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Ottawa July 7th 02
Jas. P. Rice Esq
National Secretary ^{for} ^{the} ⁵
A.O.S.F. ^{Aug 5}

Dear Sir and Bro,

I have on the 20th June
addressed ^{you} a communication
in reference to an election of
officers in the Division to which
I belong and having received no
reply up to date would further
trespass to forward a supple-
-mentary epistle in support of
my views on this matter,

Articles 2 and 26 when
read in conjunction are in perfect
harmony, but in endeavouring to
interpret article 6 liberally and
by itself if allowed to govern
destroys 2 & 26. I do think this
article 6 should be recast

and made to read in reversed
order, - 1st Division 2nd County, and
3rd State. by so doing the three
articles 2, 6 & 7 would read
in perfect accord and quite
intelligible to the ordinary ^{member} reader.

I have in my former
Communication referred to that
part of article 26 making it
obligatory on County Presidents -
to send the names of officers
of Divisions vol. lalis than 15th
July or the 1st day of National
Convention. Can it be supposed
that it would be the names of officers
whose term of office is just expiring
or the more reasonable view, it would
be the names of those officers just
elected? It cannot be the desire
of the framers of our Constitution that
time, labour, and expense, should

he intended to print and publish a directory of the officers of divisions whose term is about expiring. Earnestly hoping that this temper in the denunciations may be productive of having the articles mentioned brought into harmony and unison and for the welfare of this the grandest of grand organizations.

Knowing full well the innumerable demands on your time at present. I would earnestly request you would give this matter your best consideration and favour me with an early reply for which we are very anxiously waiting

Yours fraternally
 Jas Bennett
 Basis office

H. P. M.
 President
 Dwo. No. 2. Breton

copy file

Oahu July 28th 1902

Geo D. Dyer Esq
National Secretary
A.O.S.

Dear Sir. allow me to
congratulate you on your
reappointment to the very
important position of N.S.
and to remind you that
I have written you on two
different occasions on the
matter of Division elections

I would again ask
you for a reply for which I
would be thankful

Yours fraternally
Geo Bennett
Exec office
Oahu
Cal

A.O.S.
No 4

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St. Catharines.

OFFICE OF



Hamilton
Hamilton Ont., Aug. 6, 1902. 190

Jas. P. Bree. Esq.,
National Secretary
New Haven, Conn.

Ans Aug 7

Dear Sir & Bro:- Our Provincial Convention will open in the City of
Ottawa, Ont. on Aug. 11th. as we were not represented ^{at National Convention} we do not know much
of what transpired only through Newspaper items, and the only ^{thing} noticed
of importance was the recommendation to appoint Organizers.

If not asking to much would you kindly give me some information
re. any changes in constitution a few brief notes of important changes
would suffice .If you cannot have a reply reach me by Saturday next
please address Butler House
Ottawa. Ont.

Our Treasurer has been requested to forward amount due for Mdse.
With best wishes.

Yours Fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd

P.S. have been away from city past two weeks, arranged time waiting for the

H. O. N. No. 4

Ottawa, Aug. 13, 1902.

Am Aug 16

Dear Sir and Bro, Allow me at the outset to congratulate you on your reelection as secretary of our grand and noble order. It is certainly a matter to be proud of, and an endorsement that you have faithfully performed the many and varied duties which your office entails.

Now, you have received several communications lately from this County re election of officers. Your decision has been sought, and you have decided that the elections of Division Officers held in this County in June last, were illegal.

In a portion of that correspondence you have, as yet, I am informally failed to give any reply, that is pertaining to the election of the officers of the County Board held in July, 1901. I quite understand that your many duties preparatory to the opening of Conventions at Denver precluded you from being as prompt as you otherwise would have been.

I might state that a decision was asked from the late President, John T. Keating, and the contention I rose was upheld by him, that is, that the election of the County Board in 1901, was also illegal.

Now, as I am one of those who is prepared to sacrifice a great deal in order to avoid any friction, I

immediately renounced all claim to the office
and allowed the County President, whom we thought
was legally elected in 1901, to retain office.

