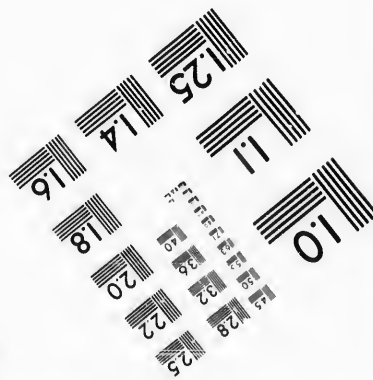
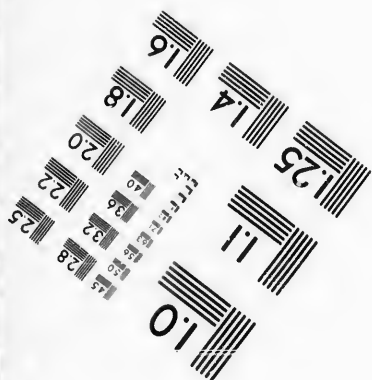
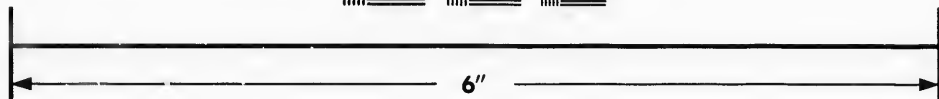
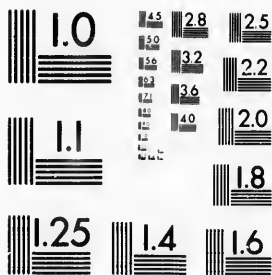


