previous to the meeting of Grand Council send two delegates from each branch to some central locality to discuss proposed amendments, etc., to be presented to the Grand Council for consideration.

2. That said delegates of branches vote by proxy the full number of members of each branch on all questions coming before them for consideration.

That representatives to General Council be elected from above branch delegates on a basis of representation of one representative to every one hundred members or a fraction thereof, over one hundred and fifty demanding two representatives.

BRANCH 157.

Representation to Grand Council by district instead of branches; also signs and passwords; also to reduce the reserve fund.

BRANCH 193.

Recommends triennial conventions, and the enlargement of the official organ by the saving in holding triennial instead of biennial conventions. The appointment of one or more organizers with power to inspect and audit the books in the branches, reporting to the Grand Council the condition of each branch, which report shall be published in the official organ; also the suggestions made by Bro. I. P. O. Noel, of Branch 251, viz: to have twelve regular assessments equal to eighteen at the present rate, and a scale of rates increasing each year from the ages of 15 to 50.

BRANCH 210.

To hold conventions every six years instead of every two years, or if the biennial conventions are continued that each branch that wishes to send a representative pay his expenses.

BRANCH 212.

To have twelve assessments in the year instead of fifteen regular and special assessments, and to have two twelve assessments payable equally to eighteen present assessments.

To have the convention every three years instead of two years.

To have only one delegate to represent five or six branches, or about 20 members at the convention.

BRANCH 216.

The holding of triennial instead of biennial conventions.

BRANCH 221.

That each and every lay member of this Association shall furnish annually to the Recording Secretary of his branch a certificate from a priest certifying that he has performed his Easter duty.

Any member who has not presented such certificate at the first regular meeting of the branch after the Easter time is hereby declared to be suspended, and if within two months he has not presented such certificate, he is "ipso facto" expelled from the Association.

BRANCH 247.

Recommends the doing away with special assessments as far as possible.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

August Assessment, 1898. Cotisation du mois d'Août. No. 1. Deaths { Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 93. Décès {

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. SECRETARY'S OFFICE, London, Ont., August 1, 1898.

Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada. BUREAU DU SECRETAIRE, London, Ont. 1 Août, 1898.

Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers:

Cher Monsieur et Frère—Vous êtes, par le présent officiellement notifié du décès des frères et après nommés:

Table with columns: NO., NAME, BRANCH, LOCATION, POLICY, ADMITTED, DIED, CAUSE OF DEATH. Lists deaths of Joseph Marchand, Paul Landry, David Barry, Philicien LeBlanc, Joseph A. Day, Wm. P. O'Leary, Joseph Adam, and Louis Guilmet.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for July, 1898. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Juillet, 1898.

BENEFICIARY FUND.—FONDS DES BÉNÉFICIAIRES.

Table showing financial details for the Beneficiary Fund, including amounts on hand, received during July, and assessments for various branches.

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Table listing beneficiaries and their respective amounts, such as Arthur Savage, John Driscoll, R. M. Simon, etc.

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE.

Table showing financial details for the Reserve Fund, including amounts on hand, accrued since last report, and interest added.

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C.M.B.A. of Canada—

Brothers—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 10 (August 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 third day of Sept., 1898. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this Assessment, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report, on or before the 9th day of Sept., 1898. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read Sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

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

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

Frères—L'état précédent de la Cotisation No. 10 (Cotisation du mois d'Août) est donné en conformité des clauses 7ème et 8ème de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéfices; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est donné dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer cette cotisation au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 3ème jour de Sept., 1898. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de cette cotisation, accompagné du Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle, le ou avant le 9ème jour de Sept., 1898. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

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

Statement of Assessments Received in July, 1898.

Etat des Cotisations Recues Durant le Mois de Juillet.

Large table with multiple columns: Branch No., Assessment No., Beneficiary Fund, Reserve Fund, Branch No., Assessment No., Beneficiary Fund, Reserve Fund. Lists assessment data for various branches and assessment numbers.

N. B.—All branches not appearing on the foregoing statement as having paid No. 7 and special Assessments, with the exception of Branches 32, 46, 65, 72, 206, 287, 288 and 295, are on this date (August 1st, 1898) in arrears or under suspension. Branches 71, 101 and 267 paid No. 7 in June, and branches 32, 46, 65, 286 and 285 paid both 7 and special Branch 286 was not liable.

N. B.—Les succursales qui n'apparaissent pas dans l'état ci-dessus comme ayant payé les Cotisations Nos. 7 et spéciales, à l'exception des Succursales Nos. 32, 46, 65, 72, 206, 287, 288 et 295, sont à cette date (1 Août, 1898) arriérées ou en suspens. Les Succursales Nos. 71, 101, et 267 ont payé la Cotisation No. 7 en Juin, et les Succursales Nos. 32, 46, 65, 285 et 286 ont payé les cotisations No. 7 et spéciales. La Succursale No. 286 n'était pas responsable.

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BRANCH 253.

To strike out in section 156 the following: "But such meetings shall not be on a Sunday or legal holiday."

BRANCH 200

To allow branches to hold regular meetings on Sundays and the continuance of the \$1.00 bonus.

VISIT OF GRAND PRESIDENT HON. M. F. HACKETT TO HALIFAX, N. S.