The Provincial Convention is at present being
held in our city, and it is quite evident to any one,
as it has been to me since I became a member of the
order, now some years, that the election of officers, and
our system of doing business, in this one particular
is certainly not in the best interests of our order.
The National Convention has just closed, and the
state and provincial Conventions are now
in order, after these come the County Conventions
and lastly the Division elections. Now, to me
the 'Cart is before the horse' is an old phrase.
I notice at the Convention just held in Denver
you have made one important change, that is
the election of Division officers to be held, uniformly,
in the month of December, but to last for two years
I am not in favour of. What I contend is this:
Election of Division officers, followed by County,
in turn by State or provincial, and lastly the
National; then will all recommendations or
changes go through the proper channel, and
we will not be two years behind the times. For
illustration, the Convention of the Province of
Ontario are now in session, any changes that
they might think would be advantageous to our
order, particularly in this province, will have to hang
fire for two years, while on the other hand if the state
and provincial Conventions were held, say, two or three
months prior to the National Conventions the affairs
of the order would be run on a more methodical

plan. Of course, you may have excellent arguments
to advance in favour of the present system,
but as yet they are not apparent to me.

Now, what I wish to know, ~~is~~, as it will be
some time before the Constitution which has
been amended at Denver is placed in our
hands, is when will the election of Officers (Divisional)
take place? Will it be immediately after the
Convention, and will they have to be selected in
December of this year, or if elected now will they
continue in office until two years from the
coming December.

If you will kindly give me a prompt
reply,

Yours very truly
obljg

Yours fraternally

Samuel Ross,

ex-County President

Carlisle County,

A. D. H.

85 Waller St.

Ottawa

out.

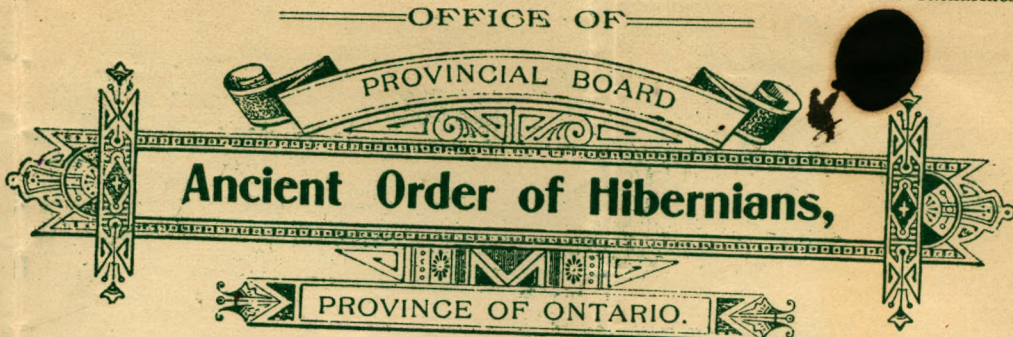
An answer by Wednesday, Aug. 30. if possible, please.

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Hamilton Ont., Aug. 18, 1902. 190

James P Bree, Esq.,
New Haven, Conn.

868 mem 260.40
207.90
52.50 Am Aug 22

Dear Sir and Bre.,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of yours, explaining changes in Constitution. Later, Blanks for names and addresses of Provincial and County Officers, three Constitutions copy of Resolutions adopted ^{at Provincial Convention} all of which I desire to thank you for.

Our Provincial convention which was held in Ottawa Ont. Aug. 11, 12 & 13 was conceded by those present, who had attended former conventions, that this one was the best ever held in Ontario. The proceedings the best of Harmony prevailed, and I believe from instructions given to all officers, you will have better reports from this Province in the next two years than in the past two.

The Provincial Officers have been instructed to settle all claims held against the board. There is a difference between us regarding the thirty cent assessment. I believed I notified you at one time that according to the members in good standing at the date said Assessment was levied from, we should only pay \$207.90 therefore what arrangements can we come to in straightning the matter out. I enclose you names and addresses of newly elected Provincial Officers.

Yours fraternally,

John Lee

H.O.W. # 44

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FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND

OFFICE OF

Co Board

COUNTY OF

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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARITY



W. E. BLAKE, PRINTER.

159 Parliament St. Toronto, Mar. 8th/03.

James P. Bree, Esq.,

National Secretary A. O. H.

