

4. Under Provincial Branches it should be clearly stated that they have autonomy subject only to such general conditions as the Dominion Council may wish to impose upon them, and these Branches shall have complete control of all Committees or Sub-Branchees within their territory.

Counter remark

The above would appear to be pretty thoroughly covered by Sub-sections 1.6. and 15. of Section 12. and protected by the supreme powers vested in the Charter Trustees under provision of Section 3. sub-section 2.

5. The Provincial Branches shall have the right to adopt the By-Laws under which the work in their territory shall be done, though these may be suggested by the Dominion Council if this is thought wise or desirable.

Counter remark

Sub-section 6 of Section 12 makes that provision conditional upon such By-Laws being fundamentally in accord with the principles of Headquarters.

6. The Provincial Branches should purchase from the Dominion Council all Booklets, forms etc, which they may require, and therefore the only financial obligation they have to the Dominion Council is to contribute to the upkeep of the central office where this may be necessary. (as at present provided each Provincial Branch contributes in effect its pro rata share of the salary of the Dominion Secretary, and they should be asked to contribute further amounts only as such may be required).

Counter remark

The principle of purchase of booklets, forms, etc, from Headquarters is set out in Sub-section 7. of Section 12. It must be borne in mind that contribution 'to the upkeep of the central office' necessitates more than the bare salary of the Secretary, which latter, while for the moment being in effect contributed by the respective Provinces pro rata from their proportion of the Grant, does not make provision for Office, Light, Heat, Meeting Room, Postage, Printing and Stationery, or stocking of material for supply to the Provincial Branches, irrespective of any essential Travelling Expenses that might occur. During the first two years of the Fund's existence as a national institution, a measure of assistance has been afforded by appropriation from the Grant, but as we have no guarantee that an 'administration' allowance in addition to the 'salary allowance' will be forthcoming, we have no alternative but to resort to the customary method of levying a Membership Assessment. Section 12, Sub-section 8.

7. The financial year of the Provincial Branches as of the Dominion Headquarters, must be the same as that of the Dominion Government so long as the grant is made.

Counter remark

Our financial year ends the 31st of March (that of the Dominion government) and Reports are requested from Provincial Headquarters in order to enable a Chartered Accountants Audit to be prepared for the annual Headquarters meeting the fourth week in April.

8. Provincial Branches must be able to make their own regulations re the signing of cheques etc, and the functions of their Officers need not be described except possibly in the case of the Secretary-Treasurer and only in this case so far as the "custody of effects" may be concerned.

Counter remark

These points are all covered in Sub-section 6. of Section 12

9. Nothing should be laid down regarding "Burial Plots" as the conditions will, or may, vary not only in the different Provinces but even more in the localities within each Province. Similarly regarding "Insignia" the "Commemoration Day" and "Disciplinary Measures".

Counter remark

While that may present itself in that light in the initial stages of organization, as the 'sentiment' and idea develops in the minds of the public, the worth of the inclusion of such By-Laws at least at Headquarters, will be proven.