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ASSOCIATION

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This Association is the legitimate issue of an assembly of Veterans of former campaigns. Originally it was composed of volunteers who answered to the call of the Canadian Government for active service during the Fenian Raids of 1866, 1870 and 1871, the Red River Expedition of 1870, and the North-West Rebellion of 1885.

Veterans from East Indies and Soudan Campaigns, Asiatic and African Military Expeditions, Imperial, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and South African Veterans of the Boer War, strengthened the organization by becoming active members. More force was gained by the extension of the same equal rights to long service men, and Army and Navy Veterans of the wars of the Empire, whether on land or sea. Any soldier or sailor who served his country and holds a good conduct discharge, or is still in the service is a comrade who can qualify. The Veterans make no exceptions—There are none.

Can Veterans of the Empire forget the heroes of the Khyber Pass, Balclava, Majuba Hill, Abyssinian Expedition, Ashantee, the Nile and Soudan Campaigns? Would any Association, Military or Naval, place the "bar sinister" against the soldier or sailor engaged? Could an organ-

ization put on their records that these men "living or dead" proved not worthy comrades of the Veterans of later wars?

Soldiers and Sailors who have fought on land or sea to help build up the British Empire are "Second to None."

Their descendants, sons of worthy sires, have rallied in thousands around the flag of Freedom in the Great European War—The sons, proud of the spirit of their fathers that claimed no superiority or yielded none, will stand together "Shoulder to shoulder" for the union which is strength, and commands respect. This is established and confirmed by a full and complete membership with the A. & N. Veterans in Canada. April 16th, 1917, over sixteen hundred members answered the Roll Call.

This unity of the A. & N. V. is the source of infinite power, to soldiers and sailors of the British Empire in the death struggle against the enemies of Freedom now raging in all quarters of the globe.

The Returned Veterans, Soldier or Sailor can rely with unbounded confidence upon the Army and Navy Veterans Association to guard their rights and those of the men on active service in Canada or across the seas. Although not a charitable institution, monetary assistance is ready in cases of need. The aid so distributed belongs to the Veterans, and is not charity. The Veterans' motto is "Shoulder to Shoulder." For unity is strength.

Aims and Objects of the A. & N. V. Association

History records facts of severe hardships suffered by Veterans who served their best years in the wars of the Empire. Ready to do their duty and give their lives for the honour of the Flag, yet only too soon have their claims been overlooked and forgotten. Some who fought for King and Country were thrust aside. Men who

were called upon and ready to die if necessary for their country are going to demand a right to live decently in that country—Men who have fought the battle of Freedom in the Great War will resent the treatment served out in the past, and the action of some bodies to control them for exploitation on their return to Canada.

It is the duty of A. & N. V. to stand together "shoulder to shoulder"—Thousands of brave men are somewhere across the "Seas" in Europe, Asia and Africa, doing their bit for the Empire—Numbers have made the complete sacrifice—and have given their lives for Canada, Justice and Freedom. Those who return shall have their voice in the laws that govern.

The Scouts of the British Empire in every clime are daily living among war's alarms guarding lines of communication. Many overcome by exhaustion or slain by the enemy have found nameless graves on scorched deserts or in polar regions far beyond civilization. Among the Frontier men are the Riders of the Plains, the R.N. W.M. Police. The heroic actions of officer or trooper seldom found more than silent admiration. The deed was often a death struggle against starvation and cold on trails from the 49th Parallel to the Arctic regions through leagues of trackless prairie and forest, and barren lands of frost and snow. Have they won out?

Canada must beware and prepare. Rudyard Kipling puts it in a strong phrase to the British Empire—"Lest We Forget." These three words are pregnant, and full of meaning to Canadians. We should be united on the alert to do our duty for the Returned Veterans. The time has come to test the spirit of Canada. Canadians must not be unprepared. Remember, there is an army of 500,000 Canadian soldiers to be enlisted. Conscription may be enforced to get the shirkers, dead to the appeal for help from the brave men in the trenches. This ensures the victory that

brings a lasting peace. Consider the other Imperial forces and our brave Allies. The same fair treatment must be meted out to all Veterans who have served in this Great War.

**The Army and Navy Veterans Work on the
Following Lines of Procedure:**

1st. To provide for the immediate necessities of Veterans and the Allies.

2nd.....To aid discharged Veterans of good character. Bring their qualifications for office or mechanical trades to the attention of manufacturers and employees of labor to secure work for the men.

3rd. To institute facilities for technical and commercial training, advance the prospects of Returned Soldiers and Sailors till peace is declared, or the period arrives for the disbandment of the overseas forces.

4th. To assist the Dominion and Provincial Governments in plans they have for soldiers and sailors' homes. To aid the Government, Railroad or Colonization companies for the settlement of Veterans on land, and establishment of farm colonies.

5th. To extend a welcome invitation to discharged Veterans—officers, N.C.O.'s and men—and to all on active service to join the Army and Navy Veterans for the mutual betterment of their social life, the establishment of a permanent spirit of comradeship, and to consolidate together the wearers of khaki after, and during the war.

6th. To right wrongs. Demand just dues, and what is lawfully coming. To work in harmony, prevent domination or attempt of it over a comrade in distress. To help men not employed. To visit the sick. To aid wives, widows, mothers and children of Veterans and men on active ser-

vice . To take part in annual Memorial or Decoration Day Parade to the graves of deceased Veterans or those who gave their lives in the defence of the Empire.

7th. To organize Veterans into a Grand A. & N. V. Association for the Dominion of Canada. To establish branches in rural districts, towns and cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the right to elect delegates for a general convention, called at stated intervals to conference for universal welfare. To be ready in need to support the military on active service, and to act as Home Guards or Reserves under supervision of the Department of Militia and Defence.

Daily Operations at Headquarters

1st. A free library, reading, billiard, and recreation rooms, open every day in the year, for men going or returning from the war, and for members. Stationery supplied free. Magazines, illustrated papers, British and Canadian daily and weekly journals on file. A canteen for refreshments; orderlies in charge are Veterans. Visitors welcomed.

2nd. Camp fires and concerts are held weekly on afternoons and evenings, according to the season. Local talent assist the "Boys in Khaki." They are popular entertainments. A Veteran (chairman) presides. All members, and comrades in uniform are welcomed. In the winter season receptions are held for Veterans and soldiers' families by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. & N. V. A cordial invitation is extended to come, and make themselves "at Home."

3rd. Assistance to recruiting rendered. The Veterans Band of the Association engage to attend semi-military parades, patriotic exhibitions with Returned Soldiers or other societies requesting relief for war victims. The A. & N. Veterans is the senior organization of the patrio-

tic bodies helping sufferers left destitute by the most bloody war in the world's history. They appreciate other associations for their assistance at railway depots to welcome discharged, invalided and wounded men back to Canada.

