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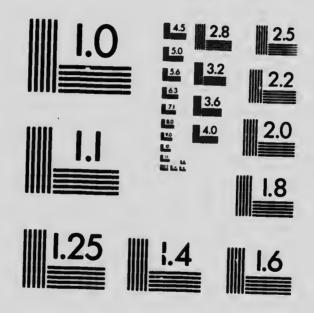
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Standing Mess Rules

VANCOUVER, B. C. April 22nd, 1912



Standing Mess Rules

The Officer Commanding having approved of the issue of a set of Standing Rules for the Officers' Mess of the Regiment, the same are hereby promulgated, and will be strictly adhered to by all concerned.

MEMBERS.

1. The Mess shall be composed of three classes of members, as follows:

Ordinary Members.

(a) All Officers, active, attached and on the corps reserve for the time being of this corps; and such members shall have all privileges of the Mess, subject to annual dues of Twenty Dollars, payable quarterly in advance.

Associate Members.

(b) Ex-Officers of the Corps, Officers of other local corps and Officers on the Reserve of Officers List resident in the City, who may be approved by the Officer Commanding and be elected by ballot at any regular meeting of Ordinary Members, subject to annual dues of Ten Dollars, payable quarterly in

advance, such members having no vote in Mess Meetings, or ownership in Mess properties.

Honorary Members.

(c) Retired Officers of other corps, Officers of the Imperlal Service, Canadian Permanent Corps and Civillans wheresoever resident, subject to the approval of the Officer Commanding and to election by ballot at any regular meeting of Ordinary Members, and such Honorary Members shall be exempt from payment of dues. Ex-Commanding Officers of this Corps may be elected by ballot as Honorary Life members.

DUES.

2. The name of every member falling to pay his quarterly dues or any dues whatever and the amount due shall be posted in the mess room by the Secretary on the 15th day after payment became due, and if such dues are not pald within one month thereafter the Secretary shall report same to the Officer Commanding. New members shall be assessed for dues for the unexpired period of the current quarter from date of membership.

ELECTION.

3. Each candidate for admission to

Associate or Honorary Membership shall be proposed by an Officer of the Regiment and seconded by another Officer, by a proposal in writing state ing the candidate's name, usuai residence, rank, profession or other description, and signed by both mover and seconder, and after this shall have received the sanction of the Commanding Officer, it shall be posted by the Secretary in the Wess Room for two weeks previous to a regular meeting of Officers, at which at least fifteen of the Officers shall be present, when the candidate will be balloted for. three adverse votes to reject. mover and seconder shall be responsible for the application and consent of the candidate.

4. In case of election the candidate's name will be immediately entered on the roll of members and the Secretary shall immediately notify the same to him in writing, and furnish him with a copy of the standing rules of the Mess, and in addition, in case the election is to class "B," shall request the candidate to remit the proportion of his annual subscription due to the ensuing quarter, and until the same be paid he shall not be entitled to the privileges of the Mess.

VISITORS.

5. Any Member may invite his friends to the Mess Rooms ar I to the

Officers' Gallery (except during meetings or special Mess functions), and such visitors should at once be introduced to the Senior Officer present.

6. Invitations to special functions of the Mess shall be issued only by the Mess Committee, and Ordinary and Associate Members desiring to invite guests to such functions must forward the names of such guests to the Mess President for the approval of the Commanding Officer.

MEETINGS

- 7. The annual meeting of the Mess will be held on the first Monday in February, at which meeting the reports of the various Committees and the financial statements in detail shall be submitted in writing and new Committees shall be elected. Two weeks' notice of this meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Ordinary Member.
- 8. At this meeting the Commanding Officer shall appoint two auditors, who shall be Officers of the Regiment. They shall audit the accounts and their reports shall be brought before the next monthly meeting of the Mess.
- 9. A regular monthly meeting of the Ordinary Members shall be held on the first Monday in each month at

8:15 o'clock p.m., or at such other times as the Commanding Officer may direct. Notices of each meeting shall be posted by the Secretary to each Ordinary Member.

CHAIRMAN.

10. The Officer Commanding, or in his absence, the Senior Officer present shall preside at all meetings of the Mess.

MESS COMMITTEE.

- 11. All affairs of the Officers' Mess shall be managed by a Mess Committee, to consist of three Members, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of Officers; and the said committee shall have full power to make such regulations for the conduct of the business entrusted to them and all other matters consistent with the general rules and regulations.
- 12. If any member elected to serve on the Mess Committee shall resign, or should a vacancy occur by death, or should any member of the Committee have ceased to attend the regular meetings of the Committee for three meetings consecutively, without leave, the Committee shall have the power to choose a qualified member to act in his stead until the Annual Meeting next ensuing.
 - 13. The Mess President may call

meetings of the Mess Committee at such times as may be necessary for the transaction of business.

