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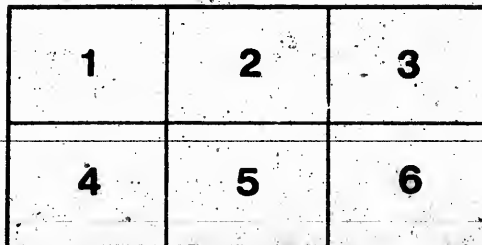
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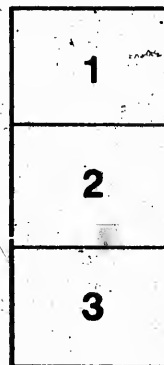
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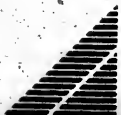
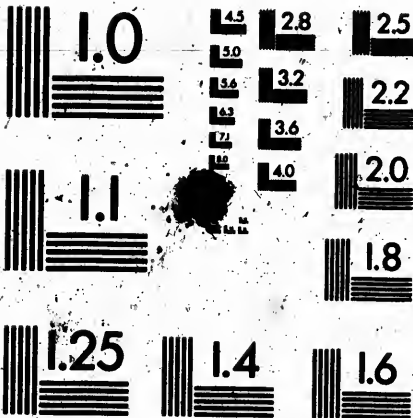
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W. A. Shepard,**

**J. W. Thompson,
A. M. Terwilligar,
E. Miles,
J. P. Thomas
V. G. Selden.**

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order
OF THE
Native Canadian Society.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called "The Native Canadian Society."

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERS.

1. The Society shall consist of Native-born Canadians and their descendants.
- ✓ 2. Any Native-born Canadian or the descendant of a Native-born Canadian, upon payment of the sum of two dollars, shall be eligible for, and upon election shall be a member of the Society; and so long as he pays the sum of \$2.00 annually, and conforms to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall continue to be a member thereof.
3. Any member of the Society may become a Life member, upon payment of the sum of \$25.
4. Any person may become an Honorary or Corresponding member of the Society, by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular meeting.
5. Honorary members shall have no right to vote upon any question, nor shall be eligible for office.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be to unite Canadians and their descendants in a social compact for the pro-

motion of mutual and friendly intercourse, and for affording Canadians by birth or descent who may stand in need thereof, advice and counsel, and such pecuniary assistance as they may require and the funds of the Society may warrant; to collect historical facts connected with the early settlement of this country; to establish a Library and Reading-room, and scientific Lectures, in connection therewith.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Chaplain, Surgeon, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, and Historical Recorder; and no person shall be eligible to office unless he be of the full age of twenty-one years.

2. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors, to consist of the above Officers and ten additional Directors.

3. The Board of Directors as above constituted shall be elected annually, and shall enter upon their duties immediately after their election.

4. The Officers for the first year shall be as follows: President, A. Diamond Esq. 1st Vice-President, Dr. P. V. Dorland. 2nd Vice-do., James Canniff Esq. Chaplain, Rev'd A. Carman. Surgeon, Dr. Burdett. Treasurer, J. C. Holden. Secretary, S. S. Lazier. Ass't Secretary, J. A. G. Crozier. Historical Recorder, W. J. Diamond.

5. Directors:—Messrs. Jacob Cronk, R. P. Davy, C. L. Coleman, S. A. Moore, W. A. Shepard, J. W. Thompson, A. M. Terwilligar, E. Mills, J. P. Thomas, P. G. Selden.

ARTICLE V.—ANNIVERSARY.

That the 1st day of July, Dominion Day, be adopted as the Anniversary of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

A regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Monday in every month, of which notice shall be given by the Secretary, by Circular to the members, or otherwise, as the Society shall direct.

ARTICLE VII.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Officers and Directors shall be elected on the first yearly meeting in July of every year.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting; but no amendment shall be proposed or considered unless notice thereof shall have been given at the preceding regular meeting.

By-Laws.**BY-LAW No. I.****MEMBERS.**

1. Every person desirous of being admitted to the Society as a Member, Life member, or Honorary member, must be proposed in writing by a member in good standing, such proposal to contain the name, residence, and occupation of the person so proposed. No person shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he has paid the regular annual or other subscriptions, and signed the Constitution and By-Laws.