4th. The Ladies Auxiliary of the A. & N. V. render valuable service assisting at entertainments and doing relief work. Concerts are held at various places. Good financial results bear testimony to the patriotism of the people and the efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Plans along this line meet with approval, and will be continued. Their assistance is cheerfully rendered. The work too of the juniors, "The Young Ladies' Auxiliary Branch" of the A. & N. V., is worthy of commendation.

Past, Present and Future of the A. & N. V. Association

The Great War came like a bolt from the blue sky in the summer of 1914. Germany ready and prepared devastated Belgium. The chief powers clashed in a supreme struggle for Liberty and Freedom against the despotism of Germany. The Army and Navy Veterans watching the course of events in the war zone started a vigorous recruiting campaign to aid the British Empire in Canada.

The first great mass meeting of the people assembled at the Industrial Bureau, Winnipeg, early in 1915, at the call of the A. & N. V. Patriotic speeches were delivered by the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Sir Douglas Cameron, Sir Hugh John Macdonald, K.C., Lieut.-Col. Currie, and other prominent public and military men. Estimated attendance 5,000; Results, 900 recruits enrolled. Similar meetings followed at different points. Another meeting took place on the Market Square, Winnipeg. Thousands of people gathered, led by a parade of the A. & N. V., with flags and banners flying, and headed by the Veterans' Band. Rousing speeches at this big

recruiting rally were made. Sir Mackenzie
Bowell, a former premier of the Dominion of
Canada, was present by special invitation. Ow-
ing to the vast crowds the speakers were scat-
tered, and addressed the people at different
stands. Hundreds joined the colors through
the stirring appeals made to their patriotism,
and are now somewhere in France with the Allied
Army. On the high seas and in Asia and Africa,
as well as Europe, Canadians are doing "their
bit" for the British Empire.

The A. & N. V., by their agency, are sending
many to the front who saw active service in
other campaigns. The "Roll of Honour" speaks
in eloquent terms for the Veterans' Brigade.
Hundreds of comrades have left their families
(dearer to them than life) to rejoin the colours,
and voluntarily face dangers of a hazard-
ous campaign, standing by the "Flag" in days of
peril, even unto death.

Visitors to Winnipeg headquarters should see
the Veterans' Museum. It contains relics of pre-
vious wars, with other curiosities, as well as a
collection of military medals, ribbons, bars and
decorations. Army rifles, guns and pistols used
by different nation; flintlock and muzzle loading
firearms of the past, with swords, daggers, knives
and weapons form an interesting display. Shells
and bullets from the Boer and Great European
Wars are on show, with souvenirs picked up on
the battlefields of Belgium and France. Addi-
tions are constantly added to this permanent and
loan collection of valuable articles.

General Remarks

Facing the present extraordinary conditions,
men who could not qualify for active member-
ship, have from patriotic motives desired associa-
tion with the A. & N. V. The Executive gave this
matter serious consideration. It was deemed ad-
visable to admit British subjects, of good charac-
ter who lacked six years' military service, as

honorary and associated members, but without the power to vote. Such applications are dealt with by the membership committee, under special regulations, subject to approval of the Council.

Men of good character who have seen active service in any military or naval forces of the British Empire, including the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and similar semi-military corps; men with war medals and military or naval decorations for distinguished conduct; men who have served for not less than six years or who have received an honorable discharge, or can be properly vouched for, or who may still be serving in the British Army and Navy or the Canadian Militia across the seas, are eligible for active membership.

Applicant gives name in full, post office address, residence, occupation and birthplace. States date and period of enlistment; gives details of corps served in, or navy record, and when discharged. Describes war medals, bars and war decorations (if any). Includes name and address of next of kin, and whether married or single, and number in family. He must be proposed by two comrades, who become personally responsible, and have satisfactory proof of his service to the Empire. Application forms are procured from the secretary-treasurer. Entrance fee, \$1.50. If applicant is rejected, fee is returned. An annual fee of \$1.50 falls due on the first day of January in each year. Rates are subject to change.

The members are daily and rapidly increasing in number—In March, 1917, 1,680 comrades answered to the roll call. It is destined to be the strongest and best Veterans' association in the Dominion. There is a force of 500,000 men to be raised in Canada. It is a bigger army than was engaged on either side during the Civil War in America. Think over this reserve power of Veterans returning from the war uniting together

in one solid phalanx, as the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada.

Remember, the Army & Navy Veterans in Canada are the senior organization of patriotic semi-military organizations. They recognize no nationality, politics or religious creeds. United they stand shoulder to shoulder, all for one, and one for all.

The Veterans were the first to start recruiting campaigns in the Provinces.

The Veterans were the first to provide relief funds for soldiers' and sailors' families.

The Veterans were the first to assist soldiers and sailors returning invalided from the Great War.

The Veterans were the first to advocate enlistment of Home Guards, and formed the 1st Regiment of Reserves in Canada.

The Veterans were the first to extend comradeship and give honorary and associate membership to patriotic citizens unable to complete military or naval service, or from physical disability for active military or naval service.

Donations, monetary or otherwise, go into the general funds unless presented for a special purpose, and so accepted at the time. Gratitude is expressed to benefactors. Money or gifts should be sent to the secretary-treasurer, 428 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba. An official receipt returned under seal of the incorporation.

The Executive Council

The Army and Navy Veterans' Association is controlled by an Executive Council, known as the General Committee. Nine comrades are elected on ballot by active members at the general meeting held annually at headquarters, on the first Tuesday of February in each year. (See By-laws

regulating the election of the Executive Council, clauses 19, 20, 21 and 22, inclusive). A president, first and second vice-presidents are elected at the same time, who must be nominated from the General Committee. Each original unit has the power to elect a representative from their company, viz.: Fenian Raid Veterans (1), Red River Expedition (1), North-West Rebellion (1), Imperial South African (1), Canadian South African (1), and Great European War (1).. This provides for eighteen members on the Board to form the Executive Council. At their first meeting the working committees are struck. The working committees can add other members for special work if sanctioned by the Council.

To the press a most hearty call is extended to attend the Army and Navy Veterans' meetings. Suitable accommodation will be provided for reporters. Publicity is sought, and the powerful aid of the press, generously rendered to us in the past, is earnest requested for the future.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Our Fallen Comrades

Brave men and true—strong men—

They have gone. Their graves are scattered o'er
the plain.

Sadly we think of them, and then

Vow in our hearts to prove they laid not down
Their lives in vain.

When our turn comes, if come it must

—Having been thrice tried in the flames of Hell—
May we have kept intact our trust.

And of us also may our comrades truly say

"Thou hast done well."

