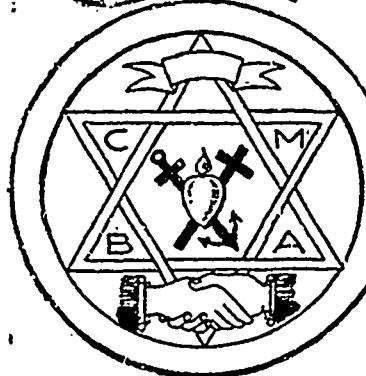


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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was organized at the village of Niagara Falls, N. Y., in July, 1876, and was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York in 1879.

The organization of this Association was first suggested by the Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo. His name, with that of Most Rev. J. Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, and many other distinguished prelates and a large number of the reverend clergy throughout the United States and Canada, adorn its rolls.

The mother Branch, No. 1, of New York State, was organized at Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 3, 1876, by Rev. Father Moynihan, the parish priest, and fourteen other zealous Catholics.

The first Grand Council Convention—that of the State of New York—was held in Oct., 1877.

The Association is sanctioned by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, and has received the approbation of His Eminence, Cardinal Taschereau, and the Archbishops and Bishops of Canada. In the United States the Association is composed of a Supreme Council, Grand Councils and Branches, the Supreme Council being the governing body; but in Canada, it is composed of only a Grand Council and Branches, the Grand Council being the governing body.

The first branch in Canada was organized at Windsor, Ontario, in Feb., 1878. The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was organized also at Windsor, Ont., Feb. 10, 1880. At that date there were but six branches in Canada, viz.: No. 1, Windsor; No. 2, St. Thomas; No. 3, Amherstburg; No. 4, London; No. 5, Brantford; and No. 6, Strathroy—with an aggregate membership of 224.

The charter-members and first officers of the Grand Council were:

Grand Spiritual Advisor, Rt. Rev. John Walsh, Bishop of London (now Archbishop of Toronto).

Grand President, Thomas A. Bourke, Windsor, Ont.

First Vice-President, J. H. Barry, Brantford, Ont.

Second Vice-President, John Doyle, St. Thomas, Ont.

Grand Secretary, Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont.

Gran Treasurer, M. J. Manning, Windsor, Ont.

Gran Marshal, C. W. O'Rourke, Amherstburg, Ont.

Gran Guard, C. W. O'Rourke, Amherstburg, Ont.

Gran Trustees, Rev. J. P. Malphy (Strathroy, Ont.), C. W. O'Rourke, J. Doyle, T. A. Bourke and J. H. Barry.

The installation was conducted by Supreme Deputy J. T. Keena, of Detroit.

The Grand Council was incorporated in Ontario January 18, 1890; registered in Ontario August 22, 1892; incorporated in the Dominion of Canada in March, 1893, and received a certificate of registration for the Dominion Government Dec. 27, 1891. On 31st December, 1892, the C. M. B. A. of Canada was formed into a Separate Beneficiary Jurisdiction, and there is now complete financial separation from the United States. In Canada the Grand Council is termed the Association, incorporated for the following purposes and objects:

(1) To unite fraternally all persons entitled to membership under the constitution and laws of the Association; and the word "laws"

when hereinafter used shall include general laws and by laws.

(2) To improve the social, intellectual and moral condition of the members of the Association, and to educate them in integrity, sobriety and frugality.

(3) To establish, manage and disburse a mutual benefit and a reserve fund from which, within sixty days after the receipt at the office of the Secretary of the Association of satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the Association who has complied with its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding \$2,000 shall be paid by the Association to the widow, orphans, dependents or other beneficiary whom the deceased member has designated, or to the legal representatives of such deceased member.

In each Province in which the Association transacts business it appoints an agent under a power of attorney bearing the seal of the Association and signed by the President and Secretary, to receive service of process in all suits and proceedings against the Association in the Province in which said agent resides.

Applicants for membership must be practical Catholics not under 18 years of age nor over 50 at date of initiation, must pass a medical examination, be approved by the Supervising Medical Examiner, the Branch Board of Trustees, and elected by ballot of the Branch to which application is made before they can be admitted to membership.

Three grades of policies are issued, viz.: a \$2,000, a \$1,000 and \$500.

As a measure toward the perpetuation of the Association, and for the protection of its members from the effects of epidemics or extra-heavy death rate, a Reserve Fund has been established with the most reliable securities. It is accumulated by setting apart 5 per cent. of each assessment collected. It will from time to time be invested in the safest of interest-bearing securities, and neither principal nor interest can be drawn upon until more than twenty-four assessments would be necessary to be levied on the membership of the Association in any one year; or, until said fund shall have reached the sum of \$125,000, which is the limit under the association's act of incorporation.

This fund at present amounts to about \$12,000, and was only established on 1st July, 1887.

Since organization the Association has had 120 deaths in its ranks, and has paid \$78,000 to the heirs of deceased members in Canada. Who can calculate the great help the receipt of this money has been to widows and orphans—at a time too when most needed?

The beneficiary on the death of a member is paid within the time fixed by the Constitution to the person or persons legally entitled to the same, and is exempt from execution or liability for the debts of a deceased member. The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada has organized 211 Branches, with a membership at present of about 10,500.

The following table shows the rates charged:

For a \$2,000 Beneficiary Certificate—

From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$1.00
From the age of 26 to 31 years.....	1.10
From the age of 32 to 37 years.....	1.20
From the age of 38 to 43 years.....	1.30
From the age of 44 to 49 years.....	1.45
From the age of 50 to 55 years.....	1.65

For a \$1,000 Beneficiary Certificate—

From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$1.00
From the age of 26 to 31 years.....	55
From the age of 32 to 37 years.....	60
From the age of 38 to 43 years.....	65
From the age of 44 to 50 years.....	75
From the age of 51 to 55 years.....	85

For a \$500 Beneficiary Certificate—

From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$0.25
From the age of 26 to 31 years.....	28
From the age of 32 to 37 years.....	30
From the age of 38 to 43 years.....	35
From the age of 44 to 49 years.....	40
From the age of 50 to 55 years.....	45

The initiation fee is \$1.00; medical examination fee, \$2.00, and monthly dues, 25cts.

The cost of insurance in the C. M. B. A. is only about one-third of the cost of a similar amount of insurance in any of the regular old line companies, and instead of a member being required to pay the whole year's premium at one payment, the C. M. B. A. divides the cost into twelve parts and lets the member pay one part each month.

It is a duty every father owes to his family to provide for those dependent upon him for support, in case that support should be removed from the helpless ones by death, the time and manner of which is so uncertain.

Young or unmarried men should also join the C. M. B. A., so that in case of death they could make some return to the parents who reared them and have now a right to their help.

The following is the Death Record in the C. M. B. A. of Canada from date of formation of the Grand Council, Feb. 10, 1880, to 1st Jan. 1895:

No.	Average Age Death at Death.	Policies Held.
1881 . 0	37	42,000
1881 . 2	37	2,000
1881 . 4	37	2,000
1881 . 5	27	2,000
1881 . 9	40	2,000
1882 . 19	37	2,000
1882 . 11	43	2,000
1882 . 73	41	2,000
1883 . 25	31	2,000
1883 . 31	42	28 held 22,000
1884 . 47	38	3,000
1884 . 57	41	2,000
1885 . 61	41	2,000
1885 . 51	46	2,000
1891 . 73	43	24 "

Total number of deaths to said date, 423.

HOW TO START A BRANCH.

Send to S. R. Brown, Grand Secretary, London, Ont., for a blank application for charter, and some copies of THE CANADIAN explaining the objects and workings of the Association. Call on the parish priest, solicit his approval of the formation of a branch in his parish, and get him to become a charter member if qualified so to do; get as many other applicants as possible to sign, and the parish priest to certify that the applicants are practical Catholics; then forward said "application for charter" to the Grand Secretary. On receipt of same the Grand Secretary will send you application for membership and medical certificate blank, and E. Ryan, M. D., Supervising Medical Examiner, Kingston, Ont., will arrange with you as to the appointment of a physician in the locality to examine the applicants.

Each applicant shall pay the medical fee, \$2.00, to the physician at the time of examination. This physician should immediately forward the medical certificates to Dr. Ryan, enclosing 50 cents of the above fee for each certificate so forwarded.

Give your personal attention to seeing that the physician makes no delay in forwarding

the medical certificates to the Supervising Medical Examiner.

A certificate of birth, or a statutory declaration as to age, must accompany every application.

As soon as sufficient number (not less than 12) have been approved, the Deputy or organizing officer will receive a report for the institution of the New Branch, and a set of supplies, from the Grand Secretary. The Deputy will then arrange with the applicants the date for instituting the Branch.

The welfare of a Branch depends in a great measure upon its first officers, and the way in which they discharge their duties.

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association should be in the hands of each member; and members should study it well and obey its directions.

A branch of the C. M. B. A. is desired in every parish in Canada.

LIST OF BLANK FORMS, BOOKS AND PRICES.

No.	Blank Forms.	Price per 100.
1	Application for Membership.....	1.00
2	Medical Certificate.....	.75
3	Notice of Election of Applicant.....	.35
4	Monthly Assessment Report.....	.35
5	Application for a Policy.....	.50
6	Resignation.....	.35
7	Transfer Card.....	1.00
8	Visiting Card.....	1.00
9	Application for a Policy to replace one lost or destroyed.....	.30
10	Surrender of a \$—Policy and Application for a \$—one instead.....	.30
11	Application for increase of Policy from \$— to \$—.....	2.00
12	Bonds for Branch Officers.....	2.00
13	Notice and Proof of Death.....	2.00
14	Statement to Chairman of Grand Council Finance Committee.....	2.00
15	Annual Report.....	1.00
16	Declaration as to age.....	1.00
17	Petition for Charter.....	.50
18	Deputy's Report on Institution of a New Branch.....	.20
19	Deputy's Report on a Branch visited.....	1.00
20	Chancellor's Certificate.....	2.00
21	Supply list and Prices.....	.50

No.	Bo. 1.	Price Each.
2B	Roll Book.	\$1.00
2B	Financial Secretary's Meeting Book.....	1.00
2B	Financial Secretary's Ledger (200 pages).....	1.50
2B	Financial Secretary's Ledger (400 pages).....	2.50
4B	Treasurer's Book.....	1.00
5B	Order Book.....	.25
6B	Receipt Book.....	.25
7B	Branch Assessment Book.....	1.00
8B	Constitutions (English).....	.65
9B	Constitutions (French).....	.65
10B	Constitutions (German).....	.65
11B	Ceremonials (English).....	.65
12B	Ceremonials (French).....	.65
13B	Ceremonials (German).....	.65

Policies are 15 cents each, but policies issued on account of change of designation are 30 cents each.

