

# LAST POST FUND

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### CANADA Inc.

#### DOMINION CHARTER

- Name.** The Corporation shall be named "LAST POST FUND."
- Purpose.**
- a) To give honourable sepulchre to any ex-service members of the Empire's Naval, Military and Air Forces, who might at death be in destitute circumstances, friendless, indigent, or liable to become a public charge, thus treating their remains with dignity and gratitude.
  - (b) To act on behalf of the deceased in cases of abandonment, through friendlessness, destitution or indigency at death.
  - (c) To claim the mortal remains of such as aforementioned in conformity with the laws, Federal, Provincial, or Municipal, existing in that behalf.
  - (d) To acquire by gift, or purchase, hold, mortgage, sell and convey, any real estate or other property requisite for the carrying on of the undertaking of the Corporation.
  - (e) To take over by purchase or other agreement and to own, hold and enjoy the rights, privileges, concessions, property and assets, and assume the obligations and liabilities of the Last Post Imperial Naval and Military Contingency Fund, a Corporation having its chief office in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, and, further, to take over by purchase or any agreement, and own, hold and enjoy any rights, privileges, concessions, property and assets owned, held and enjoyed by, and assume the obligations and liabilities of the Trustees appointed by and acting for said THE LAST POST IMPERIAL NAVAL & MILITARY CONTINGENCY FUND.
  - (f) To interest itself in the restitution, marking, and care of neglected and forgotten graves of deceased naval and military persons and generally interest itself in all matters affecting naval and military obsequies throughout the Dominion of Canada.
- Chief Place of Business.** The Chief Office of the Corporation shall be situated in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.
- Applicants.** The names of the applicants who are to be the first provisional Directors of the Corporation, are as follows—
- 1.—Brig.-General Charles J. Armstrong, G. O. C., Military District No. 4.
  - 2.—Colonel (Rev.) J. McPherson Almond, Clergyman.
  - 3.—Commander J. T. Walsh, Manager.
  - 4.—William H. Atherton, Professor.
  - 5.—Lt.-Colonel J. T. Ostell, Gentleman.
  - 6.—Arthur H. D. Hair, Secretary.
- Membership**
- LAST POST FUND OF CANADA**
1. The following shall be members of the Corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:—
 

**ACTIVE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and have paid an annual fee of \$5.00 covering the Corporation year from the 1st of April to the 31st of March following. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before the 31st March, he shall cease to be a member, but may, by resolution of the Branch Executive or Dominion Council, be re-instated on the payment of his fee.

**LIFE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have subscribed \$1.00, or less than \$5.00 per year to the funds of the Corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

**HONORARY MEMBERS,** or Patrons, elected by the Council or any Branch, shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.
  2. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Council consisting of:—
    - (a) Three Charter Trustees
    - (b) Fifteen Directors.
  3. The Officers shall be chosen by the Council from among the Directors as follows:—
 

President.  
Two Vice Presidents.

These Officers shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years, except with the unanimous consent of the Council, but any, or all of these Officers at the expiration of one year after vacating office, may be re-elected.

A Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council, who shall be paid such salary as the Council may determine. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the Books and Records of the Corporation, to conduct all correspondence, to act as Secretary at all meetings and to carry on such other work as the Council may from time to time direct. The Secretary-Treasurer may be a Director.

An Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer may also be appointed, who shall hold office on the same conditions as the other officers chosen by the Council.
  4. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be, Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel the Rev. J. M. Almond, C.B.E., C.M.G. and Commander J. T. Walsh, R.N.R. who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the Corporation.

Vacancies among the Charter Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office by will, or otherwise, or in default of such nomination by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he will cease to be a Director.
  5. The charter Trustees shall hold in trust for the Corporation all monies and property of the Corporation and shall be vested with the power (by a majority vote of their own number) to veto any finance or legislation considered by them detrimental to the objects for which the Corporation exists. They will appoint Trustees in each Branch on proper nomination thereof.
  6. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Corporation, by ballot, from among the duly qualified members of the same, and in the following ratio:—
 

Seven shall comprise one representative nominated respectively from each of the Provinces other than the Province of Quebec, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which Provinces shall be represented together by one Director between them.

Seven shall be residents of the Province of Quebec.

One shall be a representative of the Federal Government Department from which the annual Grant is made, and he shall be elected de facto.

Directors will retire automatically each year, but are eligible for re-election, and no Director shall vacate office until the Directorate for the ensuing year has been duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the year in the Directorate shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any of their meetings.
  7. Nominations for Directors by those qualified to vote will commence on March 15th of each year, and must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than April 5th, on the expiry of which date the list will be closed. The consent of the Nominees in writing, and of the Provincial Branch where they are resident must be forwarded with the nomination. Should insufficient names be received by April 5th for the number of Directors required, the Council will be empowered to complete the deficiency only.