

# Constitution and By-Laws

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## CONSTITUTION.

1. This Club shall be called "THE OTTAWA WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB."
2. The purpose of this Club shall be to foster patriotism and to encourage among women a deeper and more serious interest in the institutions, history and resources of Canada, as well as to bring before them the leading questions of the day, both at home and abroad, and to endeavour to unite Canadian women in such work as may be desirable and expedient for the welfare and progress of the Dominion.
3. Neither political parties nor religious denominations shall be recognized in the business or membership of the Club, loyalty and patriotism being alone required.
4. There shall be two classes of members: Honorary and Active.
  - (a) Honorary members shall be appointed by the Executive.
  - (b) The wife of the Governor General shall, with her consent, be Honorary Patroness of the Club.
  - (c) The wife of the Prime Minister shall, with her consent, be Honorary President.
5. (a) Any woman who is in sympathy with the objects of the Club shall be eligible for Active membership.
  - (b) The Annual Fee shall be one dollar, payable after the Annual Meeting to the Honorary Treasurer, who will issue a membership ticket, good until the next Annual Meeting.
6. (a) The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary General Secretary for Committee Work, and an Honorary Treasurer. The Executive of the Club shall be the officers with 4 members elected at the Annual Meeting, the Conveners of Standing Committees, and the immediate Past President ex officio.
  - (b) Standing Committees may be formed by the Executive to carry on the work of the Club. The Conveners of these Committees shall be appointed by the Executive and shall then become members of that body.
7. All officers must be members of the Club of at least one year's standing.
8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed alteration or amendment, together with the names of the Proposer and Seconder, shall have been given in writing to the Secretary, at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting; and provided further, that at least three clear weeks' notice in the manner aforesaid, together with a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been sent to each member of the Club.
9. When any doubt arises as to the procedure to be followed at any meeting of the Club, Bourinot shall be the accepted authority.