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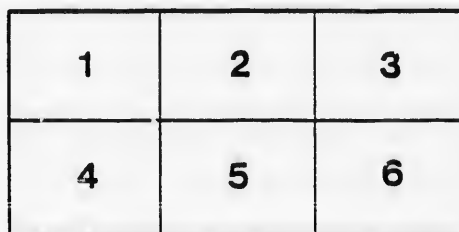
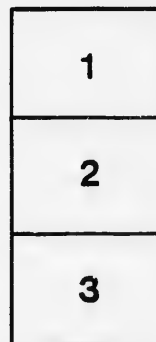
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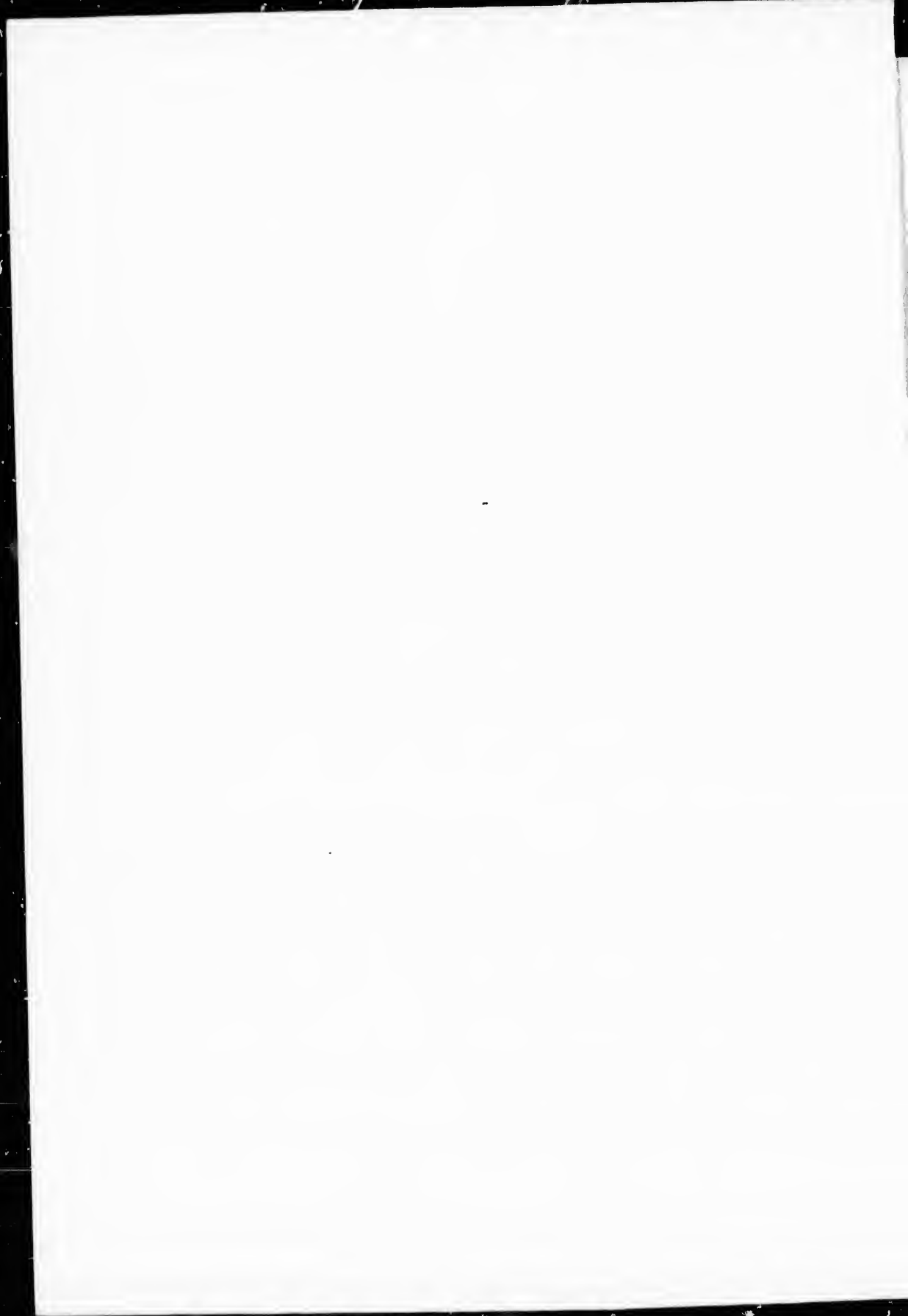
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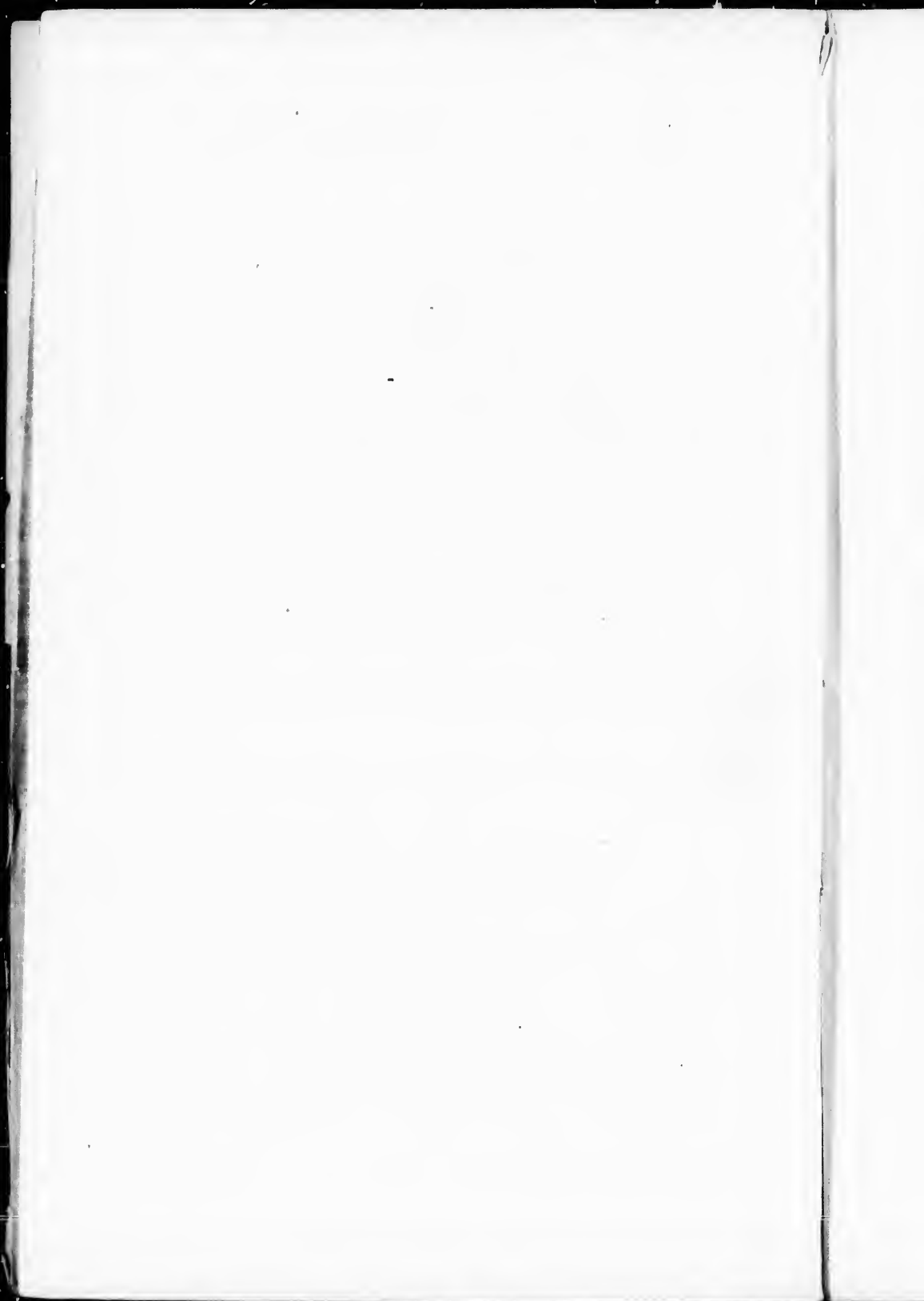
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CAP CXXII.