- 14. The Committee shall, with the approval of the Commanding Officer, make from time to time, and keep posted in the reading room, the standing rules of the Mess, and the amendments thereto.
- 15. It shall be the duty of the Committee to take immediate cognizance of any infraction of the rules and regulations of the Mess. They shall enforce such rules and regulations, permitting no deviation therefrom.
- 16. The Committee may engage and discharge at pleasure, such help in the Mess as they may deem necessary.
- 17. Meetings and entertainments by the Mess are in all respects a parade and no Officer should absent himself therefrom without leave.
- 18. The Mess Committee shall be responsible for the correct carrying out of every detail connected with Mess entertainments, including dinners, and the Senior Officer present and the Mess President only shall give orders to servants or interfere with the discipline of the table.

- 19. The Senior Officer shall sit at the centre of the table, the Fresident at the head, the next senior Committeeman at the foot, which shall be the point nearest the entrance for servants, no other places being reserved except for guests, as Officers do not sit according to rank.
- 20. On entering the Mess Room, the Senior Officer does so first, the others following without regard to precedence.
- 21. No Officer shall change his seat during dinner or leave the table without permission.
- 22. Both on entering and leaving the Mess Room for the night, all Officers bow to the Senior Officer.

TREASURERS.

23. There shall be two Treasurers, namely, a Regimental Treasurer and a Mess Treasurer.

The Regimental Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and shall collect and receive all funds, except Mess dues and chits.

The Mess Treasurer, shall be selected by the Mess Committee, and shall collect and receive payment of all Mess dues and chits, and shall pay all accounts for servants, supplies.

telephone, repairs and other necessary expenses in connection with the maintenance and care of the Mess, and such other expenses as may be directed by resolution of the Ordinary Members.

The Treasurers shall keep their respective funds on deposit in separate accounts in a Chartered Bank, and shall pay by cheque only all accounts as passed at their respective meetobtain and preserve vouchers therefor, keep books of account, and shall report from time to time the receipts and the purposes to which the same have been applied. mental cheques shall be signed by the Officer Commanding and countersigned by the Regimental Treasurer, and cheques of the Mess Committee shall be signed by the Mess President and countersigned by the Mess Treasurer.

- 24. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the minutes of all meetings of the Committee, and do the clerical work in connection with the accounts. He shall, before the annual meeting of the Officers, prepare a correct inventory of the Mess property to be handed over to the Committee coming into office.
- 25. The Secretary shall furnish each candidate when elected with a copy of the Standing Rules, and a

Memorandum of the fees payable by him, and until the same is paid, such candidate shall not be deemed to be a member of the Mess or entitled to any of the privileges thereof. If any candidate elected fails to pay his fees within four weeks after notification, his election may be declared void by the Mess Committee.

GENERAL RULES.

- 26. The treating of members of the Mess is not permissible unless with the consent of the Senior Officer present.
- 27. Politics and religious questions of every kind are absolutely excluded from open discussion in the Mess Rooms.
- 28. No member shall take away from the Mess Rooms upon any pretence whatsoever, any article the property of the Officers' Mess.
- 29. All complaints or suggestions with regard to the conduct of the Mess shall be made—the President of the Mess in writing and no Officer not on the Committee shall call any one to account for any real or alleged misconduct in connection therewith, such being the special duty of the Committee.

- 30. Any member wilfully infringing the Rules and Regulations of the Mess, or leing guilty of conduct, in or out of the Mess, which, in the opinion of the Committee is detrimental to the character or the interest of the Mess, or which is conduct unbecoming a gentleman, shall be reported in writing to the Officer Commanding.
- 31. The Mess Rooms shall be closed on special evenings at such time as the Committee shall appoint, and on all other evenings at 11 o'clock.

AMENDMENT TO RULES.

32. Any article of these rules may be altered, amended or suspended for any length of time, or any new rules or regulations introduced, by consent of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of Officers, or at a special meeting of the Officers called for that purpose.

SIXTH REGIMENT "THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN RIFLES."

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

Lieut-Col. T. O. Townley. Lieut-Col. C. A. Worsnop. Lieut-Col. F. W. Boultbee.

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Major J. R. Tite.
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Capt. R. N. Davey.
Capt. R. Macgowan.
Capt. H. de W. King.
Capt. G. A. Boult.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Capt. Joh: Boyd.
Capt. J. F. Garden.
Major A. M. Robertson, M.D.
Major Alex Henderson
Lieut-Col. H. Swinford.
Major C. Gardiner Johnson

HONORARY MEMBERS.

J. W. Ambery.

P. G. Shalleross.

William Murray.

Fred Buscombe.

R. P. McLennan.

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J. P. D. Malkin

Robert Kelly

J. A. Moore.

Geo. E. Macdonald.

C. E. Tisdall, M.L.A.

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H.M.S. "Rainbow"

F. R. Glover.

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