Sun Mar 26

New Haven, Conn.,

Dear Sir & Bro.,

I have been instructed by the County Board, York County, Prov. of Ontario to write you for some information on the payment of Sick Benefits, and to ascertain if we are strictly complying with the laws as laid down in Secs. 1 & 2 Article 13 of the Constitution. The Divisions in this County pay \$5.00 per week Sick Benefits but under no consideration do they pay any benefits for the first week's illness. We have been following this Rule for some years and the question arises now, as to whether we are being right or not. Sec. 2. Article 13. States "no benefits shall be allowed for the first week's illness, unless such illness continues for two or more weeks." Is it to be inferred from this that it is strictly necessary to pay a Brother two weeks benefits if he is ill for two weeks?

Our By-Laws as adopted at Provincial Convention held in Ottawa July 1902. do not make any provision in this matter

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47 Cambridge St., Ottawa.



Hamilton, Ont.,

Mar. 24,

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*Done Mch 26
Fred [unclear]*

Jas. P. Bree, Esq.,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Received yours in reply to my letter re. error in last years report thank you for the same.

Their ~~is~~^{is} one Division in this Province who have not as yet sent in the list of Officers though I have repeatedly written for the same. And it is not my ~~intention~~ intention to write again. Please send me 24 Rituals and any organization literature you may have that is to say some copies of the same. and you will oblige

Yours fraternally,

OC #2

Thomas O'Dowd,

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47 Cambridge St., Ottawa.



Arnprior, Ont.,

April 7,

1903.

James P. Bree, Esq.,
New Haven,
Con.

*✓ receipt sent
Apr 11*

Dear Sir & Brother,-

I enclose you herewith cheque for \$16.00 in payment of merchandise which kindly acknowledge and oblige. I received a circular from you some little time ago stating that some of the merchandise had not as yet been paid for. I have forwarded the circular to the Provincial President who has promised to look into the matter.

Fraternally Yours,

Dict.

H. H. 3

R. Slattery

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Hamilton, Ont., Ap. 25,

1903

Jas. P. Bree, Esq.

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I forwarded you in one batch full list of County and Division Officers with exception of Div.2 York County and that was sent you about a week after..

You surely must have them some place in you office however I am complying with your request and you will find enclosed lists asked for with exception their are no Div .3 Carleton County possibly it is Div.1, Renfrew County this County ajoins Carleton , and as it was the President of Carleton County organized this Division he may have reported to you as Div.3. whereas as above stated it is in another County .

I expect to forward you annual report in a few days have yet one County to hear from.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd.

A.R. #3

Q. Uawa Apr. 28, 1903.

Jas. P. Bree Esq.
New Haven
Conn.

Sun. May 1

Dear Sir & Bro,

Would you kindly explain Article XVI. (Ancient National Dues) in the Constitution of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians? I find it vague. Does it mean that each Division shall pay twenty cents each quarter to the Nat. Secy. or twenty cents per member each quarter? Kindly explain the whole article. Is the per capita assessment paid out of the monthly dues, by the Division?

About copies of the Constitution — if they come

From the National Secretary, we shall have to
pay 35% duty on them.

Do you think it would be cheaper
for us to have them printed here?

Enclosed find application for our Charter.

I should be glad if you could
write me at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally yours,
(Miss) A. E. Meara
Prov. Pres.

Address A. E. Meara,
117 Metcalfe St.
Ottawa

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W. E. BLAKE, PRINTER.

Toronto Canada
May 3rd 1900

Mr James P. Brock

From Sir + Bro

John May

Enclosed please find revised list of Members of Div no. 5 York County I find that a great many disqualified Members are receiving the Hibernian and as I think this should not be. I incl on those who are entitled to it only kindly instruct Bro Halligan as above trusting your health is of the very best & that Hibernianism is flourishing in your God's own Country

I Remain Yours in Fraternity

On Myself Secty
93 Lindsay Ave

O.O.#2

\$2 Canadian bill

receipt sent
6-19-03

108 Metcalfe St.
Ottawa, June 12, 1903

Jas. P. Gree, Esq.
New Haven,
Conn.

sent list to
Parrish June 18

Dear Sir, + Bro,

Enclosed find
\$2⁰⁰ for which you will
please forward our Charter.
Our Provincial Secretary
has been in California, I believe,
for two months and until
yesterday, I could not get her
address.