After many pressing invitations from representative officials in that section, a very strong one, issued by the several Branches of the city of Halifax and Dartmouth, had the desired effect of inducing our worthy Grand President to make us a visit so long desired. Accompanied by his amiable lady, he arrived there on Tuesday evening, 19th ult., by C. P. Railway, and was met and welcomed at the station by quite a gathering of brothers. A special committee, composed of Grand Deputy Cragg, President Monaghan, Branch 132; President O'Donnell, Branch 160; President Grant, Branch 208, and President Thomas, Branch 241, escorted the visitors to the Halifax Hotel, where appropriate quarters had been engaged. Here again the Grand President was met, not only by a further gathering of members, but by several members of the City Council and leading citizens, who accorded him a hearty welcome and practically bestowed on him the freedom of the city. Most unfortunate, the weather for the two following days remained most obstinately wet and disagreeable, yet everything possible was done to neutralize these climatic conditions and to try and make the visitors forget the weather. But it was impossible to carry out the originally arranged programme. On Wednesday morning official visits were made to Government House, City Hall and the Parliament Buildings. Lieutenant-Governor Daly was, as might be expected from our distinguished coreligionist, most cordial in his greetings, and the same may be said of His Worship Mayor Stephens and Hon. George Murray, the Premier. Following this Bro. Hackett lunched at the Halifax Club with some prominent C. M. B. A. members. After lunch Madame Hackett was called on by the wives and daughters of our members. At the conclusion of the reception the party, by special invitation of the Gardens Commissioners, made a visit of inspection to this "Pride of Halifax," and not only did they see all that was to be seen, but came away laden with choice bouquets. Returning, a brief stop was made at St. Mary's cathedral, the magnificent new decorations of which were greatly admired. Wednesday evening was set apart for a grand rally of all members at the association rooms on Barrington street. The attendance was good and the rousing eloquence of Hon. Mr. Hackett on that occasion made such an impression on the gathering that many of those who have been lukewarm in the past will, without doubt, become imbued with that vigorous interest which, as the Grand President so forcibly pointed out, is the sacred duty of each and every member.

Already the fruits of his stirring address are visible, in the fact that a number of applications and examinations are in process; and many more will follow.

Thursday was to have been the day

for a grand harbor excursion, but alas! the elements were against it. In the evening, however, the members accorded the Grand President and visiting brothers a banquet at Hotel Florence, a bright new summer hotel situated about ten miles outside the city. Instead of a contemplated water excursion one by rail was substituted. A special conveyed the party, numbering about seventy five, and, after enjoying the repast, speeches were made in proposing and responding to the toasts of the Queen, Our Guest, Visiting Brothers, etc. Here again our Grand President delighted his listeners by his charming felicity in reaching their hearts with words breathing that spirit of fraternity which he never tires in inculcating. Rev. Father William McDonald, from Stellarton—the big man with the big heart; Rev. Father McKeough, from Pictou; Bro. J. P. Hallisey, from Truro, and others also made capital speeches. The only drawback to the entertainment was the ruthless insistence of the railway people to start the return journey on schedule time, and thus the merry gathering was cut short, although the run home was made lively by song and jest. On Friday morning the members had the very great pleasure of being joined by ex Grand Chancellor Bro. Dr. MacCabe, who has been sojourning at Truro. Friday afternoon an impromptu excursion on the harbor was organized, and the guests had the opportunity of cruising over the finest harbor in the world with the accompaniment of as bright a sunshine and as invigorating a breeze as this world affords. Friday evening was looked forward to as the great night, and it truly was a red letter occasion for the C. M. B. A. in Halifax, as one of the most important features of that meeting was the noble and characteristic letter of His Grace the Archbishop, Dr. O'Brien, addressed to Grand Deputy Cragg the whole association will read its encouraging words with appreciation and delight.

Halifax, P. E. I., July 29, 1892.

To Jas. R. Cragg, Esq., Grand Deputy C. M. B. A., Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Cragg: I regret very much that unavoidable absence from the city deprives me of the pleasure of meeting and welcoming the Hon. Mr. Hackett as the representative of the C. M. B. A. I must beg of you to let me inter-pret of my sentiments, and to make known my sympathy with, and approval of, the principles and aims of the C. M. B. A., and my earnest hope that its membership may be largely increased. I cordially unite with my fellow-members in bidding a hearty welcome to our chief Executive Officer, and trust his visit to Halifax may be a pleasant one, and conducive to the best interests of our noble Association.

In faith, yours, very truly,
(Signed) C. O'BRIEN,
Archbishop of Halifax.

The local press gives the following account of the meeting:—

Members of the C. M. B. A. and their friends filled St. Mary's hall last evening, the occasion being addressed by Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand President of the association, and others, regarding the association and its aims and objects. James R. Cragg, local president, occupied the chair, and beside him, on the stage, which was decorated with plants and flowers, were Hon. Mr. Hackett, his honor the lieutenant governor, his worship the mayor and Dr. MacCabe. The other gentlemen on the stage included Rev. Dr. Foley, Rev. Peter McDonald, of Stellarton, Rev. Father Underwood and other members of the clergy.

In opening Mr. Cragg read letters from His Grace the Archbishop and Rev. Dr. Murphy, who were absent from the city, regretting their absence but assuring the members of the association of their hearty co-operation in the aims

and objects of the C. M. B. A. They particularly regretted inability to be present to welcome the grand president.

The chairman on introducing Mr. Hackett, spoke of that gentleman's prominence as a Canadian and a C. M. B. A. member and paid a tribute to his ability.

Hon. Mr. Hackett, on rising, was greeted with loud applause. He thought the chairman must have prevaricated slightly in regard to his introduction and that he should notify the audience so that they should not expect too much and be disappointed. He had been in the city four days, and words failed to express the sentiments of himself and Mrs. Hackett over their welcome by all creeds and classes. He had heard of the C. M. B. A. members of Halifax before, but his expectations had been eclipsed by his welcome. He and Mrs. Hackett had read the history of Nova Scotia and they had read of the beautiful harbor of Halifax, its park gardens and surroundings and they were delighted at having seen them: words failed to express their feelings. He was not egotistical enough to take this welcome to himself personally, when he reflected how little he had done to deserve it, but looked upon it as a tribute to the position which he holds, and which he said it was his desire to fill in such a way as to conduce to the credit and advantage of the association. He had received from north, south, east and west many flattering proofs of kindness and confidence from his brethren, but none touched him more than the evidence of the good will of the Halifax brethren. In presence of such marks of confidence he felt strengthened in the resolve to make every personal sacrifice and to spare no pains to deserve it.

He was happy to say the C. M. B. A. is a band of brothers, a brotherhood of friendship and benevolence which knows no distinction of origin or class, but which embraces in its protective folds every class and condition of mankind, only asking that they kneel at a common altar and mingle in a union of hearts, a reciprocal affection and a mutual aid, which will redound to their greatest moral, material, general and individual advancement. The C. M. B. A. is more than a mutual benefit association. It has not only for its aim to assist the widow and orphan, but its mission is to elevate and educate the Catholic masses. There is something comforting in the thought that Catholics possess such an institution, which aims to make men nobler, greater, truer and better men and citizens.