Honorary Patrons

Their Majesties the King and Queen
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-
General of Canada
Major-General Sir Sam Hughes

Honorary Members

Sir Hugh John Macdonald, K.C.
Hon. H. M. Howell (Chief Justice of Manitoba)
Lieut.-Col. Sir D. H. McMillan
Hon. D. M. Walker
Lt.-Col. W. H. Sharpe (Senator Dom. of Canada)

Executive Council, 1917

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 1917.

President

Lt.-Col. G. F. Carruthers, Veteran Fenian Raid,
1866

First Vice-President

Lieut. W. A. Shepard, Veteran Fenian Raid, 1866,
Red River Expedition, 1870.
Representing Red River Expedition, 1870

Second Vice-President

J. H. Holman, Veteran Fenian Raid, 1870,
Secretary-Treasurer

E. W. Low, Veteran (representing North-West
Field Force, 1885.)

Councillors

J. Hillyard Leech, K.C.,
Veteran North-West Rebellion, 1885.
Capt. Charles Midwinter,
Veteran North-West Rebellion, 1885.
B. Murphy (active service),
Veteran Boer War, 1902, and Great European
War, 1915-1917.
Major P. E. Prideaux,
Ordnance Dept., Active Service; Veteran Ash-
antee, 1895-1896; Veteran East Africa, 1898-
1899, and 1901; Great European War, 1914-
1917.
Joseph M. Tees,
Veteran North-West Rebellion, 1885.

Jos. F. Tennant,
Veteran Fenian Raid, 1866; Red River
Expedition, 1870.

W. Willis,
Veteran Boer War, 1899-1902.

Officers Appointed by Council, 1917.

Lieut. John Hay, D.C.M.,
Active service, Great European War Veteran,
1914-1917.

W. Crispin,
Veteran Great European War, 1914-1916.

S. Pearson, Veteran, Long Service, 1914.

Councillors Elected by Units

W. S. Grant,
Veteran representing Fenian Raid, 1866.

Lieut. W. A. Shepard,
Veteran representing Red River Expedition,
1870.

E. W. Low,
Veteran representing North-West Rebellion,
1885.

A. Hibbs,
Veteran representing Imperial South Afri-
cans, 1899-1902.

R. P. Rooke,
Veteran representing Canadian South Afri-
cans, 1899-1902.

W. Christian,
Veteran representing Great European War,
1914-1917.

Chairmen of Committees

House—W. Willis.

Finance—E. W. Low.

Publicity—Jos. F. Tennant.

Relief, Membership and Museum—W. A. Shep-
ard.

Entertainment—J. H. Holman.

Legislative and Soldiers' and Sailors' Home—J.
Hillyard Leech, K.C.

Employment—B. Murphy.

Hospital—W. Christian and Ladies' Auxiliary
Aid.

Chaplain—Hon Capt. Rev. R. C. Johnston, LL.D.

Officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. & N. V.

LADY McMILLAN.....	Patroness
LADY MACDONALD.....	Patroness
MRS. H. N. RUTTAN.....	Honorary President
MRS. H. C. HOWARD.....	Honorary President
MRS. C. H. KEMP.....	President
MRS. J. D. MARSHALL.....	First Vice-President
MRS. CHAS. MIDWINTER.....	Second Vice-President
MISS L. WASDELL.....	Recording Secretary
MRS. E. WASDELL.....	Financial Secretary
MRS. GEO. PATERSON.....	Treasurer

Officers of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary, A. & N. V.

MRS. C. H. KEMP.....	Honorary President
MRS. E. WASDELL.....	Advisor
MRS. WILTON DART.....	President
MISS E. MEACHAM.....	Secretary
MISS F. ATKINS.....	Financial Secretary
MISS MIDWINTER.....	Treasurer

YORKTON BRANCH
ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA
(Incorporated)
Yorkton, Sask.

Headquarters—428 Main Street, Winnipeg.

President—D. McLeay, South Africa.

1st Vice-Pres.—H. T. Mitchell, Egyptian Soudan.

2nd Vice-Pres.—A. C. Stewart, European War.

Sec.-Treas.—W. R. Pickering, South Africa.

Asst. Sec.—E. A. Hammond, European War.

Executive Council—

J. A. Tripp, Long Service.

Lieut. R. Christopherson, European War.

Lieut. J. W. Wynn, European War.

H. W. Purvis—European War.

T. H. Garry, M.P.P., Northwest Rebellion.

R. Scutchings, South Africa.

Ladies' Auxilliary A. & N. V. (organized).

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA

(Incorporated)

Regina, Saskatchewan.

**Headquarters 501-4 McCallum-Hill Building,
Regina, Sask.**

Patrons:

His Honor R. S. Lake.
Lieut.-Governor Perry, C.M.G., Commissioner
R.N.W.M.P.
Hon. W. M. Martin, Premier of Saskatchewan.
His Worship Mayor Dr. W. D. Cowan.
Sir W. G. Haultain, Chief Justice.
Colonel N. S. Edgar, D.O.C.
G. Harmon Jones, Esq.
Major-General John Hughes, Inspector Gen-
eral, Western Canada.

Officers:

President—Major J. Graham.
Vice-President—H. E. Beck.
Secretary—T. J. Geernaert.
Treasurer—George Beach.
Publicity—E. Middleton.

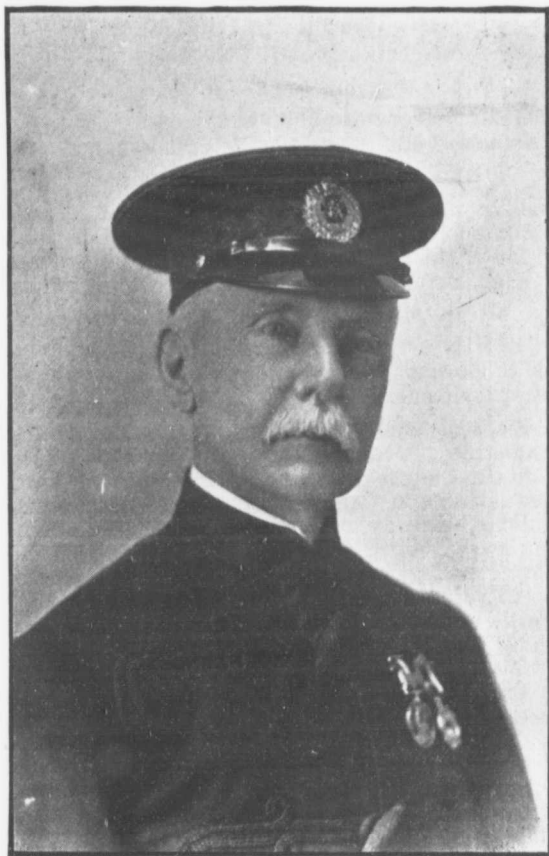
Committee:

Comrade A. McDonald
Comrade H. Mee
Comrade B. Lowe
Comrade J. Fenton
Comrade O. R. Melville
Comrade F. M. Williams
Comrade H. Y. Lewis
Comrade A. E. Hazell
Comrade N. H. Cunning
Comrade W. A. Cunning, Jr.

