

Constitution and By-Laws.

Name and Chief Seat.

I. The organization shall be known as the "United Empire Loyalist Association of Ontario," hereinafter referred to as the General Association, and its chief seat shall be at Toronto.

Branches.

II. Branches of the Association may be established at any place in the Province of Ontario, where in the opinion of the Executive Committee, it is deemed advisable, and the President of such branch shall be *ex officio* a Vice-President of the General Association.

Members of such branches shall be entitled to the same privileges as Associate Members of the General Association.

Objects.

III. The objects of the Association shall be—

(a) To unite together, irrespective of creed or political party, the descendants of those families who, during the American Revolutionary War of 1775 to 1783, sacrificed their homes in retaining their loyalty to the British Crown, and to perpetuate this spirit of loyalty to the Empire.

(b) To preserve the history and traditions of that important epoch in Canadian history, by rescuing from oblivion the history and traditions of the Loyalist families before it is too late.

(c) To collect together in a suitable place the portraits, relics and documents relating to the United Empire Loyalists, which are now scattered throughout the Dominion.

(d) To publish an historical and genealogical journal, or annual transactions.

Qualification for Membership.

IV. All persons of either sex resident in Ontario* who can trace their lineal descent, by either male or female line, from the United Empire Loyalists, shall be eligible for ordinary membership. The wives or husbands of ordinary members, who are not otherwise qualified for membership, may be elected Associate members, but are not entitled to vote.† Charter members shall be those members who joined prior to and including the regular meeting in

* A proposed amendment is pending to add after the word "Ontario" the words "or in any province or elsewhere where there is no U. E. L. Association."

† A proposed amendment is pending to insert after the word "vote" the following clause: "Members under the age of 17 are not entitled to vote."