*An Act to Incorporate the St. George's Society of Ottawa,*

PASSED MAY, 1861.

WHEREAS Alexander M. Foster Coffin, Esquire, Helier Vavasour Noel and  
Alexander C. Kelty, Esquires, and Philip Pierson Harris, James  
Dyke, Honey Preston, James Perry, George Offord, George Cox,  
Thomas Huntton, and William Mills, Esquires, and others, by their petition  
to the Legislature, have represented, that they and others of English birth  
or extraction residing in Ottawa, have maintained by voluntary contri-  
butions a charitable Association, whereof they are members, for  
the relief of distressed immigrants, and others, from England, or of English  
descent, under the name of "The St. George's Society of Ottawa," and  
have prayed that, for the better attainment of the objects of the said Asso-  
ciation, the same may be invested with corporate powers; and it is  
expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty,  
&c., enacts as follows:

I.—The said William Foster Coffin, Helier Vavasour Noel, Alexander C.  
Kelty, Honey Preston, James Perry, George Offord, George Cox, Thomas  
Huntton, William Mills, and such other persons as are now members of the  
said Association, or shall hereafter unite with them, under the provisions  
of this Act, and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their  
successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and cor-  
porate, by the name of "The St. George's Society of Ottawa," and may by  
any legal title, acquire, hold, and enjoy any estate whatever, real, or per-  
sonal; and may alienate, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any  
part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other  
estate, real or personal, may acquire instead thereof; Provided always, that all  
the clear annual value of the real estate held by the Corporation at any one  
time shall not exceed eight thousand dollars.