As will be seen by the above list, the Association provides blank forms for all reports between Branches and the Grand Secretary. This is to secure accuracy, completeness in reports, and uniformity in filing reports; therefore reports that are embodied in letters written on any paper but the proper blanks, will not be accepted. Use blank form No. 21 to order supplies, and address said order to

SAMUEL R. BROWN,
Grand Secretary, C. M. B. A.,
391 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

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news or information that will be of benefit
to the Association. Communications upon
subjects of interest to C. M. B. A. members
will always be welcome, but anonymous
letters and letters which the Manager does
not consider for the welfare of the Association
will not be published.

Correspondents will please remember that
copy must reach us before the 15th of the
month, if intended for publication in the
following month's issue, and that space is
limited and brevity much desired.

Address all communications to
H. R. BROWN,
39 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

LONDON, MARCH, 1885.

Toronto, Feb. 21, 1895.

My dear Mr. Brown,—

I am glad to learn that the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. has decided to publish an official organ for the Association, and that you have been appointed its editor and manager. This I believe to be a step in the right direction. The projected journal can not fail to be very useful and interesting to the members of the C. M. B. A. It will contain full and accurate information respecting the condition of the various branches, and the progress and prospects of the whole organization, and will foster and sustain a lively interest in its work and welfare. It will be a bond of union between the scattered and far-separated members, bringing them into closer communion with each other, facilitating an interchange of views, and making them realize, to use the prophet's words, "how good and sweet it is for brothers to live in harmony."

The fact that the new journal is to be entrusted to you as editor and manager is an assurance that it will be conducted with prudence, energy and ability.

Wishing THE CANADIAN a useful and successful career,

I am faithfully yours,

JOHN WALSH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

Mr. S. R. BROWN,
Grand Secretary, C. M. B. A.,
London, Ont.

THE CANADIAN.

After a successful, we might say, glorious, career, lasting fully fifteen years and more of useful existence and beneficial work, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association has, by unanimous consent of its representative delegates, arrived at the conclusion that the time is now ripe for the establishment of an official organ.

The Grand Council, assembled at St. John, New Brunswick, in September last, decided, without a dissentient voice, that an official organ of our grand association has become, not only a matter of vital importance to our present interests, but a work of imperative necessity to the still greater progress and onward march of the organization to yet more beneficial and happy results.

The official organ of the C. M. B. A. will be named THE CANADIAN. It will have no more ultimate or dearer object in view than the good of our association in general and the well-being

and happiness of every member in every branch wheresoever situated. It, with the new constitutional regulations, will curtail the expense and minimize the work of Branch officers, while re-uniting once a month, and as in one family, the members scattered all over the Dominion, who will be able to compare notes and vie with each other in promoting good order, unity of purpose and a spirit of good will and brotherhood among all the branches.

We indulge the hope that THE CANADIAN will come to be considered as a centre of unity and of authority to which members, how distant soever, may direct their looks in time of doubt and uncertainty. Through a misunderstanding or want of appreciation of the exact import of certain points in the constitution, errors may arise and difficulties ensue among branches or members, which may be settled promptly and satisfactorily by an appeal to the official organ, whose decisions shall be final. Thus no room shall be left to wrongheadedness or personal ambition to create dissension or promote rancor where perfect harmony and brotherly love should ever be characteristic of our grand association.

The opening of new branches, the extension of C. M. B. A. influence and power for good, the work done for religion and charity in the different Provinces; all shall be correctly and accurately reported in the official organ.

Occasions may supervene—it may be in time of political excitement, or under pressure of one of those waves of religious bigotry to which we have of late been accustomed—when it may be of the supreme advantage to us to have an official organ. The pages of THE CANADIAN shall be there to challenge investigation—and prove to the world that we are neither a secret nor a political organization, and that we have no other object in view or reason of existence, *raison d'être*, than to promote good fellowship, mutual assistance and practical Christianity amongst all our members.

With these high principles in view, we fear no foe, we court no favor, but commend ourselves and our good work to God, while vowed dutiful allegiance to all His commands and those of Holy Church.

FRATERNITY.

While watching with jealous eye the financial interests of the association it is well not to overlook its fraternal objects. Beyond question our best branches are those in which is most cultivated this active promoter of prosperity.

If our body be a mere cold-blooded insurance scheme then meetings and acquaintanceship are useless for other than the payment of assessments and the electing of a board of management.

If, however, it be Catholic, mutual and beneficial these objects can only be attained by an honest and genuine brotherhood of love, unity and affection—common friendship, worldly assistance, and wise counsel.

The C. M. B. A., with its arms spread out and embracing all parts of the Dominion east of the Rockies, has within itself all that has heretofore made it, and all that is necessary to continue it, the strongest and most substantial Catholic society in Canada.

Others there are with like opportunities, but they do not cover the same territory; others again whose national distinctions exclude those of the same Faith but of different origin. Not so with us. Embracing within our ranks, "Saxon and Celt, Teuton and Latin and Gaul," our possibilities for greatness as an organization and advantage to our co-religionists, who are not members, are almost beyond determination. We are now the leading Catholic insurance society, and we want it to be the leading Catholic fraternal order.

All associations are what their members make them—no more or no less. The first burden is on the chieftain: he cannot and should not expect his followers to do what he hesitates doing himself. If the officers lead the way the men will follow. A desire for, and consequently an increase in, membership is best created by giving genuine living, breathing examples that we practice all we preach.

Visit the sick, congratulate the prosperous, console the afflicted, aid and advise the needy: these are the keys with which to unlock the portals of success for such a society as ours.

Brother Presidents and officers of branches, we expect you to do your duty.

In line with the foregoing comes the word that our brothers at Halifax, open their rooms nightly for the amusement of themselves and the entertainment of visiting members. Acts like this will do more to spread and perpetuate the association than anything else. Local members are brought in closer contact, and thus get to better understand and appreciate one another; and travellers, commercial and otherwise, are given an opportunity of meeting the Catholic people of that city—a something which is always a pleasure.

Our congratulations to Bro. Grand Second Vice President Bourque on the event which happened January last and which gave to him a charming and estimable life companion. The success of the association in Moncton is in no small measure due to his untiring zeal and devotion to the cause. Branch 162 "cared" him, and well he deserved it.

This man who "knows it all" wouldn't be such a bad fellow if he only kept it to himself.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

There is no work in the administration of an insurance company more important or more jealously guarded than that pertaining to the medical department. Obviously this is a great necessity. Economy and prudence, in its financial aspect, lead to confidence on the part of the public, and to the security of those interested. Unless, however, in the meantime the work of the medical department be well done and a healthy and reliable class of members admitted, this success will be only temporary: the superstructure however fine, however elaborately erected, will, if not set on a secure and firm foundation, be gradually undermined and eventually tumble to the dust. What can be said, in this respect, of the regular line insurance companies will apply more especially to fraternal organizations. A word of caution is even more necessary here than in the regular insurance companies. Whatever has given rise to the idea, it is certainly a fact that many regard the C. M. B. A. as a charitable organization, and that the sick, the blind and the halt may find within its ranks a haven of perpetual rest.

Nothing could be more hurtful, more productive of evil, more injurious to the stability of the association. In an assessment insurance society the family history, health and sobriety of the assured, form, in the main, the assets of the institution. It should be the duty, and it is the duty, of every member to guard these assets well: to do this is simply a matter of enlightened self-interest. The habit of carelessness, of indifference, in this most important matter exhibited by the membership, has, it is feared, in many instances influenced the medical examiners and caused them to perform their duties in a like manner. Against such a condition we should bend all our energies. Every member has a personal obligation to perform, since every poor risk means a direct loss. The Supervising Medical Examiner is doing all that can be done in this respect. Let the membership assist him in securing well qualified, painstaking medical examiners; in impressing upon these examiners the urgent necessity of careful, thorough work that we may bring to our ranks a safe, sound and creditable membership.

Those who are animated with true charity, cannot prevent its being seen; and generally the exterior manners are a proof of the soul's interior disposition.

How beautiful it is to behold the poor when we consider them in God, and in the esteem which Jesus Christ had for them!

The light of faith makes us see in the true image of the Son of God, who, not satisfied with being poor, chose to be called the Master, Doctor, Father of the poor.

We should delay for several hours and reflect well before God, previous to making a reproof, especially if the fault be grave and the person little disposed to receive correction.

God loves the poor; therefore He loves those who have a affection for them. For where we have a poor man, we love also his friends and servants.

NOTES.

GRAND Chancellor MacCabe will begin, in the April number, a series of articles on the rise of Guilds and Mutual Benefit Associations.

HAVE you brought one member into the C. M. B. A. since you became connected with it? If not, bring one in before the end of this year. By so doing you will benefit your friend and increase your own security at the same time.

BROTHERS, do not allow yourselves to become suspended. Ponder over the following extract from the *Fraternal Times*: "The times are hard, but they would be much harder for your wife and little ones if you should allow yourself to become suspended, and death should claim you before you had a chance to become re-instated."

The members of Branches 132 and 160 Halifax, N. S., beg to intimate to the members of the C. M. B. A. throughout Canada that any member visiting Halifax will find a welcome in their Rooms, Anderson's Building, corner Duke and Barrington streets.

Brother P. F. Boyle, Recording Secretary of Branch No. 4, has been appointed landing waiter in the customs department, London, Ont. He will prove himself a most efficient officer and a valuable addition to the civil service staff in this city. We congratulate Brother Boyle upon his appointment.

SHAKESPEARE says: "He that dics pays all debts." Is not this, even from a temporal point of view, more poetry than truth? A man's debts must be paid from his estate. If you were to die now, how much would be left to your widow after all debts were paid? Protect her by becoming a member of our C. M. B. A., and designate her as your beneficiary.

THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA says: "While I regard life insurance purely as a business, and not as a charity, yet in every thread of its warp and woof I can see the golden tints of the sweetest and rarest charity in the world. It is one of the ladders reaching from heaven to earth, down which comes the answer to the prayers of the widows and orphans as they humbly lisp, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'"

Brother W. T. Kernahan has been elected auditor to the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants, in which association he holds membership. We are pleased to learn this and hope it is a step towards a more lucrative position for him. Our young men should be special objects of our solicitude as upon their shoulders rests the future of the C. M. B. A., they must continue the good work of the association when the older members have passed away.

We are pleased to learn that our worthy Brother, M. F. Hackett, M. P. P., of St. Catharad, and First Vice-President of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada has been chosen as a member of the Cabinet of the Province of Quebec. Brother Hackett was on the 1st inst. sworn in as president of the Council by His Excellency, Lieutenant Governor Chapleau. No better selection could have been made and we hope to hear of his re-election by his constituents without opposition.