Chairmen of Committees—

House—F. M. Williams.
Entertainment—H. Mee.
Sports—O. R. Melville.
Sick Visiting—A. McDonald.

Ladies' Auxiliary A. & N. V. (organized).



LIEUT.-COL. G. F. CARRUTHERS
O.C. 1st Winnipeg Infantry Regiment (Reserve Militia)
(Promptus et Fidelis).
Veteran Fenian Raid, 1866—Medal and Bar.
President Army and Navy Veterans in Canada 1916-1917

Charter

D. C. Cameron, Lieutenant-Governor.

Great Seal of the
Province of Manitoba,

Canada, Province of Manitoba:

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas,
King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India;

To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greeting.

J. H. Howden,
Attorney-General,

Whereas Sir Hugh John Macdonald, police
magistrate; Charles Midwinter, city controller;
Captain George Carruthers, insurance broker;
Oswald Joseph Campbell, printer; William S.
Volume, railway employee; James McConkey,
employee; W. S. Grant, insurance agent; Wil-
liam Cross, gentleman; Edward W. Low, clerk;
J. Hillyard Leech, barrister-at-law; R. P. Devine,
clerk; Donald M. Stewart, warehouseman; Alex-
ander Grant, superintendent construction Govern-
ment Telephones; John S. Patrick, sergeant-
instructor Police Force; Alfred Hibbs, steam-
fitter; and Sidney C. P. Collier, civil engineer, all
of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Mani-
toba, have by their petition asked to be incor-
porated under the provisions of the Charitable
Associations Act, being chapter 27 of the Revised
Statutes of Manitoba, 1913, under the name of

THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA.

The purposes of the said incorporation are:

(a) The binding together as a united organiza-
tion Veterans who have served under the British

Flag in a patriotic, non-sectarian, non-political body for the purpose of good fellowship and mutual improvement and advancement.

(b) The promotion of good citizenship among Veterans in Canada.

(c) The increase of public influence of Veterans by organization, by parades and mutual assistance, by giving expressions to sound and patriotic principles calculated to strengthen the Empire.

(d) The stimulating of an Imperialistic spirit in Canada and the promotion of the cause of a Greater Britain by a closer unity of the Overseas Dominion with the Mother Country and by discussing and giving as an entity expressions of opinion upon public questions affecting the cause of the Empire.

(e) The cherishing of the names and deeds of comrades, both living and dead, and the traditions of the British and Overseas Dominions' Army and Navy.

(f) The recording of the signatures of Veterans with their civil callings and a short description of their services on an honor roll, to become and be an historic document and be deposited in the archives of Canada.

(g) To assist the Empire when occasion requires in enlisting recruits for His Majesty's forces.

(h) To raise, when occasion requires, patriotic or charitable funds by suscription or otherwise, and to administer the same for the relief, benefit or support of needy families or dependents of members of any such forces in active service, or for the relief, benefit or support of any retired, wounded or incapacitated members of such forces, or who had been members thereof, their families or dependents, or for any other assistance of a patriotic or charitable character, relat-

ing to the welfare, success or support of such forces or members thereof, active or retired.

And whereas the said applicants have complied with the provisions of the said Act and it has been deemed expedient to incorporate them as requested.

Now know ye that by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province and under the authority of the above mentioned Act, and of any other power and authority whatsoever in Us vested in that behalf, We do by these Our letters patent constitute the said Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Charles Midwinter, George Carruthers, Oswald Joseph Campbell, William S. Volume, James McConkey, W. S. Grant, William Cross, Edward W. Low, J. Hillyard Leech, R. P. Devine, Donald M. Stewart, Alexander Grant, John S. Patrick, Alfred Hibbs and Sidney C. P. Collier, and all every such other person or persons as now is and are or shall at any time hereafter become members of the said incorporation a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession and a common seal by and under the name of

THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS
IN CANADA,

with all powers, rights and immunities vested in such bodies under the law, with power to such corporation in its corporate name from time to time and at all times hereafter to have, take, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy to and for the uses and purposes of such corporation any messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments of what nature and kind soever and to sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same and to lease any building or part thereof or any of its lands that shall not be required from time to time.

And we further direct that the yearly value of the property to be so held by such corporation

shall never exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

In testimony whereof we have caused these Our letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness His Honour Sir Douglas Colin Cameron, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Manitoba, at Our Government House in the City of Winnipeg, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and in the fifth year of our reign.

By command.

J. H. Howden,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

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General By-Laws

OF THE

Army and Navy Veterans in Canada

(By-law No. 1)

1. The head office of the Association shall be at the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba.

2. The Association shall be conducted as a citizens' association of Veterans and as a purely democratic body, no members thereof being entitled to rank or priority over any other members of the Association, by reason of their having held at any time military commands, appointments or commissions.

Membership

3. To qualify an applicant for active membership of the Association, the candidate must be:

(a) An Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man (or if discharged, with a character of not less than "good") of the Regular Army and Navy, Royal North West Mounted Police and Permanent Forces of the Dominions, after not less than one year's service.

(b) An Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or man (with a discharge of not less than "good") who has served the Empire in any campaign whatsoever, receiving a medal for same.

(c) An Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man of the Auxiliary Forces of Great Britain and the Dominion who has served in the Auxiliary Forces not less than six years.

(d) An Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man (with an honourable discharge) who has served overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

4. All candidates for such membership must sign a written application form, to be supplied by the Association, and must be proposed and seconded and vouched for in writing over their signatures, by two members of the Association in good standing.

5. All applications for active membership shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Association and must be accompanied by a fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) as an admission fee.

6. Upon receipt of such application, the same shall be considered by the Executive Council of the Association, who shall inquire into the qualifications and character of the applicant, and if thought eligible and desirable to become a member of the Association, may admit him as a probationary member of the said Association until the next annual or quarterly meeting of the same, or until the question of the application is passed upon at an earlier date, at a special general meeting of the Association.

7. At every annual and quarterly meeting and, subject to section 48 hereof, at any special general meeting of the Association, the meeting shall have the authority to deal with the question of applications for membership and to accept, or reject, the applications of any probationers brought before the meeting, without any special notice having been given in calling such meeting, that such business will be transacted.