II.—Provided always, that the Corporation shall not hold any property  
except such as shall be derived from the following sources, that is to say:  
The property of the Association hereby constituted as the said Corporation,  
the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests or  
legacies made to the Corporation, and the moneys arising from fines and  
forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws;—And provided also, that all  
property and funds presently invested, of the said existing Association,

and all sums which may hereafter be received by the Corporation for life subscriptions of members, or from legacies, bequests or donations, amounting to twenty dollars, or upwards, not specially made for other purposes, shall constitute the permanent fund of the Corporation, no part of the capital amount of which shall be expended or paid away, but the whole shall from time to time be invested in real or immovable property (not exceeding the value aforesaid), in bank stock, or Provincial or other securities, and the rents, interests, or other income arising from such investments, together with the moneys derived from other sources, shall be applied to the defraying of the current expenses of the Corporation, and the relief of persons whom the Corporation may deem proper objects of such relief according to the By-laws of the Corporation then in force, and to the provisions of this Act.

III.—The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by such Officers and Committees, and under such restrictions as touching the powers and duties of such Officers and Committees, as by By-law in that behalf, the Corporation may from time to time ordain; and the Corporation may assign to any of such officers, such remuneration as they may deem requisite.

IV.—The Corporation may make such By-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the Corporation, and of such Asylum or other Charitable Institutions as they shall maintain; and may repeal or amend the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such By-laws may be prescribed to that end; and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this Act.

V.—The By-laws of the said Association, not being contrary to law, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

VI.—Until others shall be elected according to the By-laws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the Corporation.

VII.—All subscriptions and penalties due to the Corporation under any By-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the Corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom, at any time, on payment of all amounts due by him to the Corporation, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current.

VIII.—No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness, by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the Corporation.

IX.—The Corporation shall, at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor, or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, real and personal, and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period and with such details and other information, as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require.

X.—This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

BY-LAWS  
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Article 1.

*Objects of the Society.*

The objects of this Society are to unite 'Englishmen' and 'Welshmen,' and their descendants, in a social compact for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse, and for affording to such Englishmen and 'Welshmen, as may stand in need, advice and counsel, or such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society may enable it to give.

Article 2.

*Who are eligible to become Members—mode of Election, &c.*

1. Any person of English or Welsh birth or descent, having been proposed at a general meeting, or at a meeting of the Committee of Management, and elected by a majority at the then next general meeting, or next meeting of the Committee of Management, (which ever shall first be held after such proposal) duly convened, and having paid a subscription fee of not less than ~~two~~ dollars, or having been a member of a St. George's Society in another locality, and produced to and filed with the Secretary of this Society a satisfactory voucher of such St. George's Society, attesting his membership thereof, for the then current year, and good standing therein, shall become a member of this Society upon subscribing his name in the Registry of Members thereof, to be kept for that purpose by the Secretary.

2. A subscription of \$10 shall be a life subscription, and the same, together with all donations over that amount, unless such donations are made for a specific purpose, shall be invested by the Managing Committee, and form a portion of the permanent fund, the interest of which only shall be applied to the charitable purposes and ordinary expenditure of the Society. No ordinary member shall be eligible to life membership until he has paid up all arrears of subscription as such ordinary member.

3. Any member in arrears of subscription for two years shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members without further notice, ~~and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee, should they deem it advisable, to take proceedings, to sue for the amount due, in any Court having competent jurisdiction.~~ No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual Election of Officers, or at any subsequent meeting, who shall not have paid his previous year's subscription.

4. If, previous to such election hereinbefore mentioned, any member of the meeting by which such election is about to be made should express his desire that such election be made by ballot, such election shall be so made, and if, where such election is being made at a meeting of the Committee of Management, one vote, or where such election is being made at a general meeting, three votes, be cast against the admission of the candidate for membership shall be declared ~~not~~ elected.

Article 3.