ON 1st January, 1894, we had 9,005 members, whose policies amounted to \$13,698,000.00 During the year 1894 we admitted 1,752 members, whose policies amounted to \$2,536,000.00 73 members died, holding policies amounting to \$122,000.00, 20 resigned, holding policies amounting to \$90,000.00 213 allowed themselves to be expelled, policies amounted to \$174,000.00; and 18 members reduced their policies from \$2,000 to \$1,000. On 1st January, 1895, we had 10,051 members, with policies amounting to \$15,400,000.00 During 1894, \$118,800.00 was paid to beneficiaries of deceased members, and \$6,257.39 transferred to the Reserve Fund. The total amount of the Reserve Fund, including interest reported, on 1st January, 1895, was \$40,929.53. The total assets of the association were \$72,850.83 and the total liabilities \$25,182.05, showing the C. M. B. A. of Canada to be in a first-class condition financially.

CHANGES OF BENEFICIARY.

BY F. R. LATCHFORD.

The constitution of the C. M. B. A. has for many years contained a misleading and mischievous provision in reference to the change of beneficiaries. Members had reason for thinking, and did think, they could at will change the designation stated on the face of their certificates. It was commonly believed, for instance, that a certificate in favor of the wife of a member could be surrendered to the Association and a new certificate issued payable to the member's father or brother, to his executors, or a stranger. This, or something like it, was actually done in not a few cases. When such certificates by the death of a member became claims upon the Association, the original beneficiary and the beneficiary under the new certificate each asserted a right to the benefit fraud. In some cases the good sense of the adverse parties brought about a settlement; but in others the moneys had to be paid into Court, and the claimants left to arrange their difficulties according to the law of the province in which the member had his domicile.

But other cases no doubt exist undisclosed where changes have been made which the courts will not sanction. At the St. John convention the section of the constitution which led to the misconception was amended to read that the changes to be made shall be (as in fact they are, apart from the amendment) subject to the law of the province in which the member resides.

To state briefly the laws in force in the several provinces of the Dominion affecting the transfer of our certificates is the task that has been set for me. I cannot hope to meet all the difficulties that may be suggested or even to state with certainty what the law is where there are no statutory enactments affecting the matter and few decisions of the courts to light the way. The whole subject of life insurance law is comparatively new. On many points the decisions are conflicting and the law unsettled. I shall, however, endeavor to indicate what I consider to be the true state of the law. If I should be thought to err I shall be glad if those who regard me as in error will state in what they consider me to be wrong. Criticism in a proper

spirit and discussion are invited, and will be welcomed wherever they tend to make clear and certain whatever may be obscure and uncertain.

As Ontario has the largest membership, the law of that Province affecting the change of beneficiaries will be stated first. The statutory law on the question is set forth in Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, sections 5, 6 and 7. This Statute has since been frequently amended. In 1888 an Act was passed to remove any doubt as to whether chapter 136 applied to friendly societies. In 1890 and 1891 the sections mentioned were still further amended, so that they now read as follows.

(a) In case a policy of insurance effected by a man on his life is expressed upon the face of it to be for the benefit of his wife, or of his wife and children, or any of them, or in case he has heretofore endorsed or may hereafter endorse, or by any writing identifying the policy, by its number or otherwise has made or may hereafter make a declaration that the policy is for the benefit of his wife, or of his wife and children, or any of them; such policy shall ensue and be deemed a trust for the benefit of his wife for her separate use, and of his children or any of them, according to the intent so expressed or declared, and so long as any object of the trust remains the money payable under the policy shall not be subject to the control of the husband or his creditors, or form part of his estate when the sum secured by the policy becomes payable; but this shall not be held to interfere with any pledge of the policy to any person prior to such declaration.

(b) In the case of a policy or written contract of life insurance effected before marriage a declaration under this section shall be, and shall be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as if such policy or contract had been effected after marriage, but nothing herein contained shall affect any action or proceeding now pending.

(c) The insured may, by an instrument in writing attached to or endorsed on, or identifying the policy by its number or otherwise or an apportionment previously made so as to restrict or extend transfer or limit the benefits of the policy to the wife alone, or the children, or to one or more of them, or to the mother of the insured as a beneficiary or sole beneficiary, although the policy is expressed or declared to be for the benefit of the wife and children or of the wife alone, or for the child or children alone, or for the benefit of the wife for life, and of the children after her death, or for the benefit of the wife, and in case of her death during the life of the insured then for the child or children or any of them or for the benefit of any one or more of the above-mentioned persons for life and after his or their decease for the benefit of any one or more of the survivors, or although a prior declaration was so restricted; and be may also apportion the insurance money among the persons intended to be benefited; and may, from time to time, by an instrument in writing attached to or endorsed on the policy or referring to the same, alter the apportionment as he deems proper; he may also, by his will, make or alter the apportionment of the insurance money; and an apportionment made by his will shall prevail over any other made before the date of the will, except so far as such other apportionment has been acted on before notice of the apportionment by the will.

(d) This section applies to policies hereto fore issued, as well as to future policies.

(e) Where no apportionment is made, all persons entitled to be benefited by the insurance shall be held to share equally in the same, and where it is stated in the policy or declaration that the insurance is for the benefit of the wife and children generally, or of the children generally, without specifying the names of the children, the word "children" shall be held to mean all the children of the insured living at the maturity of the policy, whether by his then or any former wife, and the wife to benefit by the policy shall be the wife living at the maturity thereof.

(f) Any such policy may be surrendered or assigned.

(g) Where the policy is for the benefit of children only, and the children surviving are all of the full age of twenty-one years, if the person insured, and all such surviving children agree to so surrender or assign; or

(h) Where the policy is for the benefit of both a wife and children, and the surviving children are all of the full age of twenty-one years, if the person insured, and his then wife (if any), and all such surviving children agree to so surrender and assign; or

(i) Where the policy is for the benefit of a wife only or of a wife and children and there are no children living, if the person insured and his then wife agree to so surrender or assign.

The effect of these enactments will be considered next month.

NEW BRANCHES ORGANIZED SINCE THE ST. JOHN CONVENTION.

Branch 238 was organized on October 27, 1894, at Quebec, Que., by Grand Deputy Charles Dupont Hebert. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. F X Fagot, I.P.
President, J Almo Lantier
First-Vice President, J E Albert Label
Second Vice-President, Amable J Caron
Rec. Soc., Joseph Hector Chouinard
Ast. Rec. Soc., Charles John Dunn
Financial Secretary, Joseph Emile Roy
Treasurer, Joseph Etienne Fontaine
Marshal, P O Dupuis dit St. Michel
Guard, Albert W Dunn

Trustees, Joseph Hector Chouinard, P O Dupuis dit St. Michel, Rev. J O Guilford, Charles John Dunn, Louis Panthoulo Bergeron.

Branch 239 was organized on December 20, 1894, at Stony Point, Ont., by District Deputy John Gugel. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. N D St. Cyr, P.I.
President, Leon Soucheron
First Vice-President, Jean B Lefebvre
Second Vice-President, Israel Ladouceur
Rec. Soc., George N Gagnier
Ast. Rec. Secretary, Jerome Mailloux
Financial Secretary, Edouard Beaune
Treasurer, Philippe Mailloux
Marshal, Edmond C Janisse
Guard, Philiberto Jetto
Trustees, J B. Quennoville, Alexander Chauvin, Alfred Ladouceur, Joseph Trudel, Etienne Soucheron.

Branch 240, Quebec, Que., which was one of the Branches which left us at the time of our separation from the Supreme Council, was, through the energy and good work of Deputy P J Montrouge, reorganized under our Council on December 23, 1894. It retains its old number—26. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. F H Belanger
President, Charles A Parent
First Vice-President, Alexandre Valliere
Second Vice-President, W A Vargo
Rec. Soc., Joseph Edouard Philibert
Financial Secretary, V Dupuis
Treasurer, L Beaure
Guard, Edmond Barbeau
Trustees, Joseph Charest, John Nollet, Ferdinand Bourcet, Joseph Gauthier, Alexander Fraser.

Branch 241 was organized on February 1, 1895, at St. Hubert de Montreal, Que., by District Deputy G Daudelin. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Auguste Lacaude
President, Francois Xavier Lenoir
First Vice-Pres., Theophile Bienvenu
Second Vice-Pres., George Paquette
Rec. Soc., L A Picard
Ast. Rec. Soc., Oliver Genest
Fin. Soc., Jos. Edmond Mailloux
Treasurer, Pierre Corbois
Marshal, Louis Chabot
Guard, Alphonse Charette
Trustee, George Paquette, A Charette, O Genest, A Lenoir, L Chabot.

Branch 241 was organized on February 11, 1895, at Pakenham, Ont., by District Deputy M. Galvin. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. D J Lavin
President, John Edward O'Connor
First Vice-Pres., John A McDonald
Second Vice-Pres., Patrick Ruddy
Rec. Soc., James Robert Kelly
Ast. Rec. Soc., Wm Francis Burke
Fin. Soc., Alexander Leage
Treasurer, Patrick B Farrell
Marshal, Alfred Delisle
Guard, Joseph H Jaundraw
Trustee, Stephen Sullivan, John H Burke, Patrick Grace, John Regan, Patrick Ruddy.

Branch 242 was organized on February 13, 1895, at Fredericton, N. B., by Grand Deputy P J O'Keefe, assisted by Brother McDade of Branch 131 St. John city and Brother P. Veiot St. P. P. of Bathurst Branch and Brother John O'Brien M. P. P. of Chatham Branch. The name of the Branch will be St. Dunstan's. The following are the officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Edward Savage
President, Alpheo Belliveau
First Vice-Pres., Wm F Stockley
Second Vice-Pres., F J Scory
Recording Secretary, Hugh G Nealis
Ast. Rec. Soc., Peter Farrell
Fin. Soc., James Francis Owens
Treasurer, Wm Henry Carton
Marshal, Wm. James Duncan
Guard, James Edward Carton
Trustees, John McCluskey, John Donahue, John F McGinnis, Rev. J P Kiernan, John O'Neill.

After the organization, Brothers McDade the official reporter of the House of Assembly, and Brothers Veniot and O'Brien members of the Local Government, made some excellent remarks on the benefit of the C. M. B. A. and the advisability of spreading the order until every parish in the Province will have a branch. Further remarks were made by Rev. Father's Savage and Kiernan, also Prof. Belliveau of Normal School and Stockley of the University of New Brunswick, followed by the Grand Deputy. The charter membership is sixteen and if all reports are true the celestial city Branch will in the future try and pose as the banner branch in N. B.

Branch 243 was organized on February 14, 1895, at Egmont Bay, P. E. I., by District Deputy Rev. A. E. Burke. The following is the list of officers:

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NEW BRANCHES.