8. Upon any such meeting electing by a three-fourths majority, any probationer to become a member of the said Association, such probationer shall, upon having complied with the provisions herein set out, become an active member of the Association.

Suspension and Expulsions of Members

9. The Executive Council may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of its members, present at any meeting thereof, suspend any member of

the Association for any reasonable cause, including any of the following causes:

(a) For non-payment of dues, when the same are one year or more in arrears.

(b) For misconduct in or about the Association's premises, or with respect to its property.

(c) For slandering the good name of the Association, or of its Executive or any of its officers.

(d) For gross or habitual misconduct in any place, calculated to make his membership injurious to the Association.

(e) For committing any act of treason or felony.

(f) In case such member should become an alien enemy.

(g) If such member should organize, or attempt to organize, any other ex-soldiers' or ex-sailors' association, in opposition to, or not in affiliation with, or without the consent of, this Association.

(h) If, in the case of an active member, such member for lack of qualifications as herein provided, should not have been admitted as an active member of the Association; provided that in such a case, such member may be transferred from the active membership, to associate membership of the Association.

10. Such suspension may continue in the case of non-payment of dues, until all arrears are paid up, and in all other cases, may continue for one year or until sooner dealt with at a meeting of the Association.

11. The Executive Council may, at any time, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of its members present at any meeting thereof, restore to good standing any suspended member, whether suspended by act of the Executive Council or of the Association in meeting assembled.

12. The Association may, at any annual, quarterly or special general meeting thereof, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of its members present, suspend or expel any member from the Association, for any reasonable cause, including any of the causes mentioned in section 9 hereof, or by a like vote, restore to good standing any suspended member. Provided that no member shall be expelled at any such meeting, unless notice of such proposed expulsion be given in the notice calling such meeting, or unless a notice of motion of the proposed expulsion shall have been filed with the secretary and read at a previous general meeting of the Association.

Membership Fees

13. The regular annual fees of the Association, chargeable to each of its active members, may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Executive Council, or a meeting of the Association, and in the absence of such resolution, shall be one dollar and fifty cents a year, which year shall always be deemed to have expired on the thirty-first day of December of such year. Life memberships may be granted to any active member, upon payment of the sum of twelve dollars.

(a) On and after first of July, 1917, entrance fee shall be two dollars, to include a free copy of the A. & N. Veterans' History of Organization, Charter and By-laws; also cost of ribbon, button and membership card case.

(b) From the first of January, 1918, the annual fees shall be at the fixed rate of two dollars a year.

14. The entrance fee to be paid in with the application of any applicant for membership shall, if such application is accepted, pay the dues of such member to the Association, until the thirty-first day of December following the date of his acceptance as a probationary member by the Executive Council.

15. In the event of the application for membership of any applicant being refused, the fee accompanying his application shall be returned to him.

Honorary and Associate Members

16. In addition to the membership herein before described, which shall constitute the active and governing membership of the Association, the Association may admit such persons as the Executive Council or any annual or quarterly meeting the Association shall by a three-fourths majority vote of those present, elect, as honorary members, or as associate members of the Association.

17. Such honorary or associate members of the Association shall not have the right to participate in the government of the Association, or to wear our official badge, or to vote on any proceedings or questions at any meetings of the Association, and shall not be eligible for election to any office in the Association or upon the Executive Council of the Association, but may act on any special or standing committee of the Association if duly chosen or elected thereto.

(a) Associate Members.—Members or ex-members of the active forces of the Dominions, who are not eligible to become Active Members, may be elected Associate Members on payment of the same fee as Active Members with all privileges of the Association, with the exception of the right to wear our official badge or to vote, except on such committees as they may be asked to become members of.

(b) Honorary Members.—Ladies and gentlemen who are not eligible to become Active Members or Associate Members may be elected Honorary Members for life or for the ensuing year, for good service or other reasons as the Committee may elect.

18. The Executive Council shall have the power to fix the amount of and collect the membership fee payable by the associate members and to alter and change the same from time to time, as deemed advisable.

Executive Council

19. The affairs of the Association shall be managed, administered and governed by an Executive Council, twelve members of which shall be elected from amongst the active members of the Association in good standing as follows: Nine of such members shall be elected annually, at the annual meeting of the Association, or at a special general meeting of the Association called for the purpose, of which due notice and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat, shall have been given.

20. The election shall be by ballot and the nine persons receiving the highest number of ballots shall be deemed to have been elected.

21. The nine persons thus elected to the said Council, of whom, for the purpose of this section, the person receiving the highest vote shall be convener, shall afterwards meet at such time and place as the convener shall appoint and elect three other members to the Council.

22. In addition to the above, each of the following Associations:

The Fenian Raids,
The Red River Expedition,
The North-West Field Force,
The Imperial South Africans,
The Canadian South Africans,
And the Great European War,

shall be entitled to appoint one representative each to the said Executive Council, which representatives must be members of this Association in good standing, and upon such body certifying under the hands of its president or first presiding

office, the name, calling and address of such representative so appointed and presenting the same to the secretary of this Association, the said party so certified to, shall, ipso facto, become a member of the Executive Council of this Association, provided, however, that if any of the above mentioned associations or bodies fail to so appoint and certify a representative, then the Executive Council shall have the power to make such appointment at, or any time after, the time the Executive Council is otherwise completely chosen.

23. It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify, at least 30 days in advance of the date for such election, each of the associations or bodies mentioned in the last preceding section, of the date on which the election of each new Executive Council is about to take place, and to request such bodies to appoint and supply with credentials as aforesaid, their respective representatives to such newly elected Executive Council and to have such credentials filed with the secretary before the date of such election.

24. All vacancies occurring on the Executive Council from time to time from death, resignation or expulsion, shall be filled by the Council from amongst the active members of the Association in good standing, until the next election of officers.

25. Any members of the Executive Council may be removed from office, by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present at any annual, quarterly or special general meeting of the Association, at which not less than forty members are present, upon special notice having been given of such meeting, setting out that at such meeting the question of removal of one or more, as the case may be, members of the Executive Council (without necessarily mentioning any names) will be considered.

26. Except as herein otherwise provided, the Executive Council shall determine its own pro-

cedure, but not less than a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

Officers

27. The officers of the Association may consist of such honorary president or patrons, as the Association or its Executive Council shall deem it advisable to appoint and shall further consist of a president, first and second vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

28. The president and each of the vice-presidents shall be selected from members of the Executive Council. The secretary and treasurer may be chosen from parties outside the Council if thought advisable, and a single incumbent can, if thought advisable, occupy both offices.

29. The president and the vice-president shall be elected by a popular vote at an annual meeting or any special general meeting called for the purpose, from amongst the members elected to the Executive Council, which vote shall be taken by ballot if so required by any member in good standing present, but no person shall be eligible for election as president for more than two years in immediate succession.