The growth of the association is marvellous, and there is, so to speak, no locality of importance, no growth of Catholics upon the continent which does not feel, directly or indirectly, its beneficial and salutary effects. Its greatest ambition is to unite the Catholics of Canada. Its mission is great, noble, generous and good, and no man who loves his country and his fellow man—no matter before what altar he kneels or in what tongue his lullaby is sung, will fail to say from his heart of hearts, to the officers and members, rank and file, "God bless you, go on in your noble work."

We live in an age of combination, when desired results are more easily obtained by union, the crystallization, so to speak, of all the living forces available, whether of men or capital. Union in part is strength for any purpose. It may be said the C. M. B. A. encroaches upon a field already pre-

empted by many kindred associations, but such contention is most untenable. He knew of no divine right which gives the monopoly to any one or body, but in any case the field is broad enough for all. In the face of the evening's magnificent demonstration, which bore unmistakable testimony to their loyalty to the order, it might seem superfluous to offer advice. But if he might venture to do so he would say: Cultivate and encourage above all the fraternal spirit which constitutes the chief aim and strength of their beloved association. Let it be a band of brothers in the truest sense of the word, thus setting an edifying example to their coreligionists who have not yet affiliated with them. All can leave their footprints upon the sands of time. The years depart, but the good done lives and abides. Catholics of education, wealth and influence owe it as a solemn duty to themselves and their coreligionists to help on the good work which the association has undertaken by joining its ranks as soon as possible.

The C. M. B. A. appeals to all as a Canadian institution. It is essentially a Canadian society. In 1892, when the death rate in the United States became greater than the Canadian members felt they should bear, they saw the necessity of a Canadian institution. The Catholics of this great Dominion are loyal to the Canadian flag. We stand under the folds of a flag that glories in liberty and freedom in every sense of the word. There is a great and glorious future in Halifax and the surrounding towns for the C. M. B. A., he said.

He again referred to the many natural beauties this fair city of ours possesses, and of its very hospitable people. He requested the ladies particularly to show their fathers, brothers and husbands the way to the C. M. B. A. In closing he said the reception tendered him and Mrs. Hackett will long remain in his memory, and he hoped some day to return and meet them all again.

The next speaker introduced by the chairman was Dr. MacCabe, who was one of the first grand presidents of the association in Canada. After the able address of the grand president he felt that further remarks seemed out of place. He had spent some of his life in Nova Scotia, and he walked the streets of Halifax now with just as warm a heart as he had twenty three years ago. The occasion was particularly pleasing to him, and he expressed the warmest greetings from his brother members of the C. M. B. A. of Ottawa.

Short addresses were also given by the Rev. Father McDonald, of Stellarton; Rev. Father Underwood, of Dartmouth, and the Rev. Dr. Foley.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mayor Stephen, to the speakers, and heartily passed.

The evening's programme was interspersed with vocal selections by Misses Murphy and Doyle, and Professor Currie.

Hon. Mr. Hackett and lady took their departure on Saturday morning for Yarmouth, whence a pressing invitation had been extended them—carrying with them the genuine friendship and admiration of all with whom they came in contact. Private hospitality was extended the party by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Daly, Premier Murray, Mrs. John Murphy, "Briar Cottage" and others. Bro. Geo. W. Cooke, Amherst, the present Nova Scotian representative on the list of Grand Council officers, was with

the brothers during the last two days of Mr. Hackett's stay, and as usual manifested his presence by his sobriety, wisdom and hilarity—a combination somewhat rare in these degenerate days.

The brothers all look forward with expectancy to a return visit from our Grand President. Dr. MacCabe has kindly promised to pay a visit again shortly, and give the benefit of his ripe scholarship in unfolding the underlying principles governing the laws and rules of our Association.

ADDRESS BY GRAND ORGANIZER W. P. KILLACKEY.

Bro. W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer, addressed a meeting in the interests of Branch No. 11, Guelph, Ont., on the 27th June. The meeting was not as largely attended as it merited, still those who were present felt amply repaid by the splendid address which was given by the lecturer.

Bro. M. Parcell, President of the Branch, occupied the chair and, after a few opening words, called upon Bro. Killackey, who spoke as follows:

It becomes my duty to thank you for your presence here to night in such fairly large numbers. Probably your time might be more pleasantly spent, still the fact that it is a meeting of the C. M. B. A. is enough to bring you together.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association has the proud distinction of not changing its course, unlike many other societies, since its inception some twenty-one years ago. An evidence of its stability may be gathered from the fact that never in its history has it disputed the claims of the widow or the orphan. It has carried out its contract to the letter—not only that the same fraternal spirit which existed towards the deceased brother did not cease towards those he had left behind. Many instances had been seen while travelling of the good it had accomplished. If the Catholic people only knew the good that resulted from membership in the Association no organizer would be required, and men would seek affiliation with the C. M. B. A. with less hesitation. It is quite true local differences arise from time to time; they do in all societies. The members should endeavor to overcome these, follow the by laws and constitution of the Association, which is ample enough to engross and engage the attention of any member, and nothing foreign should be introduced. It is most desirable we should endeavor to inculcate the virtues, I may be permitted to call them such—Sobriety, Integrity and Frugality.

The reason, or at least one was, in forming the C. M. B. A. to provide life insurance at a low rate, consistent with safety, to Catholic men. They are not banded together or united to offend any person or party nor give offence to even any Catholic who does not join. The C. M. B. A. offers cheap insurance, a chance at advancement in the battle of life, it educates its members, makes them good Catholics by practicing the Church's teaching. The rich are on a level with the poor. at the meeting both assemble together, speak their thoughts freely, conversing, etc., promoting and creating an everlastingly feeling of good fellowship among members. The C. M. B. A. is guided by Holy Mother Church: it always has been; and any society or organization which follows the teachings of the Catholic Church is bound to prosper. We have as our Grand Spiritual Direct-

or the Venerable Archbishop of Toronto, who has always been willing to give his fatherly and valuable advice, and who in meetings of the order never hesitates to call a member "brother." No person enjoys the esteem of the members more than Archbishop Walsh, who is a keystone to the Association. There need be no danger to one's religious scruples in being a member. How many societies have religious teaching in their order? Not many. What recommendation is there in joining them? This should deter Catholics from joining any other than the C. M. B. A.—now, particularly, that these so-called societies are encroaching upon us day by day. And what do they offer better than we do? Nothing. Let us compare the C. M. B. A. with the Independent Order of Foresters: A man at the age of 19 years pays for \$2,000 in that order \$1.10 an assessment; for 12 assessments in a year it costs him \$52.80. Not only that, but the I. O. F. are now adopting our method of carrying on insurance—copying what we adopted at the organization of the C. M. B. A., and the I. O. F. is not the only insurance society that is falling back to the system of the C. M. B. A. I have heard some men say the Chosen Friends are cheaper than we are. At 19 years for \$2,000 it costs him \$1 per month—\$18 a year.

