

REMARKS, AND COUNTER REMARKS

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10. Many things may be suggested as advisable or proven by practice but not laid down as binding rules - e.g. "the official Undertaker" may be required in Montreal, Toronto, and other cities, but why name one in e.g. Sudbury, if there is a local committee or representative there and the general conditions of the Last Post Funerals are made clear to such committee or representative. In any case, each Provincial Branch will have to work out these conditions as they arise and it would be unwise as well as, in practice, impossible, to bind their hands so that in particular cases they could not do their work.

Counter remark

In the specific case cited as an illustration, we fail to see where either the existing, or revised By-laws on that subject do not meet the requirements - and in that particular, we have profited by several years experience - and find that the appointment of an 'official' Contractor, is preferable to being at the mercy of the casual Undertaker, both for the control of a large area and in the contingency of an Epidemic especially.

Re the Dominion Council.

It may be wise to provide that a certain number of the members of the Council shall reside in Montreal, but the Council itself must elect these members. The Quebec Provincial Branch elects its representative on the Council as does any other Provincial Branch, but if it is given greater power than this, there must arise dissatisfaction in the other Provincial Branches.

Counter remark

The idea of a preponderating number of the personnel of the Council being elected from the Directorate at Headquarters, was primarily to be sure of a Quorum in view of the improbability of frequent attendance of Members from the other Provinces, and secondly, to support a continuity of past policy in the administration of a unique object. From point of proportionate representation on the Council the disparity in numbers can - when the time and conditions warrant it - be counterbalanced by a proportionately increased voting power being granted the other Provinces, but at this early stage in the Dominion-wide organization, it would be very imprudent of the Parent organization to 'place the power of domestic disruption in the hands of its offspring'. Furthermore, if the respective Provinces increase their membership in equal proportion to the percentage of the basis of their Federal Grant allotment, under the provisions of Sub-section 7. of Section 4. and Sub-section II. of Section 12. they will assert their authority on the Council.

In order to promulgate some certified form of administration of the Dominion-wide organization which could be incorporated in the By-Laws the composition, functions, and responsibilities of both Dominion Headquarters Executive, and the Council, were duly dealt with in Resolution, and passed upon at the 14th annual meeting last year, and its adjourned meetings.