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 Spl. Advisor, Rev. Stéphane Boudreault
 President, Lawrence Arsenault
 First Vice President, Stephen M Arsenault
 Second Vice President, Andre Gallant
 Recording Secretary, Joseph Blanchard
 Ass't Rec. Sec., Antonin Arsenault
 Financial Secretary, Jos. Felix Arsenault
 Treasurer, Joseph J. Gaullet.
 Marshal, Damion Arsenault
 Guard, Alexander Clements.
 Trustees, Fidele T. Arsenault, Joseph N.
 Aubin Gallant, John J. Gallant, Bruno P.
 Poirier, Fidele Poirier.

After the installation, the Branch addressed in the usual terms the Rev. Deputy who replied in a feeling speech in which he spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to include the new organization in the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Canada; pointed out the advantages of the Association and its great growth, and declared that it was the urgent desire of His Lordship Bishop McDonald, that it should be established in every part of this diocese. He also remarked upon the efforts made by the Rev. Father Boudreault and Hon. J. O. Arsenault, to have the C. M. B. A. introduced into Egmont Bay offshoots now crowned with success.

Branch 211 was organized on February 22, at Halifax N. S. by District Deputy Rev. E. F. Murphy, D. D. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. T. J. Daly P. P.
 President, Edward J. Dolanoy
 First Vice Pres. Edward F. Boisjoly
 Second Vice Pres. Richard F. Shea
 Rec. Sec. Vincent J. Sullivan
 Ass't Rec. Sec. Patrick J. McCarthy
 Fin. Sec. Eugene Sullivan
 Treasurer, Andrew Doyle
 Marshal, Wm. F. Higgins
 Guard, James P. Murray
 Trustees, Alfred Young, James P. Murray
 Richard F. Shea, Andrew Doyle, George F. Griffin.

INITIATIONS IN JANUARY, 1895.

Br.	Initiated	Members.
221	Murray Bay, Que.	5
110	Quebec, Que.	5
82	Kingbridge, Ont.	3
36	Port Lambton, Ont.	3
52	Winnipeg, Man.	3
113	Waterloo, Que.	3
173	Memramcook, N. B.	3
181	Fairville, N. B.	3
209	Louisville, Que.	3
9	Chatham, Ont.	2
13	Stratford, Ont.	2
86	Dovercourt, Ont.	2
131	North Sydney, N. S.	2
133	St. John, N. B.	2
175	Kinkora, Ont.	2
203	Toronto, Ont.	2
215	Summerside, P. E. I.	2
223	Arthabaskerville, Que.	2
238	Quebec, Que.	2
1	Windsor, Ont.	1
9	Kingston, Ont.	1
12	Berlin, Ont.	1
16	Prescott, Ont.	1
18	Niagara Falls, Ont.	1
23	Seaford, Ont.	1
26	Montreal, Que.	1
33	Ottawa, Ont.	1
37	Morrisburg, Ont.	1
38	Hamilton, Ont.	1
49	Cornwall, Ont.	1
53	Toronto, Ont.	1
59	Mount Forest, Ont.	1
85	Ottawa, Ont.	1
96	Toronto, Ont.	1
103	Levis, Que.	1
140	St. Hyacinthe, Que.	1
142	Montreal, Que.	1
145	Toronto, Ont.	1
157	Fletchertown, Ont.	1
160	Halifax, N. S.	1
164	Nicloot, Que.	1
182	Wolf Island, Ont.	1
202	Chatham, N. B.	1
226	West Pubnico, N. S.	1
227	L'Assomption, Que.	1
233	Dalhousie, N. B.	1
Total...	82	

CONVENTION-DELEGATES' EXPENSES.

At the Convention of the Association held at St. John, N. B., the following resolution was adopted, and it was decided to have the yeas and nays on said resolution, with the number and location of the Branch of each delegate published in the official organ:—

Moved by Brother J. R. Costigan and seconded by Rev. A. A. Cherrier that the Council shall pay officers and

representatives \$2.50 per day during their attendance at the regular or special meetings of the Council, including each day necessarily spent in coming to and going from the convention, and the actual travelling expenses, including berth fare, and excluding board and hotel bills.

YEAS. (OUT.)

OFFICERS.—Judge Landry, Branch 167, Dorchester, N. B.; Rev. M. J. Tiernan, Branch 4, London, Ont.; P. J. O'Keefe, Branch 133, St. John, N. B.; J. J. Bohan, Branch 9, Kingston, Ont.; Charles Dupont Lebeau, Branch 101, Trois Rivers, Que.; Judge Rouleau, Branch 126, Calgary, N. W. T.; E. Ryan, Branch 9, Kingston, Ont.; F. R. Latchford, Branch 28, Ottawa, Ont.:

REPRESENTATIVES.—Rev. Dr. Flannery, Branch 2, St. Thomas, Ont.; T. J. Parks, Branch 3, Amherstburg, Ont.; Rev. J. J. Feeney, Branch 5, Brantford, Ont.; Andrew McDonnell, Branch 6, Strathroy, Ont.; Michael Sullivan, Branch 7, Sarnia, Ont.; W. P. Killacky, Branch 8, Chatham, Ont.; William Purcell, Branch 9, Kingston, Ont.; J. M. Butler, Branch 10, St. Catharines, Ont.; W. Casey, Branch 11, Dundas, Ont.; Rev. J. Schweitzer, Branch 12, Berlin, Ont.; E. O'Flaherty, Branch 13, Stratford, Ont.; P. J. Rooney, Branch 15, Toronto, Ont.; P. J. Murdoch, Branch 16, Prescott, Ont.; Timothy O'Brien, Branch 17, Paris, Ont.; Louis Drago, Branch 18, Niagara Falls, Ont.; M. J. McDermott, Branch 19, Ingersoll, Ont.; John G. Weber, Branch 21, St. Clements, Ont.; Thomas Forhan, Branch 22, Wallaceburg, Ont.; Moses Clair, Branch 25, Cayuga, Ont.; T. J. Finn, Branch 26, Montreal, Que.; William Gleeson, Branch 27, Petrolia, Ont.; A. H. Beliveau, Branch 29, Ottawa, Ont.; John J. Lynch, Branch 30, Peterborough, Ont.; M. J. Doran, Branch 31, Guelph, Ont.; E. Campion, Branch 33, Goderich, Ont.; James O'Leary, Branch 36, Port Lambton, Ont.; Thomas Lawlor, Branch 37, Hamilton, Ont.; D. J. McDonnell, Branch 38, Cornwall, Ont.; Jacob J. Weinert, Branch 39, Neustadt, Ont.; W. J. Rafferty, Branch 41, Montreal, Que.; P. M. Kirby, Branch 47, Arthur, Ont.; Jacob Kloepfer, Branch 48, New Germany, Ont.; Michael Clancy, Branch 49, Toronto, Ont.; P. Doyle, Branch 50, Montreal, Que.; John Coffey, Branch 51, Barris, Ont.; Luke Maddigan, Branch 53, Mount Forest, Ont.; Lawrence Purcell, Branch 54, Montreal, Que.; Joseph Kaiser, Branch 55, St. Agatha, Ont.; Brian Cauloy, Branch 56, Hamilton, Ont.; John Regan, Branch 57, Orillia, Ont.; J. E. A. Robillard, Branch 58, Ottawa, Ont.; Damaso Tasse, Branch 59, Ottawa, Ont.; H. Carr, Branch 63, St. Mary's, Ont.; P. McCool, Branch 64, North Bay, Ont.; Thomas J. Mohor, Branch 71, Trenton, Ont.; Peter Kuntz, Branch 72, Formosa, Ont.; Jeremiah Coffey, Branch 74, Montreal, Que.; Thomas Hartford, Branch 75, Penetanguishene, Ont.; P. J. Hurley, Branch 77, Lindsay, Ont.; George O. Roberts, Branch 78, Oshawa, Ont.; D. F. Wood, Branch 81, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Martin Whitty, Branch 82, Kingsbridge, Ont.; C. Dandelin, Branch 83, Montreal, Que.; D. J. Walsh, Branch 85, Toronto, Ont.; Evan J. Edwards, Branch 86, Deseronto, Ont.; J. E. H. Howison, Branch 87, Montreal, Que.; J. O'Loughlin, Branch 89, Perth, Ont.; M. Stortz, Branch 90, Picton, Ont.; Rev. H. J. Gibney, Branch 91, Alliston, Ont.; Wm. Zinger, Branch 92, Teeswater, Ont.; N. P.