*When Meetings shall be held.*

General Meetings shall be held ~~at least four times during each year, to wit:~~ on the first Tuesday in each of the months of January, April, July and October. The Society shall also meet at such place on St. George's Day, and celebrate it in such a manner as shall have been determined at the then next previous general meeting.

Article 4.

*Election of Officers.*

1. The following Officers shall be elected by ballot at the General Annual Meeting held on the first Tuesday in April in each year, at such hour and place as shall have been fixed by the next previous General or

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Committee meeting, and advertised by the Secretary in one or more newspapers, published in the City of Ottawa, ~~one or more times~~ during the week preceding the date of such election, and the Secretary shall cause balloting lists to be prepared accordingly; a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, one or more Chaplains, a Physician, a Solicitor, a Committee of Management of seven members, two Auditors and six Stewards, of whom the Treasurer and Secretary shall be two. The Committee of Management shall enter upon its duties the day following the election, and the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members thereof. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting, except for the election of officers and amendment of the By-laws, for either of which purposes a quorum shall consist of twenty members. Three members of the Committee of Management shall constitute a quorum.

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2. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be eligible for re-election to the offices respectively filled by them, for the next ~~and~~ succeeding years.

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Article 5.

Duties of Officers.

The duties of the Officers and of the Committee of Management shall be as follows:—

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society ~~and of the Committee of Management~~, if present at the opening of such meetings, and superintend its operations generally. He shall, stating the cause thereof, call special general meetings of the Society, or of the Committee of Management, when deemed by him necessary to do so, or of the Society upon the requisition of four members thereof, and of the Committee of Management at the request of three members thereof. He shall also sign the minutes of the Society and Committee Meetings after having been approved, and the Treasurer's accounts, after having been presented at the meetings of the Society.

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2. The first Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, and the second Vice-President shall, in the absence of both the President and first Vice-President, perform all the duties that would otherwise

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devolve upon the President; and in the absence of these three Officers there shall be elected by a majority of the members present at any meeting, whether of the Committee of Management, or of the Society, one of its members other than the Secretary or Treasurer, who shall, during that meeting, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

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3.—The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all the moneys of the Society, but he shall not at any time retain in his hands a sum exceeding one hundred dollars, but shall deposit the excess in a Bank, in which shall be opened an account with the Society. He shall also be the custodian of all books, vouchers and documents appertaining to his office, which he shall carefully preserve. He shall likewise be the custodian of all flags, banners, and other properties of the Society, excepting so far as may have been otherwise provided for herein. He also shall prepare and present an abstract from the cash book to each general meeting, not being a special general meeting, of all the receipts and disbursements of the Society from the commencement of the then current year, and in addition thereto shall prepare and lay before the President, ten days before the General Annual Meeting, a report, in writing, setting forth the state of the funds of the Society. In his said abstract and in his said report he shall state the several sources whence moneys have been received, and the several heads under which disbursements have been made, together with a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society under the several heads on the latest date. He shall pay all cheques issued by order of the Committee of Management, attested by the Chairman of the meeting ordering the issue of all such cheques, and two other members of such Committee. He shall also pay all orders of the President or either of the Vice-Presidents and two members of such Committee, for the relief of a distressed person, provided that such last mentioned order shall be in the form now in use in such cases, and shall not exceed two dollars in amount. He shall produce the books of account and all vouchers and other documents appertaining to his office to the Committee of Management, and to such person or persons and at such times as such Committee shall require him so to do.

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4. The Secretary shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules and regulations of the Society, and shall cause the same to be en-

tered in a suitable book for that purpose. He shall keep a register for the signature of persons becoming members of the Society. The Secretary shall have charge of the Seal of the Society. He shall issue certificates of admission to each member on his having signed the Constitution of the Society. He shall summon the Society to the general meetings, and give notice on any other occasion, and in such manner as he may be directed to do by the President, or in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents. [He shall sign such cards of invitation to the anniversary dinner as may be requested of him by the Committee of Management.]