2. The name, residence, and occupation of every person proposed for membership, and the name of the person proposing such person, shall immediately be entered by the Secretary in a book kept for the purpose. Provided that this clause shall not apply to the original members of the Society who are members by virtue of the organization, dating from the 7th July 1870.

3. Persons proposed for membership shall be elected at any regular meeting of the Society by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, which shall be by ballot in all cases; and no person shall be considered elected until he shall have signed the Declaration. Every member present shall vote in the election of members, unless excused by the presiding officer.

4. Any member whose annual subscription is in arrear and unpaid for two months after the same is due, shall until payment thereof, be deprived of all the privileges of the Society; and every member who after being applied to, neglects for six months to pay such subscription, shall cease to be a member, and shall not be reinstated except upon payment of a dollar, in addition to the usual annual subscription.

5. Any member who shall injure or destroy any of the books, papers, or other property of the Society, shall forthwith replace the same, and repair such damage to the satisfaction of the Directors, and in such manner as they may appoint; but upon refusing or neglecting so to do, such member may, at the discretion of the Directors, be expelled from the Society; such expulsion shall not, however, interfere with or prevent the adoption of any other remedy against such member for such damage.

6. Any member absent from town three months and not more than twelve months, and not using the privileges of the Society during such absence, may upon application to the Secretary have the current term of membership extended for a similar period,—provided that notice in writing be previously given to the Secretary, of such intended absence.

BY-LAW No. II.**ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND DIRECTORS.**

1. The election of the office-bearers and Directors shall be by ballot.

2. When only one member is nominated to an office, he shall be declared elected; should more than one be nominated, the election shall be decided by the majority of the whole of the votes of the members present, and the ballot shall be continued until such majority is ascertained.

3. For election to each of the offices of President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Treasurer, Surgeon, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Historical Recorder, the ballot shall be separately taken; and where more than two members have been nominated to one office, if no one nominee shall, upon the first vote, have a majority of the members present in his favor, the name of the candidate having the fewest number of votes shall be struck out, and the ballot taken again until one of the candidates obtains the votes of a majority of the members present, when he shall be declared elected.

4. Only one vote shall be taken in the election of Directors, and the ten members having the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

BY-LAW No. III.

DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND DIRECTORS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Directors, and shall regulate all the proceedings thereat; he shall cause to be carried into effect the decision of the members or Directors at any meeting duly called; he shall sign all official documents; he shall have power to call special meetings of the Society and of the Directors; he shall have the casting vote on every occasion where there is an equal division, and, at the election of office-bearers and Directors, a deliberative vote in addition; and may at any time and so often as he may think proper, vacate the chair for the purpose of taking part in any discussion which may arise, and may call any one of the Vice-Presidents or any member present to preside in his stead.

2. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside, in the precedence in which he stands in the list of office-bearers; and in the event of the absence of these officers, the Society may elect a chairman to preside at such meeting. The Vice-President may, in the absence of the President, call any meeting which the President is competent to call. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the 1st Vice-President, or, in case of his absence, the 2nd Vice-President, shall immediately become President of the Society for the remainder of the term.

3. All monies belonging to the Society shall be handed over to the Treasurer, who shall deposit the same in one of the chartered Banks in the town of Belleville, said Bank to be approved of by the Directors, on account and for the use of the Society. He shall not pay any moneys on account of the Society except by order of the Directors, signed by the presiding officer and the

Secretary. He shall pay all moneys by cheque, signed by himself and countersigned by the Secretary—or in his absence, by the President; and he shall report fully to the Directors quarterly, or oftener, if they require him so to do.

4. (i.) The Directors shall have the care and custody of the property of the Society; they shall examine all accounts before they are passed for payment, and shall collect all moneys due the Society for rent, members' subscriptions, and otherwise.

(ii.) They shall have power to appoint a person as messenger and care-taker of the Society's rooms; shall prescribe his duties, and pay him a reasonable salary for his services.

(iii.) They shall have power to procure Lectures to be delivered, to establish classes for the instruction of the members and subscribers, and to fix the sums to be paid for them, or any other privileges which may require separate payments.