Martin, Branch 95, Lachine, Que.; P. J. Montreuil, Branch 96, Levis, Que.; Fred Sohl, Branch 100, Baden, Ont.; L. P. Normand, Branch 101, Three Rivers, Que.; P. McDonough, Branch 102, Richmond, Que.; Jacob Ball, Branch 103, Waterloo, Ont.; M. J. Hauvan, Branch 105, London, Ont.; J. W. Proctor, Branch 108, Quebec, Que.; Rev. E. Cassidy, Branch 111, Toronto, Ont.; W. J. McCarney, Branch 112, Merrickville, Ont.; Louis Yack, Branch 113, Chepstow, Ont.; J. J. Kirby, Branch 116, Fergus, Ont.; Alfred Marsolais, Branch 117, Joliette, Que.; T. F. Brown, Branch 119, Welland, Ont.; Rev. J. J. McEntee, Branch 120, Port Colborne, Ont.; John Frawley, Branch 121, Sudbury, Ont.; L. T. Pare, Branch 122, Sandwich, Ont.; P. J. Quigley, Branch 124, Biddulph, Ont.; J. R. Costigan, Branch 126, Calgary, N. W. T.; H. H. Prefontaine, Branch 127, Windsor Mills, Que.; F. G. Hebert, Branch 129, Granby, Que.; Rev. D. J. McIntosh, Branch 131, North Sydney, N. S.; H. A. Beauregard, Branch 133, St. Hyacinthe, Que.; W. E. Mitchell, Branch 139, Fort Erie, Ont.; A. H. Spedding, Branch 140, Montreal, Que.; Wm. Donegan, Branch 141, Chapleau, Ont.; G. T. Moreau, Branch 142, Montreal, Que.; Rev. Charles La Rocque, Branch 143, Montreal, Que.; Major H. A. Gray, Branch 144, Toronto, Ont.; W. T. Kernahan, Branch 145, Toronto, Ont.; John Fox, Jr., Branch 151, Brechin, Ont.; James L. Kelman, Branch 153, Midland, Ont.; Rev. L. A. K. Alain, Branch 156, St. Catharines, Ont.; G. B. Lamarche, Branch 158, St. Vincent de Paul, Que.; John P. McCarthy, Branch 159, Ottawa, Ont.; Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Branch 163, Winnipeg, Man.; P. O. Poirier, Branch 164, Nicolet, Que.; L. J. Belliveau, Branch 169, Sheldiac, N. B.; M. Jordan, Branch 170, Elgin, Ont.; Rev. J. E. Meunier, Branch 173, Belle River, Ont.; Honore Chatelain, Branch 176, Ottawa, Ont.; Dosithé La Blanc, Branch 179, Fox Creek, Ont.; John O'Brien, Branch 180, Yarmouth, N. S.; Thomas Hogan, Branch 182, Wolfe Island, Ontario; F. H. Durliat, Branch 183, Snyder, Ont.; Theotime Blanchard, Branch 185, Caraquet, N. B.; P. H. Guay, Branch 186, Victoriaville, Que.; J. A. Lewis, Branch 187, Sturgeon Falls, Ont.; D. M. Kerry, Branch 189, Sydney, C. B., N. S.; Chas. E. Olivier, Branch 190, Montreal, Que.; J. P. Marin, Branch 191, Montreal, Que.; D. D. Chisholm, Branch 192, Antigonish, N. S.; Paul Gagnon, Branch 193, St. Jean Baptiste, Man.; J. S. Pelletier, Branch 194, Valcourt, Que.; J. O. D'Aoust, Branch 196, Montreal, Que.; Richard Barrett, Branch 197, Trout Creek, Ont.; Nicholas D. Beck, Branch 199, Edmonton, N. W. T.; E. A. Cameron, Branch 203, Canso, N. S.; J. G. Ouimet, Branch 207, Montreal, Que.; L. A. Plante, Branch 209, Louiseville, Que.; J. F. McCluskey, Branch 210, Grand Falls, Ont.; Christian Dahm, Branch 211, Rat Portage, Ont.; William Hickey, Branch 212, Owen Sound, Ont.; Rev. D. J. G. McDonald, Branch 215, Summerside, P. E. I.; James McIsaac, Branch 216, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. E. Faribault, Branch 217, L'Assumption, Que.; Joseph Nolin, Branch 218, Sorrel, Que.; James H. Grout, Branch 219, White River, Ont.; James Clarke, Branch 220, Schrieber, Ont.; Rev. E. J. Hodgkinson, Branch 221, Woodslee, Ont.; Edmond Clairmont, Branch 222, Gravenhurst, Ont.; L. H. Labrecque, Branch 224, Murray Bay, Que.; J. N. Gastonguay, Branch 225, Arthabaskville, Que.; A. T. Mar-

tin, Branch 226, Cote St. Paul, Que.; J. B. Roy, alias King, Branch 227, Fort William, Ont.; Walter F. Fortune, Branch 228, Port Arthur, Ont.; Edmond Trudel, Branch 230, Ste-Boniface, Man.; J. C. O'Neill, Branch 231, Simcoe, Ont.; Pierre Arcaud, Branch 236, Champlain, Que.; C. LeBlanc, Branch 237, Buctouche, N. B.

NAYS. (NON.)

OFFICERS.—W. J. McKee, Branch 1, Windsor, Ont.; John L. Carleton, Branch 131, St. John, N. B.; John Ronan, Branch 137, Hamilton, Ont.; P. F. Boyle, Branch 4, London, Ont.; D. J. O'Connor, Branch 13, Stratford, Ont.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Patrick Hanrahan, Branch 1, Windsor, Ont.; O. Labelle, Branch 4, London, Ont.; B. Maurer, Branch 14, Galt, Ont.; William Cole, Branch 20, Maidstone, Ont.; James Battle, Branch 24, Thorold, Ont.; E. J. O'Connor, Branch 28, Ottawa, Ont.; P. B. Flanagan, Branch 32, Wingham, Ont.; Patrick Slattery, Branch 34, Almonte, Ont.; Victor Robinet, Branch 45, Tecumseh, Ont.; Alex. P. McArthur, Branch 46, Walkerton, Ont.; Bernard O'Connell, Branch 60, Dublin, Ont.; Felix Bezaire, Branch 62, Canard River, Ont.; A. J. Fortier, Branch 67, Pembroke, Ont.; Alex. Kramer, Branch 70, Mildmay, Ont.; Frank Flynn, Branch 76, Belleville, Ont.; M. McParland, Branch 79, Gananoque, Ont.; J. W. Korr, Branch 80, Tilbury Centre, Ont.; John Judge, Branch 93, Rensrew, Ont.; John Casey, Branch 94, Ottawa, Ont.; E. C. McNicholl, Branch 107, Cobourg, Ont.; Rev. J. E. Crinion, Branch 123, Dunville, Ont.; Alex. Gordon, Branch 128, Parkhill, Ont.; James J. Power, Branch 130, Bathurst, N. B.; James R. Cragg, Branch 132, Halifax, N. S.; P. B. Coyne, Branch 147, Portage du Fort, Que.; Rev. P. Corcoran, Branch 149, La Salette, Ont.; John N. Kills, Branch 151, Eganville, Ont.; Philip Murphy, Branch 157, Fletcher, Ont.; W. Delaney, Branch 160, Halifax, N. S.; David Schawn, Branch 161, Carlsruhe, Ont.; W. R. Burns, Branch 167, Dorchester, N. B.; Geo. W. Cooke, Branch 168, Amherst, N. S.; Henry Foley, Branch 175, Kinkora, Ont.; John A. Doherty, Branch 178, Memramcook, N. B.; John Flynn, Branch 181, Hespeler, Ont.; Patrick Murphy, Branch 184, Fairville, N. B.; D. J. O'Keefe, Branch 188, Carleton Lake, Ont.; J. A. Langis, Branch 195, Petit Roche, N. B.; Michael Fitzgerald, Branch 198, Maribank, Ont.; Rev. J. L. Hand, Branch 200, Toronto, Ont.; Rev. D. R. McDonald, Branch 201, Alexandria, Ont.; W. T. Connors, Branch 202, Chatham, N. B.; S. C. Mulroney, Branch 205, Stoco, Ont.; Rev. J. J. Sullivan, Branch 206, West Pubnico, N. S.; Rev. Chas. Underwood, Branch 208, Dartmouth, N. S.; Rev. A. E. Burk, Branch 214, Albion, P. E. I.; W. J. Hollahan, Branch 223, Springhill, N. S.; James S. Harquail, Branch 229, Dalhousie, N. B.; N. Gaboury, Branch 233, Plantagenet, Ont.; J. J. Mugan, Branch 235, Ridgetown, Ont.

One should never speak evil of those who are opposed to us; but rather accept cheerfully contempt and confusion, to spare our neighbor's honor.

The arrows of envy and detraction do not pierce the hearts of those to whom they are directed before first piercing that of Jesus Christ.

Although we should address every one in terms dictated by politeness, we should not praise those present, except we consider it proper to engage them to persevere in a good work, or to encourage timid souls.

Certificate of Registration, No. 8.

Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa, 27th December, 1894.

This is to certify that the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, having complied with the provisions of its Act of Incorporation and of the Insurance Act (being chapter 123 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, as amended) relating to Assessment Life Insurance Companies, has been this day duly registered in this office under the provisions of the said Insurance Act, and is hereby permitted to carry on in the Dominion of Canada the business of Life Insurance upon the Assessment Plan to the extent authorized by the said Act of Incorporation.

(Sd.) J. M. COURTEY,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

(Sd.) W. FITZGERALD,
Superintendent of Insurance.

Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa, 27th December 1894.

Notice is hereby given that "The Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada," having complied with the requirements of the "Insurance Act," has this day received a Certificate of Registration, No. 8, whereunder and is permitted to transact the business of life insurance upon the assessment plan in the Dominion of Canada.

Samuel R. Brown is the chief agent of the association, and the head office is established at the city of London, Ontario.

(Sd.) W. FITZGERALD,
Superintendent of Insurance.

Nouvelles Succursales Instituées Depuis la Convention de St. Jean.

Sept nouvelles succursales ont été instituées, et une réorganisée, depuis la dernière Convention.

La Succursale 208 a été instituée le 27 Octobre 1893 à Québec, P. Q., par le Grand Député Charles Dupont Hébert.

La Succursale 229 a été instituée le 20 Décembre 1893, à Stoney Point, Ont., par le Député d'arrondissement John Dugal.

La Succursale 240 a été instituée le 1er Février 1893, à St. Henri de Montréal, P. Q., par le Député d'arrondissement C Daudolin.

La Succursale 241 a été instituée le 11 Février 1893, à Akenham, Ont., par le Député d'arrondissement M Galvin.

La Succursale 242 a été instituée le 13 Février 1893, à Frédericton, N. B., par le Grand Député P J O'Keefe, assisté par le Frère McDonald de la Succursale 181 de la cité de St. Jean, le Frère P Veniot M P P de la Succursale de Bathurst et le Frère John O'Brien M P P de la Succursale de Chatham.

Après l'institution de la Succursale, le Frère McDade, rapporteur officiel de la Chambre d'Assemblée et les Frères Veniot et O'Brien membres du Gouvernement local, firent d'excellentes remarques sur les avantages de l'A C B M et l'opportunité de propager l'association jusqu'à ce que chaque paroisse dans la Province ait une succursale. D'autres remarques furent faites par les Frères Savage et Kiernan, et le Grand Député. Les membres fondateurs sont au nombre de seize, et si tous les rapports sont exacts cette succursale va essayer de tenir le premier rang au Nouveau-Brunswick.

La Succursale 213 a été instituée le 14 Février 1893, à Egmont Bay, I. du P. E., par le Révd. A E Burke, Député d'arrondissement.

Après l'installation des officiers, la Succursale addressa dans la manière accoutumée le Révd. Député qui répondit par un discours touchant, dans lequel il exprima la joie qu'il ressentait de placer cette nouvelle Succursale sous la juridiction du Grand Conseil du Canada : il toucha aux avantages de l'Association et à son grand accroissement, et déclara quo c'était le pressant désir de Sa Grandeur Mgr. McDonald, qu'il l'association soit établie dans chaque partie de son diocèse. Il fit aussi allusion aux efforts du Révd. Boudreault et de l'honorable J. O Arsenault pour introduire l'A C B M dans Egmont Bay, efforts maintenant couronnés de succès.

La Succursale 214 a été instituée le 22 Février 1893, à Halifax, N. E., par le Révd. E F Murphy, D. D., Député d'arrondissement.

La Succursale 27, de Québec, P. Q., qui fut une des Succursales qui nous abandonnèrent à l'époque de notre séparation du Conseil Suprême, a été réorganisée sous la juridiction de notre Conseil le 28 Décembre 1893. Cette réorganisation est due à l'énergie et aux efforts infatigables du Député L J Montreal.