On receiving your

letter some time ago I wrote
to Toronto and Stratford, asking
for the names and addresses
of their County and Division
Officers. I received the enclosed
list of names from No. 1 Division
Stratford, a couple of days ago.

Stratford had not
had an election when my
communication was received,
hence the delay. Have heard
nothing from Toronto yet.

The Provincial Secretary is
now in Toronto and I am
writing to-day asking her
to obtain the required lists
and to send them to you

at once. I suppose they will
be too late for the Directory
this year.

Am also enclosing list of
Provincial officers and County
and Division officers.

Fraternally yours,
(Miss) M. E. McLean
Pres. Div. No. 1.

Ralph J. Slattery, LL.B.
Barrister, Solicitor,
Notary, etc.

MONEY TO LOAN.

James P. Bree, Esq.,
National Secretary A. O. H.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Brother,-

I enclose you herewith cheque in payment of following accounts, balance of national assessment 1900, \$52.50, this was ordered paid by the last Provincial Convention but through some oversight has been since overlooked; I also enclose \$112.75 in payment of last national assessment. Kindly forward receipt to me and oblige.

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Dict.

SOLICITOR FOR THE ONTARIO PERM. BUILDING & LOAN ASSN.

TELEPHONE 108.

Am prior, Ont.

June 25/03.

Recd & Av. 29.
June 29.

Yours truly

Respectfully
R. Slattery

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Hamilton, Ont., June, 23, 1903. 190

Jas. P. Bree, Esq.

National Secretary, A.O.H.

New Haven, Conn.

*cards sent June 30
from July 1.*

Dear Sir & Brother:-

Will you please forward 50 Traveling Cards and oblige

This week I have drawn orders on the Treasurer for balance of both Assessments and two quarters Mdse. The balance of first assessment was ordered to be paid you last August but the past Treasurer failed to remit you the amount .

Per. instructions from Provincial Board I have wrote our National President requesting that an Organizer be sent to us for a short time ,if request is granted we believe the number of Divisions would be more than doubled in the Province.. We have a route laid out for him with names an addresses of people to call on.

With best wishes.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd

A.R.#3

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W. E. BLAKE, PRINTER.

Toronto, Canada, July 1903.

Mr. James P. Bree,

*National Secretary A. O. H.
New Haven, Conn.,*

My dear Sir & Bro.,

I have been instructed to write you particulars regarding a very disagreeable state of affairs which exists in our Order in this City, owing to the conduct of a few members of Div. # 3, who seem to predominate over their Division, and offer continual opposition to everything undertaken in the interests of our Order by the representatives of the other four Divisions on the County Board. Those men, are, without exception, all ardent politicians and adherents to the one party, and their motive apparently, is to gain ascendancy in the Order for political purposes, and to use the influence of our Order to that end. They have become so hostile and unreasonable that we have found it necessary, for the very existence of our Order here, to communicate with you upon the subject, and I will endeavour, in as brief a manner as possible relate some of their doings:

On March 25th 1898 at a regular meeting of the Board of York Co. presided over by Bro. J. J. Brennan, (himself a member of Div. 3) the Board

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resolved upon celebrating the Centenary Anniversary of the Rebellion of "1798" by holding a demonstration in form of an Athletic Tournament. For this purpose the Co. President appointed the Presidents of Divisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to make arrangements. The project was received with favour by each of the five Divisions, and each Div. participated in the event. Unfortunately the affair did not prove a financial success, and there was a deficiency of \$90.55. and upon motion, regularly moved and seconded, it was decided to assess each Div. equally to make up the amount, (viz \$18.11) ^{Each} Divisions Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 paid their share of the deficiency, but No. 3 made no offer to follow their example. The Div. was repeatedly billed for the amount, and the question repeatedly asked at Board meetings if they had settled. The climax was reached when, after the Division had been asked to settle the claim, their representatives at Board meeting held in January, last, denied owing the amount and refused to pay the claim. Thereupon the Co. President was instructed to use his prerogative, and withhold the "Moose" from Div. 3 until such time as said Division would make good the amount. This, Bro. Bree, was strictly within his right, the assessment was levied by the Board to make up a deficiency, each Div. participating in the Event, every Div. paid the amount with exception of this Division. Prof. was furnished to them that Board was in their right and in fact everything done to bring about an amicable settlement, but without avail. The Division or rather the bunch of