5. The Assistant Secretary shall, in the event of the illness or unavoidable absence of the Secretary at any meeting, act in his stead, and shall discharge the duties that would devolve upon the Secretary were he present. He shall also render assistance in connection with the Secretariat at such other times as his services may be required.

6. For the efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices, the Secretary shall receive a salary of thirty dollars (\$30) per annum, and the Assistant Secretary a salary of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum, to be paid to them respectively on the expiration of their term of office, and preparatory to the annual meeting appointed to be held on the first Tuesday in each and every year until otherwise ordered, in accordance with the By-laws of this Society.

7. The Committee of Management shall meet on the first Tuesday in each month of the year—the hour and place to be appointed at the previous meeting—and at such other times and places as they shall be specially called together in accordance with these By-laws. They shall consider any application for relief presented to them and grant such aid as the circumstances of the case may seem to require. They shall receive all accounts presented to them of claims against the Society, and pay the same by cheque on the Treasurer, subject to the act of Incorporation, and shall perform all duties imposed on them, at any general meeting of the Society. The Committee shall further prepare a report of its proceedings to be presented at the regular general meetings of the Society. Where, in the opinion of three members of the Committee of Management, one of whom, being either a President or a Vice-President, upon a case for relief presented to them, it shall appear upon due investigation that relief should be granted without the previous action of the Commit-

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tee of Management, such three members shall be authorized to advance to the applicant for such relief a sum not exceeding two dollars, and may draw upon the Treasurer therefor, provided that their such draft upon the Treasurer shall be in the form now in use in such cases, and the parties making such advance shall report to the next usual meeting of the Committee of Management each case in which such advance is made, and furnish therewith duplicates of all such drafts upon the Treasurer.

8. The Committee of Management shall have power to grant extended relief in particular cases at discretion, the orders upon the Treasurer being in all such cases signed by two or more of the Members of the Committee.

9. The Stewards shall be entrusted with the carrying out of all the Entertainments in connection with the Society, having previously received their instructions from the Committee of Management. They shall not, however, incur any expense or liability, or subject the Society to any claim for payment, without having first obtained the sanction of the Committee of Management. They shall be eligible to vote at all meetings at which their services are required.

10. The Auditors shall examine all accounts and books of accounts having reference to the financial operations of the Society during their year of office, and if found to be correct, they shall certify to that effect. They shall prepare a Report to be submitted to the Annual Meeting, accompanied by such remarks as, in the interests of the Society, they may think proper to make.

11. The Annual Meeting shall order the investment of such proportion of the surplus funds as may appear desirable, and in such manner as may then be determined, and the annual subscriptions, with the interest of the investment, shall constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the charitable purposes and ordinary expenses of the Society.

#### Article 6.

##### *Vacancies of Office.*

All vacancies of office, whether by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election at the next general meeting after the same shall



have occurred. Any other officer, as well as any member of the Society, shall be eligible to the vacant office, but no one person shall hold two offices.

#### Article 7.

##### *Members in Arrears.*

Any member who at any time after one month from the passing of these By-laws is in arrears to the Society shall neither vote at the meetings nor be eligible for election to any office in the Society.

#### Article 8.

##### *Tenure of Office.*

All officers shall retain their office until successors shall have been elected and signified their acceptance of office, except when an office is vacated by resignation or unavoidable circumstances.

#### Article 9.

##### *Decision of Questions.*

A majority of votes shall decide every question, except as hereinbefore provided—the presiding officer to have a casting vote only.

#### Article 10.

##### *Rule of Order.*

To preserve order and to expedite business, any member who may have any proposal to make or observation to offer shall rise and address the presiding officer, and no person shall interrupt another while speaking, if the speaker be in order, of which the presiding officer shall decide.

#### Article 11.

##### *Certain Discussions Prohibited.*

All religious or political discussions are thoroughly excluded from this Society.