President

30. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council and he shall be, ex-officio, a member of all standing and special committees.

31. In the absence or incapacity of the president, it shall be the duty of the first vice-president to exercise all the powers and functions of the president.

32. In the absence or incapacity of the president and first vice-president, it shall be the duty of the second vice-president to exercise all the powers and functions of the president.

33. If, at any meeting of the Association or Executive Council, neither the president nor either of the vice-presidents are present, such meeting may elect a chairman to preside over it and with respect thereto such chairman shall exercise the functions of the president.

Committees

34. The Executive Council shall have the power to appoint either from their own body or from amongst the active members, honorary members or associate members of the Association, such standing and special committees from time to time, as they may deem advisable, for the more convenient apportionment and carrying out of their work, and to delegate to such committees, subject always to the general control of the Executive Council, such limited powers as may be necessary and proper, to carry out the special duties assigned to such committees.

35. It shall be the duty of all such committees to report, from time to time, upon the performance of the duties entrusted to them, to the Executive Council and no contracts or obligations entered into by such committees, shall be binding upon the Association, unless previously authorized or subsequently specifically ratified by the Executive Council.

Seal



36. The seal—an impression of which is stamped on the margin hereof—shall be the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be in the immediate custody of the secretary of the Association, but subject always to the commands of the Executive Council and shall only be used

when witnessed by the signature of the president or one of the vice-presidents and the secretary, or as specially directed at any time by resolution of the Executive Council.

37. All contracts in writing shall be executed by the president or one of the vice-presidents and the secretary, or as specially directed at any time by resolution of the Executive Council.

Badge

38. The Association shall have an official badge, after the general design, now identified by having attached to it a tag bearing the signature of the President, First and Second Vice-Presidents and Secretary of the Association and sealed with the official seal of the Association and attached to these by-laws.

39. The Executive Council may, in their discretion, adopt a badge of identification to be worn by honorary or associate members.

40. All active members of the Association, who are duly qualified to be such as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to wear the said badge and except where given as a special mark of honor to distinguished or meritorious personalities, no badge shall be issued to any person not an active member of the Association and qualified as aforesaid.

41. Each badge issued shall bear the name of the person to whom issued and the number of his enrolment on the membership roll of the Association, and a record shall be kept by the secretary of all persons to whom badges have been issued.

42. The issue of any badge, whether for valuable consideration or otherwise, by the Association to any person, shall not have the effect of passing the property therein; but such person shall simply have the right to himself and his heirs, to use the same during compliance with the

by-laws and regulations of the Association from time to time in force, respecting the same and while not committing any of the acts in this section following, or any act justifying expulsion from the Association. The property in the said badge and the right to the possession of the same shall remain in the Association, and in the event of a party to whom the said badge is issued or of any person succeeding to the possession of such badge, being expelled from this Association or committing any act of treason or felony, or while wearing such badge grossly misconducting himself or herself or openly speaking or acting with disrespect towards or in contempt of this Association, or in case any person, should pawn, barter, trade or sell such badge or attempt to pawn, barter, trade or sell the same, the Association shall have the right to repossess the same at any time, or to recover possession of the same through any court of competent jurisdiction, without the return of any consideration which may have passed or been received by the Association in respect to the same.

43. Subject to the provisions herein, and to any military rules and regulations that may be in force from time to time, the party to whom the said badge is issued, his heirs, or next of kin to whom possession thereof shall lawfully pass, shall be permitted to wear the said badge. The party to whom the same is issued, may wear the same on the left breast, but other parties succeeding to the possession of the said badge shall wear it only on the right breast.

Banking

44. All moneys received by the Association shall be forthwith handed over to the treasurer, who shall deposit the same in such chartered bank or banks as the Executive Council shall authorize.

45. All cheques drawn on bankers shall be signed by the president, or one of the vice-presi-

dents and the treasurer, or if not signed by the treasurer, then by any two of the following officers: the president, first vice-president, second vice-president and secretary.

General Meetings

46. A general meeting of the Association, to be called "annual meeting," shall be held on the first Tuesday of February in each year and general meetings, to be called "quarterly meetings," on the first Tuesdays of the months of May, August and November in each year.

47. Special general meetings of the Association may be called at any time:

- (a) By or by the direction of the president;
- (b) By or by the direction of the Executive Council;
- (c) By twenty active members of the Association in good standing signing a written requisition to the secretary, requiring such meeting to be called, or by themselves calling such meeting.

48. Notice of all general or special general meetings of the Association, announcing the time and place for holding the same, shall be given by mailing such notice to each member at his last known address, not less than six, nor more than twelve days before the date of such meeting, and by posting a notice of such meeting on the bulletin board in the Association rooms at least six days before the holding of such meeting and all such notices of special general meetings, shall set out the nature of the business to be considered at such meeting and only such business as may be mentioned in such notice shall be considered at such meeting.

49. At all meetings of the Association, no person but active members in good standing and not in arrears of dues, shall be allowed to vote, if objected to by any members in good standing present.

Voting Rights

50. Subject to the provisions of the last preceding section, at all meetings of the Association, each active member shall be entitled to one vote only, unless such member shall be a shareholder of the Association, in which case he shall be entitled to one extra vote for each share of the capital stock of the Association held by him on all motions, resolutions or voting dealing with questions of finance or questions affecting the property of the Association.

51. All resolutions put before any general or special general meeting of the Association, or a meeting of the Executive Council, shall be deemed to be carried only when a majority of votes are cast in favor of it. In the case of an equality vote the resolution or motion shall be deemed to be lost.

Shares

52. The capital stock of the Association shall be issued to active members only and in shares of a par value of \$5.00 each.

53. No shares shall be allotted except as paid for in advance.

54. A register of shareholders shall be kept in the ordinary form of a register of shareholders of a joint stock company incorporated under the Manitoba Joint Stock Companies Act.

55. Upon the allotment to, and payment of shares by any such member, he shall be entitled to a certificate showing his holdings in the Association.

56. Such shares shall be transferable only, from one active member of the Association to another active member thereof and by assignment approved by the Association.

57. Upon the death of any holder of shares in the Association, the said shares, if not previously assigned or bequeathed by will to some other active member of the Association, shall, ipso facto, vest in the Executive Council for the benefit of the Association.

Order of Business

58. The order of business of general meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council shall be respectively as follows:

General Meetings

1. Reading and confirming of minutes of previous meetings not yet confirmed;
2. Election of new members;
3. Reading of correspondence and dealing with the same;
4. Unfinished business;
5. Reports of Executive Council;
6. Notices of motion, all of which notices must be in writing;
7. Confirming or amending by-laws;
8. Election of officers (when same is to take place at such meeting);
9. New business.