L'espace nous manque pour donner la liste des officiers de ces succursales. En conséquence nous renvoyons les membres à la partie anglaise pour les noms des officiers.

Assessment No. 3 and 4.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

Ex. the Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13.

The Grand Council of The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

Grand Secretary's Office, London, Ont., March 6th, 1893.
Dear Sirs and Brother— You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers, who at the time of their death were in good standing and entitled to all the benefits of the Association.

NO.	NAME.	BIR.	RESIDENCE.	AMT. of CERTIF.	ADMITTED	DIED.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
6	Telesphore Turgeon	31	Almonte, Ont.	200	Mar. 30, '88	Sept. 1, '91	81	Burned to death.
7	Francis J. McGarrity	9	Alliston, Ont.	200	Dec. 11, '88	Dec. 10, '91	57	Paralysis.
8	Lamalle Richard	16	Moncton, N. B.	100	Dec. 3, '88	Jan. 2, '91	25	Phtisis, from Typhoid.
9	Patrick Finnegan	8	Toronto, Ont.	200	Jan. 21, '89	Jan. 18, '91	50	Cancer of esophagus.
10	Alfred Robitaille	17	St. Laurent, Que.	100	Dec. 23, '88	Jan. 22, '91	22	Cerv. Spinal Meningitis.
11	James Dagnau	8	Chatham, Ont.	200	Sept. 7, '88	Jan. 30, '91	21	Killed by a falling tree.
12	Francis Pigeon	16	Prescott, Ont.	200	Aug. 9, '88	Feb. 11, '91	31	Accidentally drowned.
13	William Toohey	12	Bridgolph, Ont.	200	April 2, '89	March 17, '91	61	Obstruction of bowels.

Deaths Nos. 6, 7 and 8, not assessed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time. The late Telesphore Turgeon was burned to death in the fire which destroyed the town of Hinckley, Minn., last September. The late Francis J. McGarrity died in Patterson, N. Y.

Two Assessments required.

S. R. BROWN, GRAND SECRETARY.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds of the Grand Council for the month ending February 28th, 1893.

BENEFICIARY FUND.—Dr.

Amount on hand Feb. 1st, 1893.....	\$ 4,556.74
Received during the month of February from No. 14 Assessment	200.00
No. 15 " "	3,118.87
No. 16 " "	3,284.61
No. 1 " "	2,975.88
No. 2 " "	410.40
Cr.	
Feb. 8, Benefits paid on Acct. of Louis A. Rousseau, Orders No. 161 & 162	\$2,000.00
" 19, " " Louis R. Delisle " 163.....	2,000.00
" " " Louis Richard " 164.....	1,000.00
" 22, " " Daniel Cronin " 165-166....	2,000.00
" 28, " " John Ryan " 167.....	2,000.00
" " " Gaspard A. Genereux " 168-169-170	2,000.00
March 1, Balance on hand.....	3,026.59

\$14,926.59 \$14,926.59

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st Jan., 1893, to date..... \$292,726.59

Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date..... 228,860.00

RESERVE FUND.

Amount reported Feb. 1st, 1893..... \$41,402.42

Amount accrued since last report 530.65

Total \$41,932.47

S. R. BROWN, GRAND SECRETARY.

Cotisation No. 3 & 4. (Système de Cotisation.) Décès Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 et 13.

Le Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada.

Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 6 Mars, 1893.

Cher Monsieur et Frère — Vous êtes, par le présent, officiellement informé du décès des frères ci-après nommés, lesquels, au temps de leur décès, étaient en règle et ayant droit à tous les bénéfices de l'Association.

No.	Nom.	Suc.	Résidence.	Mont. du Certif.	Admis.	Décédés.	Age.	Cause du Décès.
6	Telesphore Turgeon	31	Almonte, Ont.	200	Mar. 30, '88	Sept. 1, '91	81	Burned to death.
7	Francis J. McGarrity	9	Alliston, Ont.	200	Dec. 11, '88	Dec. 10, '91	57	Paralysis.
8	Lamalle Richard	16	Moncton, N. B.	100	Dec. 3, '88	Jan. 2, '91	25	Phtisis, from Typhoid.
9	Patrick Finnegan	8	Toronto, Ont.	200	Jan. 21, '89	Jan. 18, '91	50	Cancer of esophagus.
10	Alfred Robitaille	17	St. Laurent, Que.	100	Dec. 23, '88	Jan. 22, '91	22	Cerv. Spinal Meningitis.
11	James Dagnau	8	Chatham, Ont.	200	Sept. 7, '88	Jan. 30, '91	21	Killed by a falling tree.
12	Francis Pigeon	16	Prescott, Ont.	200	Aug. 9, '88	Feb. 11, '91	31	Accidentally drowned.
13	William Toohey	12	Bridgolph, Ont.	200	April 2, '89	March 17, '91	61	Obstruction of bowels.

Les décès No. 6, 7 et 8, ne sont pas cotisés dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve de décès n'ayant pas été reçue en temps. Le Frère Telesphore Turgeon a été brûlé à mort au feu qui a détruit la ville de Hinckley, Minn., en Septembre dernier. Le Frère Francis J. McGarrity est décédé à Patterson, N. Y.

Deux cotisations sont requises.

S. R. BROWN, Grand Secrétaire.

Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve du Grand Conseil du Canada pour le mois finissant le 28 Février, 1893.

Fonds des Bénéfices

Dr.

Montant en Caisse, 1er Février, 1893	\$ 4,556.74
Reçu durant le mois de Février, Cotisation No. 14	200.00
" 15	3,118.87
" 16	3,284.61
" 1	2,975.88
" 2	410.40
Cr.	
8 Fév., Bénéfice payé à compte de Louis A. Rousseau Ordres No. 161-162	\$2,000.00
19 " " " Louis R. Delisle " 163.....	2,000.00
19 " " " Louis Richard " 164.....	1,000.00
22 " " " Daniel Cronin " 165-166....	2,000.00
23 " " " John Ryan " 167.....	2,000.00
23 " " " Gaspard A. Genereux " 168-169-170	2,000.00
1er Fév., 1893 Balance en caisse.....	3,026.59

\$14,926.59 \$14,926.59

Montant total du Fonds des Bénéfices collecté depuis le 1er Janvier, 1893, à cette date..... \$292,726.59

\$28,600.60

Fonds de Réserve.

Montant reporté du 1er Février, 1893

\$ 41,402.42

Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport.....

530.65

Total.....

\$ 41,932.47

S. R. BROWN, Grand Secrétaire.

THE CANADIAN

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Les membres sont invités à nous envoyer des nouvelles ou informations dont l'Association pourra bénéficié. Toutes communications sur ces sujets d'ordre social pourront être faites avec plaisir, mais toutes autres, amusantes et toutes autres, telles que le travail sera fait dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que le couple doit nous parvenir plus tard que le 15 du mois, pour être publié dans le numéro du mois suivant. Lespace étant limité, on voudra bien abréger.

Addresser toutes communiques à S. R. BROWN,
29 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

LONDON, MARS, 1895.

Toronto, 21 Février, 1895.

MON CHER MR. BROWN—

Je suis joyeux d'apprendre que le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M., a décidé de publier un organo officiel pour l'Association, et que vous en avez été nommé l'éditeur et le gérant. Dans mon opinion c'est un pas dans la bonne direction. Le journal projeté ne peut manquer d'être très utile et d'intéresser les membres de l'A. C. B. M. Il contiendra des informations complètes et exactes sur la condition des différentes succursales, et le progrès et la perspective d'avoir de l'Association entière, et nourrira et entretiendra un vif intérêt dans son ouvrage et sa prospérité. Il sera un trait d'union entre les membres des paroisses et éloignés, en les rapprochant dans une communion plus étroite l'un avec l'autre, en facilitant l'échange de vues et en leur faisant concevoir, pour employer les paroles du prophète, "comme il est bon et doux pour des frères de vivre en harmonie."

Le fait que le nouveau journal vous a été confié à titre d'éditeur et gérant, est une assurance qu'il sera dirigé avec prudence, énergie et habileté.

Souhaitant au CANADIEN une carrière utile et remplie de succès.

Je suis loyalement,

† JOHN WALSH,
Archevêque de Toronto.Mr. S. R. BROWN,
Grand Secrétaire A. C. B. M.,
London, Ont.THE CANADIAN.
(Le Canadien.)

Après une carrière remplie de succès, nous pourrions dire, glorieuse, de quinze années et plus d'une existence utile et d'un travail profitable, l'Association Catholique de Bénefice et Mutualité, du consentement unanime de ses représentants délégués, est arrivée à la conclusion, que le temps est maintenant venu de fonder un organo officiel.

Le Grand Conseil assemblé à St. Jean, Nouveau Brunswick, en Septembre dernier, décida, sans voix dissidente, qu'un organo officiel de notre grande association est devenu non seulement une question d'importance vitale pour nos intérêts présents, mais d'une nécessité impérative pour progresser davantage et parvenir à de plus grands et bénissons résultats.

L'organon officiel de l'A. C. B. M. aura rom THE CANADIAN (Le CAN-

ADIEN). Il n'aura rien de plus cher, en vrai, que le bien de notre association en général, et le bien-être et le bonheur de chaque membre de chaque succursale. Il a quelque endroit que ce soit. Il diminuera de concert avec les nouveaux reglements de la constitution les dépenses, et le travail des officiers des succursales, tout en réunissant une fois le mois, et comme dans une même famille, les membres dispersés par toute la Puissance, lesquels pourront comparer les notes et rivaliser ensemble pour promouvoir le bon ordre, l'unité d'intentions et un esprit de bonne volonté et de fraternité parmi toutes les succursales.

Nous espérons que LE CANADIEN viendra à être considéré comme un Centre d'union et d'autorité vers lequel les membres, à quelque distance qu'ils soient, pourront diriger leurs regards, dans les cas de doute ou d'incertitude. Par mésintelligence ou désert d'application de l'exacte signification de certains points de la constitution, des erreurs pourront se commettre et des difficultés s'en suivre parmi les succursales ou les membres; elles pourront être réglées promptement et d'une manière satisfaisante en faisant appel à l'organon officiel, dont les décisions devront être finales. Ainsi il n'y aura pas d'espace pour la contradiction ou l'ambition personnelle pour créer de la dissension ou occasionner de la rançune là où une parfaite harmonie et l'amour fraternel devraient être à jamais le caractéristique de notre grande association.

L'ouverture de nouvelles succursales, l'extension de l'influence de l'A. C. B. M. et de son pouvoir pour le bien, le travail fait dans l'intérêt de la Religion et de la Charité dans les différentes Provinces, tout, sera correctement et exactement rapporté dans l'organon officiel.