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that predominate (for there are a number of their members who are disgusted with their conduct) entered a protest against action of our Co. President, to the Prov. Officers. Now Sir, I desire to call your special attention to this phase of the question. A meeting of the Prov. Officers was called in Ottawa Ont. on June 22nd last. Our Co. President learning of the meeting, went to Ottawa at his own expense in order to explain the difficulty. The Provincial Secretary, Bro. O'Cloud of Hamilton, objected to his presence, but Bro. Kelly insisted on being heard with the result, that in spite of the pile of documents the Prov. Secy brought with him in favour of his partisan Friends of Div. 3, Bro. Kelly showed and convinced the Provincial Officers, that the claim of the York Co. Board was a just one and ought to be met: consequently Bro. O'Cloud was instructed to come to Toronto on July 2nd meet Bro. Kelly, Co. Pres. who was to convene a meeting of the Board for the same evening; and proceed to Div. No. 3's meeting first, collect the amount of claim (\$18.11), ascertain if Div. 3 had any counter-claim against Board, if so, proceed to Hall were members of Board from remaining four divisions were waiting; and have matter adjusted. Now Sir, I called the members of the Board from Divs. 1, 2, 4 and 5. together on that evening, they assembled at their Hall at 8.30 pm. we did not go into session awaiting return of Co. President from No. 3's meeting; he arrived at Hall about 10 O'clock pm. when we immediately went into session, he stated a committee including Officers of No. 3 with Prov. Secy were coming on later, and they had

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met with no success in collection of Bill. Later on a member entering the Hall, announced that a deputation was outside with Prov. Secretary, in the corridors, we waited just long enough to dispose of a motion that was before the meeting, and appointed a member to escort the Brothers into the Hall, he went in search of them, but they were nowhere to be found. Every member in the Hall felt thoroughly dejected, here we were waiting from 8.30 pm. till 10.30 pm. for those men, who never even knocked at the door to make known their presence, and our whole evening wasted and nothing done. What, may I ask do you think of the conduct of this Provincial Secretary? it would not have been beneath his dignity to have come to the door and made known his presence or entered the Hall to ascertain what was being done, but no, he turns away with those who had accompanied him, without accomplishing or attempting to accomplish the object of his mission; and, worse still, our Co. Pres. has been informed by the President of No. 3, that the Prov. Secretary had handed over to him the "muzzings". I ask you Bro. Bree, in the interest of our Order, to call the attention of our National President to this flagrant abuse or violation of the Constitution. This Div. refuses to pay an assessment, Prov. Sec'y is sent to try and collect it, he fails, and turns round and hands over to this Div. in bad standing a copy of the "Muzz". If a charge against Bro. O'Dowd, Prov. Sec'y is necessary it is herein conveyed; we, here in Toronto, could manage those objectionable Brothers if it were left to us to do, but as the Prov. officers were appealed

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to by them, it was their duty to look into the affair in a proper manner, this they have not done, instead of this man O'Dowd, giving the President of #3 the "wordings", he should have, when he failed to collect the claim, reported the matter to the Prov. President, whose duty it would then be, to suspend the Div. - Art. xxx. Sec. 3 and Art. 31, Sec. 3.