Executive Council

1. Roll call of members of Executive Council;
2. Reading and confirming of minutes;
3. Reading of communications;
4. Reports of standing committees;
5. Reports of special committees;
6. Unfinished business;
7. New business;
8. Notices of motion, all of which notices must be in writing.

The above orders of business may be varied by resolution of the meeting or by order of the chair.

Reports, Audits, Etc.

59. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to report from time to time, all important business transacted by it to the quarterly meetings of the Association, and to prepare and submit a financial statement covering the preceding year, together with a general report upon the affairs of the Association, at each annual meeting.

Amending By-Laws

60. These by-laws may be amended from time to time as required, by the Executive Council or at any annual or quarterly meeting of the Association or at a special general meeting, of which due notice shall have been given, subject to the following provisions:

(a) Notice of proposed amendments by the Executive Council shall be given in writing to the secretary and read at a meeting of the Council prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to deal with the said amendments. The notice shall set out the nature of the proposed amendments and shall state the date at which it is proposed to bring them before the consideration of the Council.

(b) No amendments shall be made at any meeting of the Association, unless notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given in the notice calling such meeting, or unless a notice of motion of the proposed amendments shall have been filed with the secretary and read at a previous meeting of the Association, setting out in either case, the nature of the proposed amendments and in the case of a notice of motion, stating the meeting at which such proposed amendments will be brought up for consideration.

(c) No resolution amending the said by-laws shall be deemed to have been carried, either in Council or at a meeting of the Association, unless

supported by three-fourths of the votes of those entitled to vote, present at such meeting.

Proxy

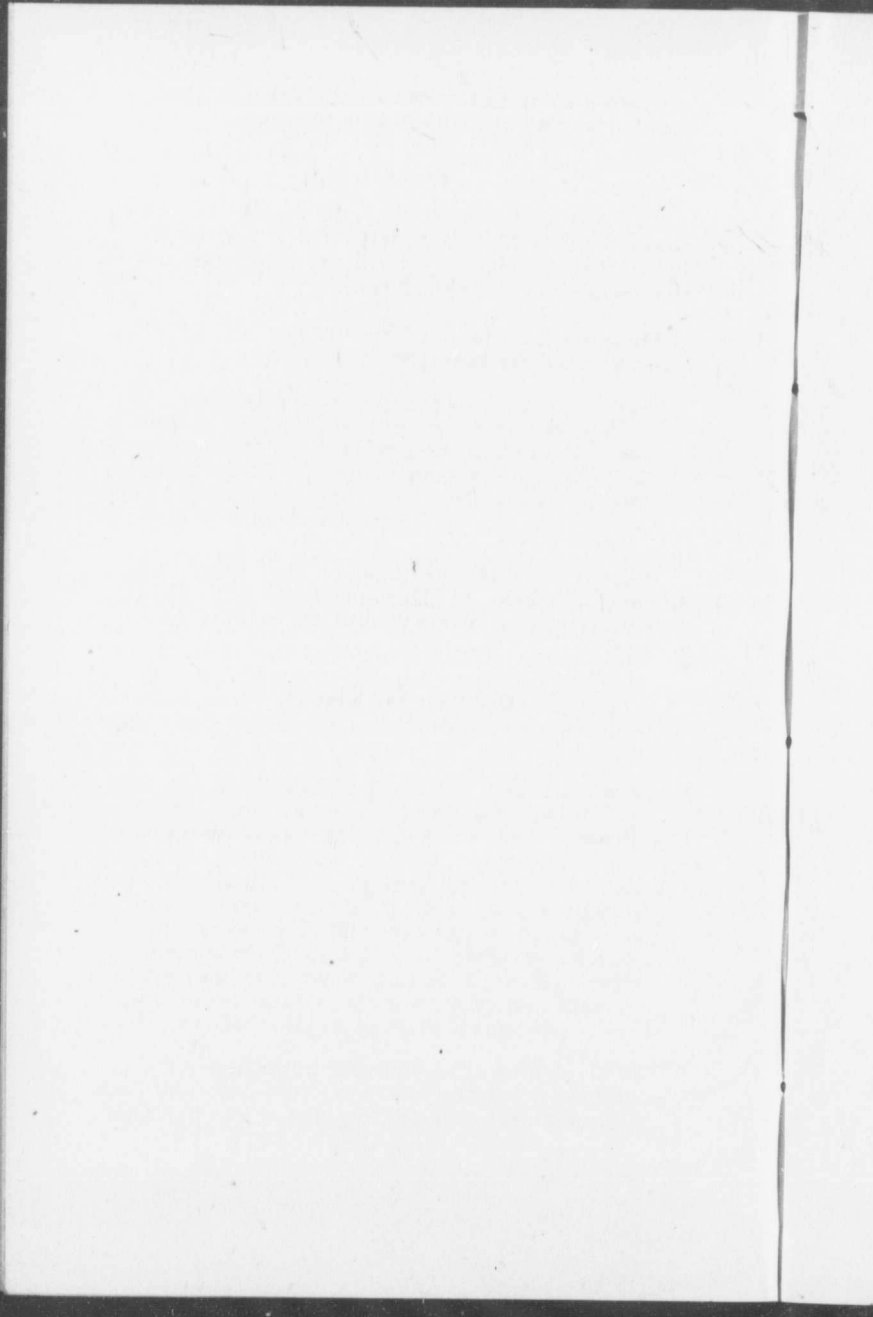
61. Any shareholder may, in respect of the shares held by him, be represented at any meeting of the Association, by a proxy who is an active member of the Association.