Now, the C. M. B. A. charges you for \$2,000 at forty-nine years just \$3.00 a year, supposing twenty assessments are levied, which is very seldom done. Now, the C. M. B. A. is just \$20 a year cheaper than the I. O. F. and \$15 a year cheaper than the C. O. F. The C. M. B. A. is the only Catholic society that is chartered by the Dominion Government; and whose books are open for inspection by Dominion Government inspectors! One of these inspectors a short time ago, without hesitation, admitted the C. M. B. A. was on the most substantial footing of any of the societies. The C. M. B. A. was never interfered with by either the Dominion or Ontario Governments. Look at the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company, or Select Knights and others I might mention. The A. O. U. W., whose membership comprises thousands of our best men, has had to do away with the level assessment and adopt the graded system. The I. O. F., C. O. F. and A. O. U. W. have all had to change their rates and charge more and adopt the system inaugurated by the C. M. B. A. at its inception. As regards those "double headers" I have heard some members speak about, the chief fault lies with the members themselves and their boards of trustees, who at times have signed applications without even knowing who the applicant was. Members should exercise the right of the ballot box and not allow uncertain risks to become members. If this had been followed carefully some time ago there would be fewer "double-headers" and the expense not so great. Another thing, members ask why is there not a fixed rate, so a person can know how much it will cost him in a year? Well, no person living could or can fix a rate that would suffice. Some societies do attempt it, but their experience is not successful. The C. M. B. A. does not fix a rate beyond stating only twenty-four assessments can be levied: it lets the money lay in your pocket until it is required, before they ask you for it, and they only ask you for what is absolutely necessary.

Insurance is a necessity to every man. He knew a business man who was carrying on an extensive trade

with a large capital. His creditors always insisted upon him having everything insured. If he should ship grain it had to be insured; everything had to be secured against loss to his creditors. The man realizing his position, thought unto himself, if I have to do this to protect my creditors, why should I not do it to protect my family: they are more near and dear to me than anyone living. This man did insure, and, it happened, died after a few years, and had it not occurred that he was insured, his family would have been left penniless, as his money was so involved and invested his family would never realize any good from it.

We should not lose sight of the fact that in joining the C. M. B. A. we are joining a teaching school, where men have profited and who owe their positions to day from the education they received in its halls. It makes responsible citizens, and many of the most intelligent, honorable and energetic men today can bear testimony that the statement I make is not extravagant by any means. Don't lose sight of the fact that you are doing a good work. Nothing is more noble, more worthy than disseminating charity to the widow and the orphan. It is a happy satisfaction, and we are taught by our Holy Mother the Church to look upon others as our brothers—love them as we do ourselves. One brother's lot might be lower than another, his clothes might not even be so good, but behind this rough exterior beats a heart as true and noble as the other. The C. M. B. A. treats all alike; all are on a level; our religion and society demands such. By mingling and associating together we form a bond of union. What are we all striving for? Toiling day after day, month after month? As to what your earning will be. Our anxiety and thoughts are engendered by the thoughts of your wife and little ones at home; your desire is to keep want as far away as possible from those that are near and dear to you. Surely if, when health and strength are with you and anxiety for the comfort of those around you, what must be the feelings of one who is bidding farewell and is haunted by the thoughts that his loved ones may have to depend upon the cold charity of the world for their future living. He hoped in conclusion to see many new members in our Branch here, and he hoped the members would live up to their duties, as much of the success of a branch depended upon that.

At the conclusion of Bro. Killackey's speech a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him, being moved by Bro. James E. Day and seconded by Dr. Numan, for his able and instructive address. The Grand Organizer suitably acknowledged it.

SMOKING CONCERT.

The smoking concert given by Branch 132, C. M. B. A., on Thursday evening, June 9, was a very enjoyable affair. It was attended by a large number of the members and their friends outside the Association. Members of sister branches in the city also turned out in large numbers. The President of the Branch, Bro. W. A. Monaghan, presided, and opened the entertainment with a few remarks, stating that this was gotten up to celebrate the eight anniversary of the founding of the Branch in Halifax, it having been organized in 1890. The following programme was then admirably given: Part I.—Piano solo, Bro.

W. J. Phelan; C. M. B. A. address, Bro. J. C. O'Mullin; Song, Bro. P. Quinn; Selections (autoharp and harmonica), Master Forsyth; Song, Master Rooney; Recitation, Bro. W. P. Buckley; Whistling solo, Mr. P. J. Houlihan; Song, Bro. J. P. Burns. Intermission. Part II.—Piano solo, Mr. Mahoney; Address, Grand District Deputy Cragg; Song, Bro. W. Buckley; Recitation, Bro. Farrell; Tubephone solo, Master Putman; Whistling solo, Mr. J. Houlihan; Song, Bro. W. J. Phelan; Closing remarks, the Chairman, Bro. J. C. O'Mullin made a stirring speech, in which he put forth the advantages of belonging to the C. M. B. A., and urged all Catholic men between the ages of eighteen and fifty to become members of the Association. During intermission refreshments were served. Grand District Deputy, J. R. Cragg, opened part second with a few remarks welcoming the non-members to the rooms. Every number on the programme was encored. The Committee, which was composed of Brothers R. N. McDonald, W. J. Phelan, John Power and W. R. Fagin, are to be congratulated on the success of the concert.

PICNIC.

