

parties in politics, neither of which were chiefly interested about commercial questions. The need of a Committee of Trade at that special time seems therefore very apparent. After careful debate and adoption of the resolutions, a committee of organization was appointed consisting of Horatio Gates, George Auldjo, George Moffatt, John Hemming, Henry McKenzie, Campbell Sweeney and W. M. Porter; Mr. George Moffatt was elected chairman and the rules as reported were adopted at a public meeting held at the Exchange on April 20th, 1822.

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Rules of the
Committee of
Trade.

The rules provided that every merchant in Montreal subscribing three guineas should be entitled to vote in electing the Committee of Trade and eligible as a member of that committee, provided that no co-partners in trade should serve on the committee at the same time. The number of members of the committee was fixed at thirteen. The annual election was fixed for Friday—the first Friday in June, any member being absent from the Province for six months or neglectful of his duties for three, to forfeit his seat, the place to be filled until next election, by vote of a special meeting of the subscribers. The committee had power to elect its own chairman and three of the members were to form a quorum, meetings to be held every second Friday at 1 o'clock. The records were to be open to members of the committee at all reasonable hours and to subscribers on committee days. The rules also authorized and required the committee to make to His Majesty's Government, to the legislature of the United Kingdom and others in authority, such representations on trade subjects as might be deemed advisable, to consider matters brought up by subscribers and take such action as might be decided, to aid subscribers in such measures and to such extent as might be deemed advisable in the defence of such suits as involved questions affecting the general trade of the country, to decide disputes between subscribers, to put down illicit trade, and "to inquire under what authority are levied the fees now exacted by the several officers

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