Des occasions pourront survenir, ce sera peut-être en temps d'excitation politique, ou sous la pression de l'une de ces vagues de la Bigoterie auxquelles on nous a accoutumés récemment, où il sera peut-être d'un avantage suprême pour nous d'avoir un organon officiel.

Les colonnes du CANADIEN seront là pour dévoiler l'investigation, et prouver au monde que nous ne sommes pas une Association secrète ou politique, et que nous n'avons d'autre objet en vue ou raison d'être, que pour promouvoir de bonnes relations, l'assistance mutuelle et la pratique du Christianisme parmi tous nos membres.

Avec ses grands principes en vue nous ne craignons personne, nous ne sollicitons aucune faveur, mais nous nous mettons, nous et notre bonne œuvre, sous la protection de Dieu, en faisant voeu solennel d'obéir à tous Ses commandements et ceux de la Sainte Eglise.

It is God Himself who receives what we give in charity, and it is not an incomparable happiness to give Him what belongs to Him and what we have received from His goodness alone?

FRATERNITE.

Tout en surveillant d'un oeil jaloux les intérêts financiers de l'Association, il est bon de ne pas oublier son but fraternel. Il est hors de doute que nos meilleures succurgales sont celles qui écoutent le plus cet actif promoteur de prospérité.

Si notre corporation n'est purement et simplement qu'un plan d'assurance, ces réunions et ces relations que nous avons ensemble n'ont pas d'autre utilité que pour le paiement des cotisations et l'élection d'un bureau de direction. Si au contraire elle est Catholique, Mutualiste et Bénefisante, ou ne peut atteindre ces fins que par une honnête et véritable fraternité d'amour, d'union et d'affection,—l'amitié en commun, l'assistance en actions et de sages conseils.

L'A. C. B. M., dont les ramifications s'étendent par toute la Puissance, à l'est des Montagnes rocheuses, a dans son sein tout ce qui autrefois l'a faite, et tout ce qui est nécessaire pour continuer d'en faire la Société Catholique la plus forte et la plus solide au Canada. Il y en a d'autres qui offrent de semblables avantages, mais elles ne couvrent pas le même territoire; d'autres encore dont les distinctions nationales excluent ceux qui pratiquent la même foi mais sont d'origine différente. Il n'en est pas ainsi avec nous. En embrassant dans nos rangs, Saxons et Celtes, Teutons et Latins et Gaulois, la possibilité de grandir comme institution, et d'offrir des avantages à nos coreligionnaires qui ne sont pas membres est pour ainsi dire hors de question. Nous sommes présentement la Société Catholique d'assurance par excellence et nous voulons être la Société de Fraternité par excellence.

Les associations sont ce que les membres les font, pas plus, ni moins. La première tâche est au Capitaine; il ne peut et ne doit pas s'attendre que ses suivants feront ce que lui-même hésite à faire. Si les officiers ouvrent la marche, les hommes les suivront. On inculquera mieux aux membres le désir d'augmenter leur nombre, et comme conséquence ce nombre augmentera, en montrant par des exemples effectifs qu'on pratique tout ce qu'on prêche.

Visiter les malades, offrir nos félicitations à ceux qui prospèrent, consoler les affligés, assister et aider de nos conseils ceux qui sont dans la nécessité; voilà la clef pour ouvrir les portes du succès à une société comme la nôtre.

Frères Presidents et officiers de Succursales nous espérons que vous ferez votre devoir.

En ligne avec ce qui précède nous arrive la nouvelle que nos Frères d'Halifax tiennent leurs salles ouvertes tous les soirs pour leur propre amusement, et pour recevoir les membres visiteurs. Des actes comme ceux-là feront plus pour propager et perpétuer l'association que tout autre chose.

Les membres de la localité sont plus souvent en contact, et de cette manière apprennent à se mieux comprendre et apprécier l'un l'autre, et les membres en voyage, par chaires ou autrement, ont l'avantage de rencontrer les Catholiques de cette ville, — un quelque chose qui fait toujours plaisir.

Nos félicitations à notre Deuxième Grand Vice-Président, frère Bourque, à l'occasion de l'événement survenu dans le cours du mois de Janvier dernier, lequel lui a donné une charmante et estimable compagnie.

Le succès de l'association dans Moncton est en grande partie du à son zèle et à son dévouement infatigable à la cause. La Succursale 162 a profité de cet événement pour le batonner (suivant l'expression anglaise); et il méritait bien cette racée qu'on lui a donnée sous forme de présentation d'une jolie carte.

EXAMENS MEDICAUX.

Il n'y a pas de travail, dans une compagnie d'assurance, plus important ou auquel on apporte un soin plus jaloux que celui du département médical. Évidemment c'est absolument nécessaire.

L'économie et la prudence, au point de vue financier de la compagnie, tendent à inspirer de la confiance au public, et la sécurité aux intéressés. Cependant à moins que le travail du département médical soit bien fait, et qu'on admette une classe de membres en bonne santé, le succès ne sera que temporaire. Tant beau que soit l'édifice, tant bien construit qu'il soit, s'il n'est pas assis sur une base sûre et solide, graduellement il sera miné, et s'écroulera.

Ce que l'on peut dire sous ce rapport des compagnies régulières d'assurance, peut s'appliquer plus spécialement aux associations fraternelles. Un mot d'avis est même plus nécessaire dans ce cas-ci que pour les compagnies régulières d'assurance.

Quoique ce soit qui en ait fait surgir l'idée, toujours est-il que plusieurs considèrent l'A. C. B. M. comme une association charitable dans laquelle les malades, les aveugles et les invalides pourront trouver un repos sans fin. Rien n'est plus de nature à faire de tort, causer du dommage ou nuire à la stabilité de l'association. Dans une société d'assurance à cotisations, l'histoire de famille, la santé et l'habitude de sobriété de l'assuré ferment en général l'actif de l'institution. Ce devrait être et c'est le devoir de chaque membre de bien garder cet actif. Agir de la sorte est tout simplement faire preuve d'un esprit d'intérêt personnel éclairé.

L'habitude de négligence, d'indifférence des membres relativement à cette affaire des plus importantes, a, il est à craindre, dans bien des cas, influencé les médecins examinateurs, et ceci cause qu'ils ont rempli leur

dover d'une manière semblable. Nous devrions employer toute notre énergie contre cet état de choses. Chaque membre a une obligation personnelle à remplir, puisque chaque mauvais risque implique une perte directe. Le médecin examinateur en Chef fait tout en son pouvoir sous ce rapport. Que les membres l'aident en s'assurant les services de médecins examinateurs capables et soucieux de leur devoir; en insistant auprès d'eux sur l'absolue nécessité de faire leur travail avec soin et d'une manière parfaite, dont le résultat sera l'admission de bons membres, lesquels accréteront l'association.

NOTES.

L'homme qui "sait tout" ne serait pas un si mauvais garçon si seulement il gardait en lui-même ce qu'il sait.

Le Grand Chancelier MacCabe commença, dans le numéro d'Avril, une série d'articles sur l'origine et le progrès des Sociétés et Associations de Bienfaisance Mutuelle.

Avez-vous fait entrer un membre dans l'A. C. B. M. depuis que vous en faites partie? Si non, amenez-en un avant la fin de cette année. En ce faisant vous ferez bénéfice à votre ami et augmenterez en même temps votre sécurité.

Les membres des Succursales 132 et 160 de Halifax N. E., ont le plaisir de faire savoir aux membres de l'A. C. B. M. par tout le Canada que tout membre de passage à Halifax sera bienvenu à leurs Salles, batisse Anderson, coin des rues Duke et Barrington.

Frère P. F. Boyle, de la Succursale No. 4, a été nommé *landing waiter* dans le département des Douanes à London, Ont. Il prouvera être un officier effectif et une précieuse addition au corps du service civil de cette ville. Nous félicitons frère Boyle à l'occasion de sa nomination.

Frères, faites en sorte de ne pas vous laisser suspendre. Méditez bien le petit extrait suivant du *Fraternal Times*: "Les temps sont durs, mais ils seront encore bien plus durs pour votre femme et vos petits enfants si vous vous laissez suspendre, et que la mort viendrait vous réclamer avant que vous ayiez eu la chance de vous faire réintégrer."

Frère W. T. Kernahan a été élu auditeur de l'Institut des Comptables d'Ontario, association dans laquelle il a un droit de membre. Il nous fait plaisir d'apprendre cela, et nous espérons que c'est un pas vers une position plus lucrative pour lui. Nos jeunes gens devraient être l'object spécial de notre sollicitude, car sur eux repose l'avenir de l'A. C. B. M.; ils devront continuer le bon

travail de l'association quand les membres plus âgés ne seront plus.

Il nous fait plaisir d'apprendre que notre frère M. F. Hackett, M. P. P. de Stanstead, et Promoter Vice-Président du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada, a été choisi comme membre du Cabinet de la Province de Québec. Frère Hackett a été, le 1^{er}, le 1^{er} du courant, assurément président du Conseil par Son Excellence le Lieutenant Gouverneur Chapleau. On ne pouvait faire un meilleur choix, et nous espérons qu'il sera reçu par ses constituants sans opposition.

Le Commissaire des Assurances de Pensylvanie dit: "Bien que je considère l'assurance sur la vie simplement comme une transaction commerciale, néanmoins je puis voir dans chaque fil de sa chaîne et de son tissu la teinte dorée de la plus douce et de la plus rare charité au monde. C'est une des échelles qui s'étendent du ciel à la terre, et au bas de laquelle arrive la réponse aux prières de la veuve et des orphelins au moment où ils bégayent: 'Donnez-nous aujourd'hui notre pain quotidien.'

Le 1^{er} Janvier, 1894, nous comptions 8,605 membres, dont les polices représentaient \$13,698,000.00. Durant l'année, 1894, nous en avons admis 1,752 dont les polices représentaient \$2,536,000.00; 73 sont décédés, dont les polices représentaient \$122,000.00; 20 ont résigné, dont les polices représentaient \$30,000.00; 213 se sont laissés expulser, dont les polices représentaient \$174,000.00, et 18 ont réduit leurs polices de \$2.00 à \$1.00. Le 1^{er} Janvier, 1895, nous comptions 10,051 membres, dont les polices représentaient \$15,890,000.00. Durant l'année 1894, \$118,000.00 furent payées aux bénéficiaires des membres décédés, et \$6,257.39 transférés au Fonds de Réserve. Le montant total du Fonds de Réserve, l'intérêt rapporté compris était au 1^{er} Janvier 1895 de \$10,929.53. Le montant de l'Actif de l'Association était de \$72,559.83, et le Passif, de \$25,182.05, ce qui démontre que l'A. C. B. M. du Canada est dans une condition financière de première classe.

CHANGEMENTS DE BÉNÉFICIAIRES.

PAR F. R. LATCHFORD.