The first picnic of Branch 253, C. M. B. A., Huntley, held in Meehan's grove, Panmure, on Saturday last, was an unqualified success, notwithstanding an unpropitious alliance between "Old Probs." and Jupiter Pluvius, both of which powers made warlike demonstrations which augured ill for the comfort of outdoor pleasure seekers for that day. The former had openly declared war, and the alternate smiles and frowns of the latter during the early part of the day could scarcely be construed as evidence of a neutral intention on his part, and well on in the afternoon he seemed unable to resist the temptation of a "try" at the assembled army with his rapid firing guns, his heavy artillery not being within range. After a half-hour's fusillade, however, he was satisfied to retire, leaving the picnickers in undisputed possession of the field. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the crowd numbered little less than a thousand persons, and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, and certainly the committee in charge left nothing to be desired in the way of entertainment and refreshment. Arriving, Pakenham and Carleton Place were well represented on the grounds, while Fitzroy, Huntley and Almonts were there in the hundreds. The refreshment booths did a thriving trade throughout the day, and the dancing platform was well patronized. The various events of the programme of sports were contested in a spirited manner, and resulted as follows: Horse race—1, "Flying Dasher"; 2, "Lightfoot Lee." Bicycle race—1, L. Coxford; 2, A. Giles. Slow horse race—1, "Dark Nellie"; 2, "Klondike Charlie." Fat men's race—1, L. Kennedy; 2, L. Curtain. Men's last race—1, P. O'Brien; 2, B. Young. Boys' race—1, Willie McArthur; 2, Willie Andrews. Considerable interest was manifested in the prize drawing, the winners in which were: Archbishop's portrait, T. Vaughan; ring, T. Kelly; jubilee chair, W. Gallagher; slipper, Miss McDermott; album, Miss Tierney. We understand the proceeds will net in the neighborhood of \$250.

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LA MORT DE MGR. WALSH.

La triste nouvelle de la mort de Sa Grandeur, Mgr. l'Archevêque de Toronto, a été un terrible choc pour tous, mais à aucuns plus qu'aux membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada. Il fut notre Grand Aïeul Spirituel depuis l'institution de notre Conseil, et à ses sages conseils, à son bienveillant encouragement et à ses avertissements opportuns peuvent être attribués le grand succès et le progrès de notre Association par tout le Canada. Personne n'est en meilleure position que celui qui écrit ces lignes de connaître quel intérêt Mgr. Walsh prit dans les affaires de l'A. C. B. M.

Dans plus d'une occasion nous avons recherché son avis sur des questions d'importance vitale relativement au travail de l'Association. Ce ne fut jamais en vain. Et Sa Grandeur le donnait comme un père aimant à ses enfants, et l'avis étant suivi, prouva toujours être dans nos meilleurs intérêts.

Mgr. joignit l'A. C. B. M., en devenant membre fondateur de la succursale No. 4, de London Ont., le 6 Août, 1879. Il demeura membre de cette succursale jusqu'après sa consécration comme Archevêque de Toronto, alors qu'il reçut une carte de transfert à la succursale No. 144 de cette dernière ville. Il fut fortement en faveur de la Séparation Financière d'avec l'A. C. B. M. des Etats-Unis, indiquant à l'avance les bris-glaces et nous montrant la route pour les éviter. Il surveillait de très près les changements faits de temps en temps à notre constitution et prit un profond intérêt dans notre organe officiel, LE CANADIEN, à propos de l'administration duquel il s'exprima fréquemment bien content. La mort de ce bien-aimé et vénérable prélat sera, en vérité, très vivement ressentie.

Mgr. Walsh était né le 23 Mai, 1830, en la paroisse de Mooncoin, comté de Kilkenny, Irlande, et fit ses études au collège St. Jean de Waterford, et au Grand Séminaire de Montréal, étant venu au Canada en Avril, 1852. Il

reçut la tonsure des mains de Mgr. Larocque en 1855, et les ordres mineurs de Mgr Bourget. Un an plus tard il était ordonné prêtre par Mgr. de Charbonnel à Toronto. Sa première charge fut la mission de Brock, sur le lac Simcoe, Ont., dont il fut le premier pasteur résident. En 1857, il fut nommé à la charge de curé de la paroisse Ste Marie de Toronto. En 1859 il fut promu à celle de recteur de la cathédrale St. Michel et en 1862 fut promu davantage à la charge de Vicaire Général du diocèse. Il visita Rome en 1864 et fut reçu avec une attention marquée par Sa Sainteté le Pape. En 1865 il succéda à Mgr. Piusonnault comme évêque de Sandwich, et transféra subsequmment le siège du diocèse à London. Il accomplit dans ce diocèse un important travail, faisant construire des églises, etc.; la magnifique cathédrale de London est une preuve de son énergie infatigable. Il fut regardé comme le successeur naturel de Mgr. l'Archevêque Lynch de Toronto à la mort de ce prélat en 1889, et en Août de la même année il était appelé à lui succéder. Son installation eut lieu le 27 Novembre dans la cathédrale S. Michel.

Les funérailles de Mgr. Walsh ont eu lieu le jeudi 4 Août au matin. La cérémonie, commencée à 10:30, dura jusqu'après 1:30. La messe fut célébrée aux divers autels de la cathédrale à partir de 6 heures. Audela de 150 prêtres étaient présents. Plusieurs hauts dignitaires de l'Eglise se trouvaient aussi présents, parmi lesquels: Mgr. McQuade, de Rochester, N. Y.; Mgr. l'Archevêque Duhamel, d'Ottawa; Mgr. Dowling, de Hamilton; Mgr. O'Connor, de London, et Mgr. O'Connor, de Peterboro. La cathédrale était bondée de monde bien avant le commencement du service.

Le Gouverneur Général était représenté par le Major Denison, A. D. C. Plusieurs personnes marquantes étaient présentes, parmi lesquelles: l'Hon. Mr. Hardy, premier de la Législature locale; l'Hon. R. W. Scott, secrétaire d'état, représentant le Gouvernement Fédéral; J. P. Whitney et plusieurs autres membres de la législature; le Maire Shaw et les membres du conseil de ville, et une nombreuse délégation représentant l'Association des Anciens de London, et des délégations aussi de toutes les églises Catholiques de la ville.

Les porteurs du coin du poêle étaient le Révd. Edward Kernan, de Toronto; le Révd. Dollard, du Nouveau Brunswick; le Révd. Connolly, de Ingersoll; le Révd. Dr. Teefy, de Toronto; le Révd. Dr. Flannery, de St. Thomas; le Révd. Davis, de Madoc; le Révd. Brennan, de St. Mary's; le Révd. Moyna, de Toronto.