(iv.) They shall have power to expel, or suspend the privileges of members or subscribers for non-payment of fines or dues, or for immoral or improper language or conduct, or for introducing political or sectarian discussions, after giving the party opportunity to shew cause; in all cases of expulsion, except for non-payment of dues, the expelled members shall have the right to appeal to the next regular meeting of the Society.

(v.) They shall invest the moneys of the Society in such manner as shall in their opinion be most advantageous to the interests of the Society, subject to the directions of the Society.

(vi.) They shall at their first meeting after their election, appoint from their number the following committees, viz: a Finance committee; a Library and Reading

Room committee; a Class committee; a Lecture committee, and Historical committee.

(vii.) Should any Officer or Director absent himself from three consecutive regular meetings of the Society without giving satisfactory reason therefor, his office may be declared vacant; and the members may elect another in his stead, at the next regular meeting of the Society.

(viii.) Prior to the annual meeting of the Society in each and every year, the Board of Directors shall cause an examination to be made of the Library, with a view to enable them to present a correct report thereon,—and for that purpose are empowered to call in and cease to issue books for a period not to exceed one week.

(ix.) They shall present to the annual meeting in each and every year a report of their proceedings, and of the general affairs of the Society, containing among other particulars, a statement of the property held by or in trust for the Society; of the members; of the Library and Reading Room; a list of Lectures given and classes formed, and the result; a list of donations received; balance sheet of receipt and expenditure; and a full statement of the liabilities and available assets of the Society.

5. The Secretary shall accurately and at large record the proceedings of the Society and Directors; conduct all correspondence; announce all meetings; sign all certificates of membership. He shall receive all subscriptions, rents, or other moneys, pay the same to the Treasurer, keeping an account thereof; and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Directors.

6. The Assistant Secretary shall perform such duties as may be required by the meeting, and in the absence of the Secretary shall assume his duties.

7. The Historical Recorder shall accurately and at large report the proceedings of the Society with refe-

rence to that branch of the Society under the direction of his committee.

8. The several officers and committees shall report any circumstances within their respective departments affecting the interests of the Society at the meeting of the Directors next ensuing, and shall specially report when required to do so.

9. At the third quarterly meeting in each and every year, two members shall be appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Society for the current year, who shall report to the next annual meeting of the Society.

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BY-LAW No. IV.

MEETINGS.

1. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Directors shall have power to call special meetings of the Society.

2. The Directors shall meet at least monthly, on such day as they may appoint,

3. The Secretary shall call special meetings of the Directors, on a written requisition signed by any three Directors or six members, and special meetings of the Society on a written requisition signed by any six Directors or twelve members. The requisition for all special meetings under this section shall state the business intended to be brought forward at such meetings.

4. Notices calling any special meeting of the Society, or of the Board, shall state the business to be brought forward at such meeting; and no business that is not particularly mentioned in such notices shall be brought forward or discussed at any special meeting.

5. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Society shall be twelve, and at all meetings of the Directors five; and whatever question, matter, or thing shall be proposed, discussed, or considered at any meeting of the Society, or of the Directors, shall be finally determined by a majority of the votes of the members or Directors present at such meeting, except when otherwise specially provided. If a quorum be not present, any number of members shall be sufficient to adjourn, provided such adjournment be not made until fifteen minutes after the time appointed for such meeting.

BY-LAW No. V.

1. There shall be two standard-bearers, to be appointed by the President.

BY-LAW No. VI.

RULES OF ORDER AND ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

I. The rules of order and order of proceedings at any regular meeting shall be as follows:—

Sec. 1. Order of business at all except special meetings:

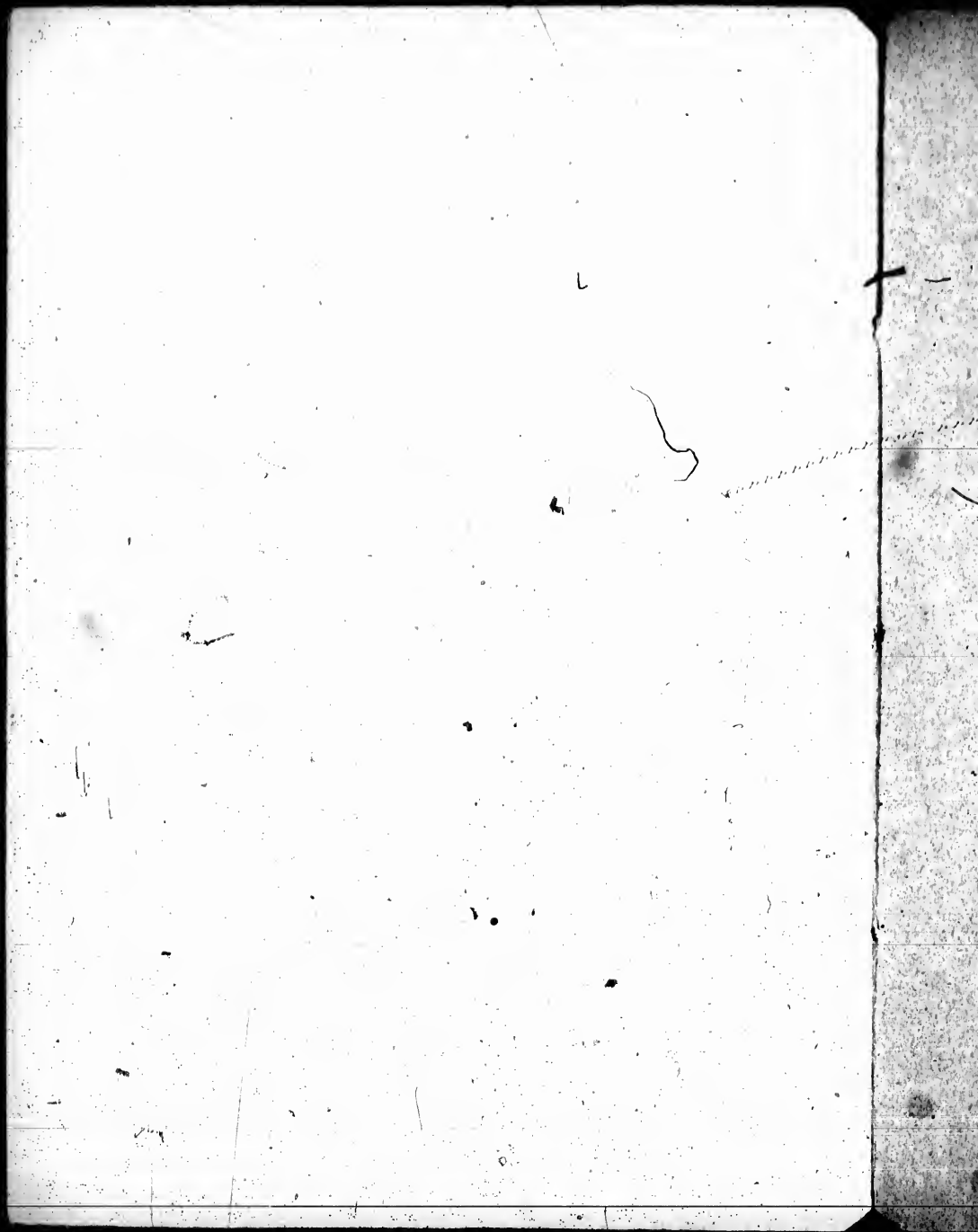
- (1) To call the Roll of Officers.
- (2) Reading of minutes not previously adopted, which when adopted shall be signed by the presiding officer.
- (3) Reading of communications.
- (4) Reception and consideration of reports.
- (5) Election of Office-bearers and Directors (at the annual meeting.)
- (6) Propositions for membership.
- (7) Election of new members.
- (8) Transaction of new business.
- (9) All other business and discussions for the good of the Society not included in the above.

RULES OF ORDER.

II. Until other rules are adopted, the rules which govern the proceedings and deliberations of the Parliament of Canada shall be those which govern this Society.

BY-LAW No. VIII.

These By-Laws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting of the Society, by a vote of two thirds of the members present at such meeting: provided notice of such alteration, amendment, or repeal, shall have been given at the preceding regular meeting.



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