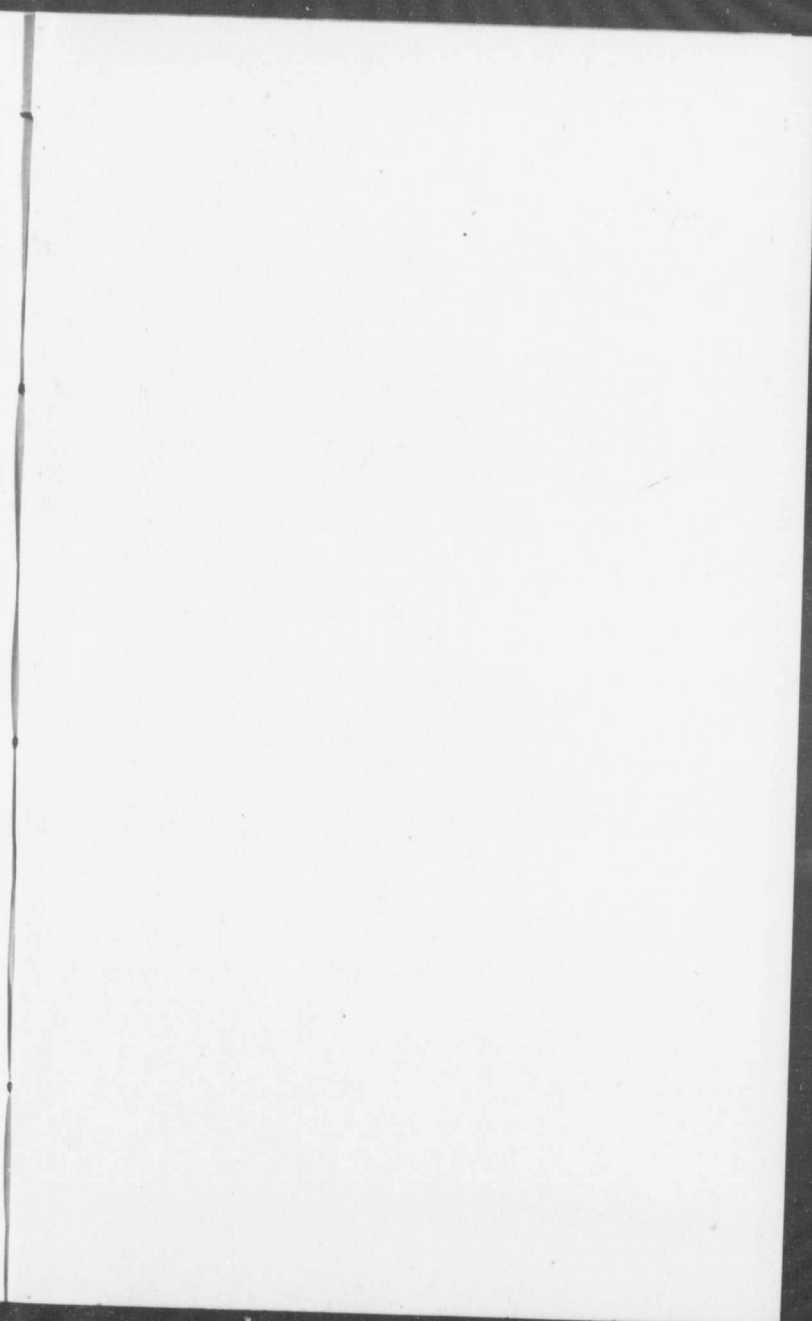
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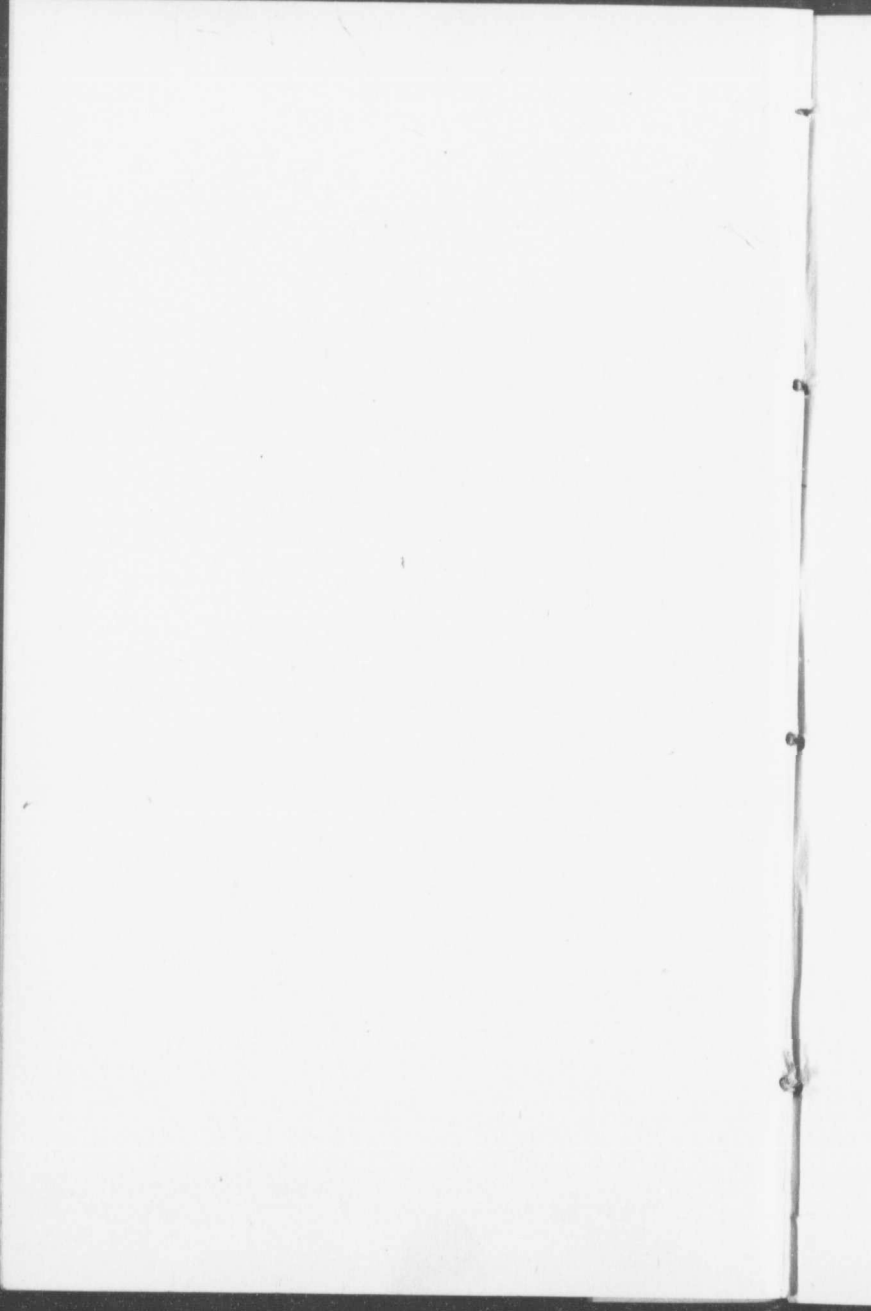
Regular weekly meetings of the Executive Council are held at Headquarters, 428 Main Street, Winnipeg, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

God Save the King.











Badge of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada



THE above is a cut of the Authorized Badge of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. It is a solid silver medallion with shield lettering and rim raised above the general surface and beautifully enamelled in colours of red, white and blue. The badge is suspended by a ribbon the same as used by the Army and Navy Veterans of Great Britain. The clasp represents a military rifle and sling on which is a beaver holding in its mouth a maple twig. For particulars as to issue and right to wear same, see sections 38 to 43 both inclusive of the within by-laws.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."