La messe pontificale fut célébrée par Mgr. Dowling, de Hamilton, assisté du Très Révd. Vicaire Général McCann, administrateur de l'archidiocèse. Le sermon fut donné par Mgr. McQuade, de Rochester, qui au cours de ses remarques dit que l'Archevêque Walsh lui avait souvent ouvert son cœur relativement aux relations du Canada avec les Etats Unis. Mgr. Walsh avait fortement concouru dans la même vue qu'il soutenait lui (le prédicateur), savoir que le Canada devrait préserver son indépendance, et avoir le motus possible à faire avec les Etats Unis. Il n'y avait rien que les Etats Unis pouvait donner au Canada que celui-ci ne possédait, pendant que d'un autre côté l'annexion pourrait amener des diffcultés pour le Canada que celui-ci n'avait pas actuellement. Poursuivant

son éloge du défunt prélat, Mgr. McQuade dit que l'Archevêque Walsh était né dans l'année qui suivit l'émancipation en Angleterre, mot, dit le prédicateur, employé comme bien d'autres grands mots, pour couvrir un crime, et le caractère de justice et de haine de la tyrannie de l'Archevêque Walsh avait été formé largement par sa connaissance de la condition de l'Irlande avant l'émancipation, et par son expérience pendant la famine qui sevit peu de temps avant qu'il laissât l'Irlande pour venir au Canada. A la fin du sermon le corps fut bien et déposé dans le tombeau dans le sanctuaire de la Cathédrale.
Requiescat in pace.

ONZIEME CONVENTION

Avis est par le présent officiellement donné que la prochaine Convention régulière, la onzième, du Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, sera tenue en la Cité de Québec, Province de Québec, le Quatrième Mardi d'Août, 1898, commençant à 9 heures, a.m.
S. R. BROWN, M. F. HACKELL,
Grand Sec. Grand Pres

CONVENTION DE QUEBEC.

TAUX DES CHEMINS DE FER

Le taux des Chemins de Fer pour la Convention de Québec sera sur le plan des certificats; c'est à dire qu'il faudra payer le prix d'un billet simple pour Québec, et obtenir au point de départ un certificat de délégué à la Convention. Ce certificat sera attesté à la Convention par le Grand Secrétaire, et alors un billet de retour gratis sera émis par l'agent à Québec sur présentation du certificat signé par le Grand Secrétaire.

Les délégués doivent acheter un billet de première classe pour aller. Un reçu certificat leur sera délivré gratis par l'agent de qui le billet pour aller sera acheté. Aucun autre genre de certificat ne sera reconnu.

Il ne se a fait aucune remise parce que les délégués auront manqué d'obtenir un certificat ou d'observer les conditions qu'il comporte.

Les épouses des délégués qui accompagneront leurs époux à la Convention pourront obtenir le même taux de passage que les délégués.

Le taux mentionné plus haut a été obtenu à la condition que nous aurons au moins 300 délégués à la Convention. C'est pourquoi nous suggérons à ceux qui ont l'intention d'être présents de se conformer aux règlements concernant ce taux, et de ne pas prendre avantage d'aucune excursion qui pourrait avoir lieu d'un point quelconque que, si cela pourrait avoir pour effet de réduire le nombre de ceux ayant des certificats à moins de 300, et alors, comme de raison, ceux-ci auraient à payer le prix d'un tiers de billet pour retourner.

TAUX DES HOTELS

Hotels	Arrangements	Taux.
Chateau Frontenac	100	\$1.00
Hotel Victoria	100	1.00
Carleton	100	1.00
Mountain Hill House	100	1.00
Beauchamp	100	1.00
Michael, Heacheys	100	1.00

AMENDEMENTS PROJETS A LA CONSTITUTION.

Nous donnons ci après les amendements proposés à la constitution de l'A. C. B. M. par diverses succursales:

La Succursale No. 1

Recommande des conventions triennales au lieu de biennales aussi d'augmenter le Fonds de Réserve au taux de 10 par cent au lieu de 5 par cent; aussi d'autoriser le Grand Conseil à retirer du Fonds de Réserve le plein montant d'une cotisation dans le but de payer les Bénéficiaires, aussi que les Grands D'apuis soient élus par les Districts

La Succursale No. 3

Un plan de dotation comme suit: Premièrement - Toute personne qui a été dix ans membre de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada, et est en règle, et est devenue, par accident ou maladie, incapable de gagner sa vie et celle de sa famille après que la chose aura été certifiée par trois médecins, membres de l'A. C. B. M., et endossée par l'avisleur spirituel de sa succursale; aura alors droit à la moitié de ses bénéfices et l'autre moitié à la mort, s'il a continué de payer ses contributions et cotisations mensuelles. Deuxièmement - Toute personne qui a été quarante ans membre, et est en règle, aura alors droit à la moitié de ses bénéfices et l'autre moitié à la mort s'il a continué de payer ses contributions et cotisations mensuelles.

La Succursale No. 5

D'amender la Loi concernant le Fonds de Réserve de manière à permettre au Grand Conseil de s'approprier \$20,000 ou une somme suffisante du Fonds de Réserve pour la placer à part comme fonds de retrait dans le but de payer les bénéficiaires aussitôt que la preuve satisfaisante du décès d'un membre sera complétée.

La Succursale No. 8

D'amender la clause 131ème en retranchant, dans la deuxième ligne, les mots "et de tous les officiers des succursales," et aussi les quatre derniers mots de cette clause: d'amender la clause 132ème en ajoutant après le mot "Officiers," les mots "du Grand Conseil;" d'amender la clause 133ème en ajoutant après le mot "cautionnements" les mots "des Secrétaires Financiers et Trésoriers des succursales" et après le mot "Canada" les mots "qui recevra 50 cents par chaque cent dollar de garantie fournie, et les versera dans le Fonds Général du Grand Conseil.

La Succursale No. 9.

D'ajouter, après le mot "separément" dans la clause 101ème, les mots "ou tous à la fois."

La Succursale No. 11.