There are about a dozen of this disturbing element in #3 Div. here, Bro. Bree, and the five first officers of the Div. are controlled by them, previous to last January they had a following in Div. #1 who also filled the five officers seats, but upon their seeking re-election at beginning of present year they were badly defeated. To show you the calibre of those men Bro. Bree, I may state that a few years ago about half dozen of those who are now doing so much kicking were members of the "Inside", but we found that it was necessary to get rid of them, and the A.O.H. here ~~also~~, in my humble opinion, would get along much better, if they were rid of their kind also. At the Provincial Convention held in Ottawa, Ont. last July, those very men made a determined effort to pack the Convention, that they might succeed in electing their Partisans as Provincial Officers, and I'm sorry to say they succeeded, (or we would not be having so much trouble now) The Brothers of Div. 1, decided ^{not} to send a delegate to that Convention feeling they could ill afford the outlay after so much sickness among the members the winter before. But as I've said previously, the partisans of those people held office at that time, and notwithstanding, a standing majority against

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sending a delegate, the President declared one of the officers elected, this resulted in a charge being preferred against him, by myself; The Co. Board tried the case and found him guilty and suspended him from office. Nevertheless he went to the Convention with two other officers from Div. 1, and Div. 3 hastily called a few members together and voted \$100.00 from the Treasury to pay the expenses of sending their five officers. Well, they all went to Ottawa, and so poisoned the minds of other delegates against certain men - men who have sacrificed their time and money and age, even their health in a fair case, in the interests of our Order, that they were allowed seats in Convention although they carried no credentials which our Co. President refused to sign. When the Books of No. 1, were secured from them on their return (for they refused to allow a special audit of them previously) not even by the Co. President) it was found that two of those who attended said Convention used the Division several dollars ^{each}. They even made an effort to have Division refund their expenses, but were unsuccessful and when election of officers time arrived they were all thrown out: previous to this, The President of No. 1 who had been found guilty by the Co. Board, appealed against decision and the "Provincial Board"? promptly reversed the decision, but # 1's members would not stand for it, no how. It was like = "one good turn deserves another" with them, you helped me into office and prominence, we'll left you out of the depths into which your folly has cast you, Now, Bro. Bree

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you no doubt will understand the Present case, you will understand the partiality exhibited towards Div. 3's Officers by the present Provincial Secretary, and I trust Sir, that you will take such steps to remedy this as you think proper. I may state, that in Div. 1, of which I have the honour of being President, everything is as fine as silk, we have a degree team with complete paraphernalia, second to none, and are constantly adding new members to Div. peace and harmony exist among all other Divisions with Exception of Div. 3. and this trouble will have very bad effect if not soon nipped. On July 4th Divs 1, 2, 4 and 5 went to Buffalo on our annual Excursion, we had a splendid time and the Buffalo Brothers treated us right royally. There was a large turnout of members in the Parade. I had the pleasure of meeting again our old friend Bro. Dennis E. Ryan, National Organizer, we expect him over our way in the near future. In conclusion Bro. Bree, let me say that I consider this a rather lengthy letter, but the case necessitated a lengthy explanation, therefore, I trust you will give the matter your earliest consideration, and I would ask you as a special favour, to write me as soon as possible that I may know you have received this letter, Trusting you will oblige and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally yours

George J. Owen
County Secretary

"M.O. #3"

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Provincial President,
164 Bagot St.,
Kingston.

JOHN LEE,
Vice-Prov. President.
Gananoque

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Hamilton, Ont., sept. 1st. 190

James P. Bree, New Haven, Conn.

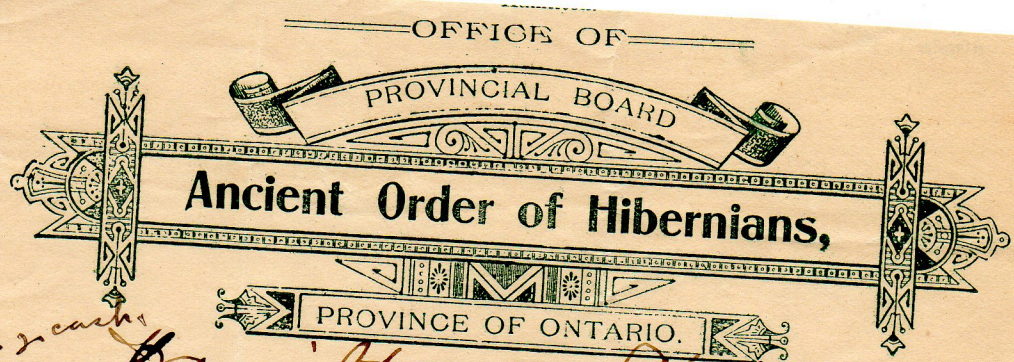
Dear Sir & Bro.