#### Article 12.

##### *Officers to deliver up Property—Penalty.*

The officers of the Society shall, upon their ceasing to hold office, deliver up to their successors all books, papers, and any other property in their possession belonging to the Society, in pain of being prosecuted for non-compliance with this By-law.

**Article 13.***Notification of Officers Elected.*

The retiring or former Secretary of the Society, or an officer who may act for him, shall, immediately after the election of officers, notify them of their election.

**Article 14.***Refusal of Office, &c.—Fine.*

Any member who, after having been appointed to office, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties appertaining to his office, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5, as may be decided at any meeting of the Society, unless under special circumstances, and shall thereafter be incapable of serving in any office in the Society, unless elected by three-fourths of the members present at any meeting.

**Article 15.***Neglect of Duty—Fine.*

Any member of the Committee of Management, not being an *ex-officio* member, who shall be absent on the occasion of a usual or special meeting of such Committee, which meeting shall be unable to transact business for want of a quorum, shall pay a fine of two shillings and sixpence to the charitable fund—illness or unavoidable absence from his place of residence being the only admissable excuse.

**Article 16.***Appointments pro tem.*

Except as hereinbefore provided a majority of the members of the Committee of Management may in case of the absence from the City of Ottawa, of any officer or member of the Committee of Management, appoint any member of the Society to perform, *pro tem*, the duties of the absent officer or member of such Committee.

**Article 17.***General Rules of Order.*

At all General Meetings of the Society the following Order of Business shall be observed:—

1. The Chair having been taken, the Minutes of the last preceding General Meeting shall be read, and if found correct, shall be confirmed, and signed by the presiding officer.

2. Candidates proposed at the last preceding General or Committee Meeting shall be elected, as prescribed in Article 2.

3. The names of candidates for membership received and announced.

4. Reports of Committee, if any, announced by the Chairman and read by the Secretary.

5. Communications relative to the business or interests of the Society read.

6. Deferred business, if any, ~~disposed of~~.

7. Motions ~~made and seconded~~ received.

8. Miscellaneous business ~~transacted~~.

9. At the Annual Meeting on the first Tuesday in April, the several officers elected as hereinbefore directed. The only business transacted at any Special General Meeting shall be the reading, confirming, and signing of the Minutes of the then previous General Meeting, and the business in respect to which such Special General Meeting shall have been called.

10. That the Annual Meeting shall decide as to the manner in which the ensuing Anniversary of St. George is to be celebrated, and shall duly authorize the Committee of Management to carry out their instructions. In the event of a dinner or entertainment of any other description being given, the meeting shall determine as to the number and names of the guests to be invited, and shall, if it be deemed necessary, appropriate a reasonable sum from the General Fund to meet any extra expenditure on account thereof.

11. That the Officers of the Society shall wear the badges of their respective offices at all Quarterly and other General Meetings.

12. That the Officers of the Society shall, individually, be responsible

for the safe keeping of the badge or insignia of office delivered to him at the time of his appointment to office, and he shall be answerable for any damage the said badge or insignia may have sustained during the period of his office; and in the event of a badge or insignia of office being lost, then the officer to whose care it was committed shall, with the least possible delay, replace it with one of similar design and of equal value.

**Article 18.**

*Former By-laws repealed.*

All former By-laws, Rules, and Regulation, or parts of By-laws, Rules, or Regulations, are hereby repealed.

**Article 19.**

*No alterations to be made without notice.*

No alteration shall be made in these By-laws unless notice of such alteration shall have been given at a previous Quarterly Meeting of the Society.

# LIST OF OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

President :

HON. JAMES SKEAD.

Vice-Presidents :

1st—HY. MEADOWS. | 2nd—THOMAS BEAMENT.

Treasurer :

JAMES SLOCOMBE.

Secretary :

JOSEPH YEOMAN.

Assistant-Secretary :

R. J. COOK.

Chaplains :

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