D'ajouter, après le mot "affaires" dans la clause 157ème, ce qui suit: "sauf dans les succursales comptant moins de cinquante membres, dans lequel cas cinq membres constitueront le quorum"

La Succursale No. 12

D'amender la clause 14ème en retranchant le mot "Représentants" et en ajoutant à la fin de cette clause "et le Grand Conseil paiera aux représentants de ses succursales \$2.50 par jour durant le temps qu'ils assisteront aux conventions régulières ou spéciales, y compris chaque jour nécessairement dépensé en se rendant et en retournant de la convention, mais les frais de route ou toutes autres dépenses de voyage, comprenant le prix d'un lit,

passage, frais de pension et d'hôtel exceptés; ces frais de route ou toutes autres dépenses ainsi exclus seront défrayés directement par les succursales par lesquelles les représentants seront délégués respectivement.

La Succursale No. 13

I. D'abandonner le système actuel de choisir les représentants au Grand Conseil et de le remplacer par le suivant :

(a) Que toutes les succursales de l'A. C. B. M. soient partagées en districts de manière que dans chacun d'eux il y ait de 200 à 600 membres.

(b) Que chacun des dits districts ait droit à un représentant par chaque 200 membres dans le district.

(c) Que le mode d'élection de ces représentants soit comme suit :

(1) Le Grand Secrétaire fournira à chaque succursale dans chaque district, au moins deux mois avant la date de l'élection, une liste des membres dans le dit district qui sont éligibles comme représentants, et il certifiera aussi le nombre de représentants que chaque district a droit d'être.

(2) Le Grand Secrétaire fournira aussi en même temps au sec. archiviste de chaque succursale un nombre suffisant de bulletins de vote marqués au chiffre de la succursale.

(3) Un de ces bulletins sera fourni par le secrétaire-archiviste à chaque membre présent à l'assemblée à laquelle aura lieu l'élection des officiers, le dit bulletin ayant été auparavant endossé par le Président et le secrétaire-archiviste de la succursale.

(4) Chaque membre ainsi pourvu écrira sur la face de son bulletin le nom des personnes qu'il désire élire comme Représentants, les noms ainsi écrits ne devant pas dépasser le nombre de Représentants pour le district, et il le remettra au secrétaire-archiviste dont le devoir sera d'envoyer sans tarder au Grand Secrétaire tous les bulletins ainsi déposés dans sa succursale.

(5) Le Grand Secrétaire durant le mois suivant celui pendant lequel l'élection a lieu comptera les bulletins sous telle surveillance que le Bureau des Syndics pourra déterminer, et il déclarera les personnes ayant reçu le plus grand nombre de votes dans chaque district dument élus Représentants pour le dit district au nombre que chaque district aura droit.

(6) Dans le cas d'égalité il déclarera le candidat qui aura été le plus longtemps membre de l'association, élu.

(7) Le Grand Secrétaire fera publier dans le numéro du CANADIEN, pour le mois suivant, les noms des personnes ainsi élus comme Représentants ou Substituts pour chaque district.

II. Que les conventions du Grand Conseil soient tenues tous les trois ans au lieu de tous les deux ans.

III. Qu'un auditeur soit nommé à chaque convention, dont le devoir sera de faire une revue annuelle des livres du Grand Secrétaire, du Grand Trésorier et des Syndics du Fonds de Réserve et dont le rapport sera publié annuellement dans LE CANADIEN, et que le comité des Finances soit relevé des devoirs qui lui sont assignés et que l'auditeur remplisse.

IV. Que toute personne qui à l'avenir deviendra membre de cette association devra si elle détient un certificat de \$500, verser dans le Fonds des Bénéfices chaque mois le montant en regard de son âge à la date de l'initiation, dans la 1ère colonne de la table de taux sus-mentionnée; si elle détient un certificat de \$1,000, elle devra ver-

ser le montant dans la 2ème colonne; et si elle détient un certificat de \$2,000, elle devra verser le montant dans la 3ème colonne.

(Nous renvoyons à la partie anglaise pour la table de taux sus-mentionnée.)

V. Le Bureau des Syndics aura le pouvoir d'appliquer cette table à toutes les personnes actuellement membres de cette association en aucun temps qu'ils jugeront expédient d'en agir ainsi.

VI. Les sommes réalisées des paiements mensuels sous la table sus-mentionnée seront investies en autant qu'elles ne seront pas requises pour payer les réclamations courantes de décès, et ainsi placées elles seront en tout temps disponibles pour payer les réclamations de décès qui dans aucun mois pourront excéder le montant collecté durant le mois.

La Succursale No. 30.

D'amender la clause 35ème en retranchant les mots "Les Succursales seront représentées par leurs représentants ou les substituts de ces derniers," et les remplaçant par ce qui suit: "Chaque groupe de deux succursales sera représenté par un Représentant ou le substitut de ce dernier, les succursales étant groupées par le Grand conseil, la nomination du Représentant faite par chaque succursale du groupe alternativement, et le premier Représentant nommé par la plus ancienne des succursales du groupe et recevant ses instructions des deux succursales. Dans le cas d'un désaccord entre les deux succursales de chaque groupe relativement aux amendements ou aux instructions donnés aux Représentants, un vote des membres des deux succursales sera pris, et le Représentant sera gouverné par la majorité.

La Succursale No. 49.

D'employer annuellement un comptable expert pour examiner les comptes, livres et pièces justificatives des officiers du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. et qui fera rapport au Grand Président et au Grand Secrétaire et à tous autres officiers ou personnes que les membres réunis en convention désigneront; aussi des signes et mots de passe.

La Succursale No. 63.

De tenir les conventions tous les quatre ans au lieu de tous les deux ans.

La Succursale No. 67.

1. L'adoption d'un plan pour rendre les cotisations mensuelles égales et basées sur un système augmentant avec chaque année d'âge, au lieu de cinq ans en cinq ans comme à présent.

2. De réduire le nombre des délégués à, disons, un par chaque quatre cent ou cinq cent membres.

3. De réduire davantage les dépenses du Grand Conseil en tenant des conventions triennales au lieu de biennales.

La Succursale No. 77.

De réduire les dépenses de nos conventions par la représentation provinciale ou de district.

La Succursale No. 93.