Yours received for Agency re Guarantee Bonds, I have submitted the same to Prov. President, M. J. O'Farrell with my approval.

With best wishes,

Yours Fraternaly,

Thos. O'Dowd



\$ 2.00 cash

Hamilton Ont., April 20th 1904

Mr Jas T. Bree, Nat. Sec'y A.O.H.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Herein you will find enclosed an application for Charter for Division Number Two of Hamilton Wentworth County Organized by myself on April 3rd 1904 Hoping you will forward same at your earliest opportunity and O'life yours
fraternally

W. J. Mulvale
C. P. Wentworth

Address

73 Clarke Ave

receipt sent
4-5-04

Am
4/22

Attene April 17 1904

R. E. Dolan Esq

National President A.H.

Syracuse N. Y.

My Dear Sir & Brother

Replying to yours of the 28th inst. I would say that I feel very keenly, the necessity of your having to call my attention to the arrears owing by this Province.

However I will have to admit that such a state of affairs does exist and that I find the greatest difficulty in getting Counties to pay such lawful dues as may be levied by Law Board.

I have been in constant communication with divisions on this subject, Annual Reports due July 15th are in some cases not in as yet, and we are compelled by the Ontario law to furnish the Government with a yearly report on March 1- and not having annual reports made are also in arrears in this respect

You very well know the hardship in cutting off the roads, many good staunch members will have paid their dues and by taking such action will be debared for delinquents and Officers not attending to their duties. However I see no course left

for me but to with draw the funds and see
if it will have the desired effect.

I have ordered that a cheque be sent
you for \$100⁰⁰ an account of arrears and I will
see that the balance will be paid even as
little delay as possible.

This is the first occasion I have
had the honour of having a communication from
you and I regret that it should have been
on such an unpleasant subject.

Trusting I may be favoured with
your farther orders and advice and

Traternally yours
W. J. O'Farrell
Proc. President

Ottawa June 25/904

Jas P Bree Esq
National Secy Genl.
New Haven Conn.

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My Dear Sir & Brother

By to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 22nd inst. Would say the \$100⁰⁰ sent you was from our own funds and not receipts from counter by the Assesment as very few had paid same at the time of Writing Bro Doleen. The Pres. Secy has received the Indse. Slip and I thank you for sending same and fully agree with ^{you} that Division Bro areas should not the Indse. and have given instructions that it shall not be forwarded until all dues are paid, already it is heavy good fruit and I expect to make you another

circumstances in course of a short time.

I felt very solemnly the necessity of
having the National President having to call my
attention to our affairs and have represented all
divisions in this Province my wishes on the matter.

Thanking you for everything shown and
wishing you every success and

Yours fraternally
Wm. J. G. [Signature]

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Arnprior, Ont., April 26,

1904.

James P. Bree, Esq.,
National Secretary A. O. H.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother,-

I am enclosing you herewith annual report for Ontario, which
has been just forwarded to me.

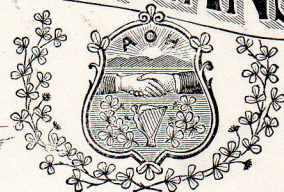
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Fraternally Yours,

Division No.



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Northumberland County, Canada.

Newcastle May 1904

A. P. Breen Esq.
New Haven

Mr 5/11

Dear Sir, &c.

Would you kindly inform me if there was a circular letter issued in reference to this tax you inform me we our Grand Council New County President is at sea about the matter but is collecting same from different divisions in our County

Yours faithfully
J. H. Murray

Ralph J. Slattery, L.L.B.
Barrister, Solicitor,
Notary, etc.

MONEY TO LOAN.

SOLICITOR FOR THE ONTARIO PERM. BUILDING & LOAN ASSN.

TELEPHONE 108.

Amprior, Ont.

May 17th 1904

Joseph Bretnig—

nat. Sec. C. O. A.

New Haven Conn.