La Constitution de l'A. C. B. M., a, depuis plusieurs années, contenu une disposition erronée et de nature à causer du trouble, en ce qui concerne le changement des bénéficiaires. Les membres avaient raison de croire, et ils ont cru qu'ils pourraient changer à volonté la désignation énoncée sur la face de leurs certificats. On a cru communément par exemple qu'un membre pouvait remettre à l'association un certificat fait en faveur de sa femme et en recevoir un nouveau payable à son père ou à son frère, ou à ses executeurs ou à un étranger. Ceci, ou quelque chose de semblable, fut fait en réalité dans plus d'un cas. Quant ces certificats, pour cause de décès d'un membre, devraient réclamations contre l'association, le premier bénéficiaire et celui en vertu du nouveau certificat ont chacun réclamé un droit au fonds des bénéfices. Dans certains cas, le bien-être des parties civiles a été mis à mal.

mais dans d'autres les agents étaient éloignés en cour, et les réclamants forcés d'arranger leurs difficultés suivant la loi de la Province dans laquelle le membre avait son domicile.

Mais d'autres cas sans doute existent, qui ne sont pas décrits, dans lesquels des changements ont été faits et que les cours ne sanctionnent pas. A la convention de St. Jean, la clause de la constitution qui portait à une fausse conception fut amendée pour lire que les changements furent faits pour l'ordre que les changements aient été faits sans égard à la loi, et que les changements furent faits pour l'ordre que les changements aient été faits sans égard à la loi, et que les changements furent faits pour l'ordre que les changements aient été faits sans égard à la loi.

D'après brièvement les lois en force dans les différentes Provinces de la Puissance, touchant le transfert des certificats, est la tâche qui m'a été dévolue. Je ne puis espérer de rencontrer toutes les difficultés qui pourront être suscitées ou même définies d'une manière certaine ce qu'est la loi quand il n'y aura pas d'ordonnances touchant la question et quelles dispositions devraient être prises pour clarifier la voie. Le sujet entier de la loi des assurances sur la vie est comparativement nouveau. Sur plusieurs points les dispositions sont contradictoires et la loi indéfinie. Je m'efforcerai néanmoins d'informer ce que je considère être la vraie nature de la loi. S'il arriva qu'on croit que j'erre, je serai bien aise si ceux qui me considèrent dans l'erreur veulent bien dire en quoi ils considèrent que j'ai tort. J'invite la critique dans un esprit convenable et la discussion; et elles seront bienvenues toutes les fois qu'elles tendront à rendre clair et certain quoi ce soit d'obscur ou d'incertain.

Comme la Province d'Ontario compte le plus de membres, je déclarerai la première la loi de cette Province touchant le changement des bénéficiaires. La loi sur cette question est d'abord dans le Chapitre 136 des Statuts revisés d'Ontario, 1887, clauses 5, 6 et 7. Ce statut a depuis été largement amendé. En 1888, un acte fut passé pour éclaircir tout doute à savoir si le chapitre s'appliquait aux sociétés fraternelles. En 1890 et 1893, les clauses mentionnées furent dans nouveau amendement de sorte que présentement elles se lisent comme suit:

5. Dans le cas d'une police d'assurance, effectuée par un homme sur sa vie, sur la face de laquelle il est énoncé qu'elle est pour le bénéfice de sa femme ou de sa femme et de ses enfants ou d'aucun d'eux, ou dans le cas où il a antérieurement endossé ou à l'avvenir endossera sur la police, ou par aucun écrit identifiant la police, par son numéro ou autrement, à fait ou sera à l'avvenir, une déclaration comportant que la police est pour le bénéfice de sa femme ou de sa femme et de ses enfants, ou d'aucun de eux, cette police devra continuer à être et sera censée être un fidéicommis pour le bénéfice de sa femme, pour son usage séparé, et de ses enfants ou d'aucun d'eux, suivant l'intention ainsi énoncée ou déclarée, et aussi longtemps qu'au cas des sujets du fidéicommis existent, et rent payable en vertu de la police ne sera pas sujet au contrôle du mari ou de ses créanciers, ou ne formera pas partie de sa succession lorsque la somme garantie par la police deviendra payable; mais ce ne devra pas être censé interdire dans aucun engagement de la police envers aucune personne antérieurement à cette déclaration.

(2) Dans le cas d'une police ou d'un contrat écrit d'assurance sur la vie effectués avant mariage, une déclaration en vertu de cette clause sera, et sera considérée, aussi valide et ayant effet que si cette police ou ce contrat eussent été effectués après mariage, mais rien de contenu tel ne devra intervenir dans aucune action ou procédure présentement pendante.

6. L'assuré pourra par un document écrit, attaché ou endossé, sur la police ou l'identifiant par son numéro ou autrement, ou par un partage fait antérieurement de façon à diminuer ou augmenter, transférer ou illuster les bénéfices de la police à sa femme seule, ou à ses enfants, ou à un ou plusieurs d'entre eux, ou à sa mère comme un des bénéficiaires ou seul bénéficiaire, quoique la police énonce ou déclare que les bénéfices sont pour sa femme et ses enfants, ou pour sa femme seule, ou pour son enfant ou ses enfants seuls, ou pour sa femme sa vie durant, et ses enfants après sa mort, ou pour sa femme, et en cas de sa mort, pour son enfant ou ses enfants ou aucun d'eux, ou pour aucun ou plusieurs des personnes mentionnées plus haut leur vie durant et après son ou leur décès pour aucun ou plusieurs des survivants, ou quelque déclaration antérieure fut ainsi restreinte; et il pourra aussi faire un partage de la somme d'assurance parmi les personnes destinées à en bénéficier; et il pourra de temps en temps, par un document écrit attaché ou endossé sur la police ou y référant, changer le partage à son gré; il pourra aussi, par son testament, faire ou amender le partage de l'argent d'assurance, et un partage fait par son testament devra primer tout autre fait antérieurement, excepté en autant que cet autre partage aura été exécuté avant avis du partage par le testament.

(3) Cette clause s'applique aux polices déjà émises aussi bien qu'aux polices futures.

7. (1) Si il n'y a pas de partage de fait, toutes personnes en droit de bénéficiaire de l'assurance seront tenues de participer également, et si l'est défini sur la police ou déclaration que l'assurance est pour le bénéfice de la femme et des enfants d'une manière générale, sans spécifier le nom des enfants, le mot "enfants" sera considéré pour inclure tous les enfants de l'assuré vivants à la maturité de la police, que ce soit par sa femme d'ici ou ancienne femme d'autrefois, et la femme qui devra décliner de la police sera la femme vivante à la maturité de la police.

ren ISO ou une assignation d'icelle faite.

(2) Lorsque la police est pour le bénéfice des enfants seuls, et que les enfants survivants ont tous vingt et un ans révolus, et la personne assurée et tous ces enfants survivants conviennent de la remettre ou d'en faire l'assignation à ou

"b" lorsque la police est pour le bénéfice de la femme et des enfants, et que les enfants survivants ont tous vingt et un ans révolus, et la personne assurée, et la femme d'alors (si elle en a une), et tous ces enfants survivants conviennent de la remettre ou d'en faire l'assignation à ou

"c" lorsque la police est pour le bénéfice de la femme seule ou de la femme et des enfants et qu'il n'y a pas d'enfants survivants, et la personne assurée, et la femme d'alors conviennent de la remettre ou d'en faire l'assignation.

Notre prouesse en considération l'effet de ces ordonnances le mois prochain.

Certificat d'Enregistrement. No. 8.

Bureau du Surintendant des Assurances, Ottawa, 27 Décembre 1894.

Ceci est pour certifier que le Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique du Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, s'étant conformé aux dispositions de son Acte d'Incorporation et de l'Acte des Assurances (chapitre 121 des Statuts revisés du Canada, tel qu'amendé) concernant les Compagnies d'Assurance sur la vie à cotisations, a été ce jour dûment enregistré dans ce Bureau, sous les dispositions du dit Acte des Assurances, et est par le présent en droit de faire, dans la Puissance du Canada, des opérations d'Assurance sur la vie sur le plan des cotisations dans la limite autorisée par le dit Acte d'Incorporation.

(Sig.) J. M. COURTNEY.

Député-Ministre des Finances.

(Sig.) W. FITZGERALD.

Surintendant des Assurances.

Bureau du Surintendant des Assurances, Ottawa, 27 Décembre, 1894.

Avons été par le présent donné que "Le Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique du Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada" s'étant conformé aux dispositions de "l'Acte des Assurances" à ce jour reçu un Certificat d'Enregistrement, No. 8, en vertu de cet Acte et est en droit de faire, dans la Puissance du Canada, des opérations d'Assurance sur la vie sur le plan des cotisations.

Samuel R. Brown est l'agent en Chef de l'association, et le bureau principal est établi dans la cité de London, Ontario.

(Sig.) W. FITZGERALD.

Surintendant des Assurances.

Institutions du mois de Janvier, 1895.

Suc.	Murr., Ray, Que.	A. Initié.
119	Quebec, Qu.	5 membres
120	Kingsbridge, Ont.	4
121	Port Lambton, Ont.	3
122	Winnipeg, Man.	3
123	Waterloo, Que.	3
124	Memramcook, N. B.	3
125	Fairview, N. B.	2
126	Louisville, Que.	2
127	Chatham, Ont.	2
128	Stratford, Ont.	2
129	Deseronto, Ont.	2
130	North Sydney, N. S.	2
131	St. John, N. B.	2
132	Rinkora, Ont.	2
133	Toronto, Ont.	2
134	Summerside, P. E. I.	2
135	Arthabaskaville, Que.	2
136	Quebec, Que.	2
137	Windsor, Ont.	1
138	Kingston, Ont.	1
139	Berlin, Ont.	1
140	Prescott, Ont.	1
141	Magog Falls, Ont.	1
142	Seaforth, Ont.	1
143	Montreal, Que.	1
144	Ottawa, Ont.	1
145	Morrisburg, Ont.	1
146	Hamilton, Ont.	1
147	Cornwall, Ont.	1
148	Toronto, Ont.	1
149	Mount Forest, Ont.	1
150	Ottawa, Ont.	1
151	Toronto, Ont.	1
152	Levis, Que.	1
153	St. Hyacinthe, Que.	1
154	Montreal, Que.	1
155	Montreal, Que.	1
156	Toronto, Ont.	1
157	Fletcher, Ont.	1
158	Halifax, N. S.	1
159	Nicolet, que.	1
160	Wolfe Island, Ont.	1
161	Chatham, N. B.	1
162	West Pubnico, N. S.	1
163	L'Assomption, Que.	1
164	Dalhousie, N. B.	1
165	Higgetown, Ont.	1
166	Total.....	53