De réduire le coût de la convention en composant le Grand Conseil de trente membres environ élus par districts ou groupes de succursales ou choisis par le Grand Conseil, et ainsi réduit à ce nombre de tenir la convention annuellement.

La Succursale No. 102.

D'adopter un plan de bénéfices à la maladie, obligatoire pour toutes les succursales et les membres d'icelles.

La Succursale No. 104.

De s'en tenir aux conventions biennales. De retrancher le mot "Représentant"

dans la clause 91ème et d'ajouter à cette clause ce qui suit: "Les dépenses et l'indemnité per diem des représentants seront payées par la succursale qu'ils représentent"; aussi de tenir les conventions dans une localité aussi centrale que possible; aussi une clause concernant le vieillissement et l'incapacité, aussi de remplacer les organisateurs par les Députés de district nommés dans chaque district; aussi l'impression de la constitution en langue allemande.

La Succursale No. 126.

D'amender la clause 8ème du Fonds des Bénéfices de manière à avoir des cotisations doubles tous les deux mois, faisant un total de 18 cotisations payables à dates fixes.

La Succursale No. 132.

Attendu, qu'il a été fréquemment observé que plusieurs de nos co-religionnaires qui, pour causes hors de leur contrôle (telque la limite d'âge ou une déficuosité physique) sont inéligibles comme membres de notre Association, dépendant d'ailleurs de la vue fraternel et d'intérêt, devenir membres, et

Attendu, que l'introduction de cet élément de notre peuple aurait une tendance à accroître l'influence et le prestige de l'A. C. B. M., à part d'offrir un moyen d'augmenter le Fonds de Réserve et les fonds des succursales, pour ces raisons cette succursale soumet respectueusement à la sérieuse considération de l'A. C. B. M. qu'il est désirable d'adopter les mesures qui seront considérées nécessaires pour amender notre charte afin de permettre à l'association d'adopter un plan pour admettre des membres Associés.

La Succursale No. 145.

De réduire le nombre des délégués au Grand Conseil en annulant le privilège d'envoyer des représentants à la convention qu'ont les succursales comptant déjà des membres dans le Conseil, et aussi que les représentants soient élus par districts ou groupes de succursales, au lieu de par chaque succursale comme à présent.

La Succursale No. 162.

I. De retrancher le mot "deux" dans la première ligne de la clause 32ème et de le remplacer par le mot "trois."

II. De retrancher la clause 35ème entièrement et de la remplacer par les amendements suivants :

1. Les diverses succursales de chaque comté ou comtés comprenant dix succursales enverront pendant l'année qui précèdera la réunion du Grand Conseil deux délégués pour chacune d'elles dans une localité centrale pour discuter les amendements projetés et à être présentés au Grand Conseil pour considération.

2. Ces délégués de succursales voteront par procuration au nombre total des membres de chaque succursale sur toutes les questions qui viendront devant eux pour considération.

3. Les représentants au Grand Conseil seront élus par les délégués susdits sur une base de représentation de un représentant pour chaque cent membres ou fraction de cent, en plus de cent cinquante requis pour deux représentants.

La Succursale No. 187.

La représentation au Grand Conseil par district au lieu des succursales; aussi des signes et mots de passe; aussi de réduire le Fonds de Réserve.

La Succursale No. 193.

Recommande les conventions triennales, et l'agrandissement de l'organe

officiel au moyen des épargnes faites en tenant des conventions triennales au lieu de biennales. La nomination d'un ou plusieurs organisateurs avec pouvoir d'inspecter et de faire une revue des livres des succursales, faisant rapport au Grand Conseil de la condition de chaque succursale, lequel rapport sera publié dans l'organe officiel; aussi les suggestions faites par frère L. P. O. Noël, de la succursale No. 251, en-voir; d'avoir douze cotisations régulières égales à dix huit au taux actuel, et une échelle de toux augmentant chaque année depuis les âges de 18 à 50 ans.

La Succursale No. 210.

De tenir les conventions tous les six ans au lieu de tous les deux ans, ou si on s'en tient aux conventions biennales, que chaque succursale qui désire envoyer un représentant paye ses dépenses.

La Succursale No. 212.

D'avoir douze cotisations dans l'année au lieu de quinze cotisations régulières et des cotisations spéciales, et de faire les douze cotisations égales aux dix-huit d'à présent.

La Succursale No. 216.

De tenir des conventions triennales au lieu de biennales.

La Succursale No. 221.

Que tout membre laïque de cette association fournisse annuellement au Secrétaire-Archiviste de sa succursale un certificat d'un prêtre attestant qu'il a rempli son Devoir Pascal.

Tout membre qui ne présentera pas tel certificat à la première assemblée régulière de la succursale après le temps Pascal est par le présent déclaré suspendu, et si dans les deux mois il n'a pas présenté tel certificat, il est "ipso facto" expulsé de l'association.

La Succursale No. 247.

D'abandonner les cotisations spéciales en autant que possible.

La Succursale No. 253.

De retrancher dans la clause 156 ce qui suit: "mais les dites assemblées n'auront pas lieu le Dimanche, non plus qu'un jour de fête légale."

La Succursale No. 290.

De permettre aux succursales de tenir leurs assemblées régulières le Dimanche, et de continuer le bonus de \$1.00.

OUVERTURE DE LA CONVENTION.

La messe d'ouverture de la Convention sera célébrée solennellement dans l'église St Roch de Québec.

Le sermon en Français sera donné par le Révd C. E. Carrier, Supérieur du collège de Lévis, Chancelier de la succursale No. 96 et Grand Député de District, et le sermon en Anglais par le Révd Père Henning, recteur de l'église St. Patrice de Québec.

Sa Grandeur Monseigneur Louis Nazaire Bégin avec Son Honneur le maire S. N. Parent, membre de la succursale No. 110, et les Echevins et les Conseillers de la cité, recevront les délégués à l'Hotel de Ville.

Les quartiers généraux des officiers du Grand Conseil durant leur séjour à Québec seront au Chateau Frontenac.

Les membres des succursales désirant correspondre avec le Grand Secrétaire entre le 19 et le 25 d'Août voudront bien lui adresser leur correspondance au Chateau Frontenac.

Nous comprenons que Dame Veuve Henri Bédard, demeurant No. 618, rue St. Jean, Québec, pourra pensionner un nombre de délégués à la Convention.