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Dear Sir & Bro:

Would you be
kind enough to inform me as to the
date of the International Convention
at St. Louis? The Hibernian as
far as I can see studiously fails
to mention any date as having
been settled on.

The Provincial Officers
from Ontario will likely be
present and we consider that
we should be given representation
on the Constitution Committee
awaiting a reply

Traternally Yours
Slattery

Prov. Treas.
Ancient Order of Hibernians.

W.H.

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Hamilton, Ont. May. 13, 1904.

Jas. P. Bree, Esq.

National Secretary A.O.H.

New Haven, Conn.

Am
5/25

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Please forward me at your earliest convenience

30 rituals and you will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd

Order sent
5/25

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Wm J. H. [unclear]

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Arnprior, Ont.,

May 25, 1904.

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Jas. P. Bree, Esq.,
National Secretary A.O.H.,
New Haven, Conn.

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Dear Sir and Brother:-

I am enclosing you cheque for \$198.80, balance of national
assessment. Kindly forward receipt and oblige.

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Yours fraternally,

[Handwritten signature]

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Jas. P. Bree, Esq.

National Secretary A.O.H.

New Haven, Conn.

*Ans.
5/26*

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I cannot understand this account you sent me which I am returning to you. On May, 10th. I drew on the Treasurer in your favor for \$198.80. balance 1903 National Assessment and on Feb. 29th. last an order was drawn on the Treasurer in your favor for \$17.00 two quarters ending June 1904. Our Treasurer may not have remitted those amounts as yet but according to books of this office we are clear with your office to June 30, 1904 with exception of a disputed amount on 1902 Assessment. *Books.*

Yours fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd

P.S. Please forward Rituals send you for Adm. inst. in volume. 079.

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Pembroke, Ont. May 28/04

James P. Bree Esq
New Haven Conn

Dear Sir & Brother
I herewith,

enclose you Application for Charter also
the sum of \$⁵⁰⁰ for it "framed".

Awaiting same

I am yours fraternally

W. Edward O'Gorman
Financial Secretary Dir 2 Pembroke

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*\$ 32.50 taken from
books -
6-6-04*

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your favor of the 27th. received. Replying there

as I stated in my last letter I had draw an order for \$193.30 balance of
1903 assessment you will no doubt receive this from the Treasurer in a
few days I will write him to remitt you.

Now about old balance of \$32.50

we have had considerable correspondence about that before and I thought
it would be settled befor this. Part of your letter pertaining to this
matter March. 20, 1903 .

Thos. O'Dowd, Esq,

Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother:- I have your favor of March 13th. referring to a
mistake made by you in giving the number of members for the Province as
966 instead of 866. Under the circumstances, you should pay for the which
you claim is actuely due and let the balance remain on the books untill
removed when the matter is presented to the National Board.

With best wishes and re-echoing yours . Hoping to meet you at St. Louis.

Yours Fraternally,

Thomas O'Dowd

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merely stating that if everything is satisfactory, "an Order shall be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of \$5.00 per week during thirteen weeks illness, providing his illness continues from such a time dating from the time of his application, as provided by the Constitution."

The whole question is simply, can we continue lawfully to refrain from paying the Benefits to a Sick Member for the 1st week's illness?

I might state Bro. Bree, that some years ago, it became necessary for us to frame this By-law, as, I'm sorry to say, we had a few members in our ranks, who made it a regular practice of losing no opportunity to make a draw on our Treasury, if they were unwell for three or four days, the balance of the week would be spent in idleness that they might obtain the \$5.00 Benefits from the Division; so common did this become at that time, that we had to take some steps to prevent this fraud being perpetrated on the honest members of our Order. It was known to a number of the members that this offence was punishable, that the laws of our Order governed the matter; but it was impossible to get sufficient proof against any of these parties, satisfied and all as we were that they were nothing more nor less than frauds. I'm happy to say, to-day, I

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3. *think that things are different, but when
no opportunity is afforded.*

*I have also been requested to ask you
in connection with this matter if a copy
of the Constitution and By-Laws for this Prov-
ince has been submitted to you for your
approval.*

*Trusting to hear from you at your
earliest convenience with Best wishes
I am*

Sincerely and fraternally Yours

George J. Owen

Co. Secretary