

THE MONTREAL UNIT

THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS

IN CANADA

ACT OF INCORPORATION

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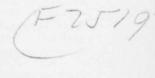
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An Act to Incorporate The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

[Assented to 20th September, 1917]

Whereas the persons hereinafter named have by their petition prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Major-General John Hughes, Major-General Henry N. Ruttan, Captain Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Daniel Hunter McMillan, Judge David Marr Walker, Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Carruthers, J. Hilliard Leech, K.C., Major George F. R. Harris, Judge George Patterson, Lieutenant William Allen Shepard, William Johnston Tupper, K.C., Major Philip Edwards Prideaux, Captain Reginald Alton Tijon Alton, Edward W. Low, David J. Dyson, Bartholomew Murphy, Samuel Pearson, Samuel Simpson, and Joseph Henry Hammond, together with such other persons as become members of the Association hereby incorporated

are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada," Hereinafter called "the Association."

- 2. The purposes and objects of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) To unite fraternally all persons who have served as soldiers or sailors under the British flag, and are entitled to become members under the constitution and by-laws of the Association, into a body of retired soldier and sailor veterans of a non-partisan and non-sectarian character, for purposes of good-fellowship, mutual improvement and assistance, and patriotic endeavour and service to the Empire:
 - (b) To increase the public influence of veterans by organization, by parades and by giving as an entity expressions of opinion upon public questions affecting the rights of veterans or concerning the welfare of the whole or any part of the Empire:
 - (c) To stimulate the spirit of patriotism in Canada and to promote, on sound and enduring principles of equality of rights, a Greater Britain, by a closer unity and co-ordination of the Overseas Dominions with the mother-country.
 - (d) To assist the Empire when occasion requires in enlisting recruits for His Majesty's forces;
 - (e) To acquire, maintain and operate clubs, homes, and meeting places for the benefit of veterans, and to furnish, stock and equip the same with such furniture, furnishings, plant, animals, implements, equipment, appliances, libraries, and means of entertainment and amusement, as may by the Association be considered desirable:
 - (/) To acquire and maintain museums in connection with any premises of the Association for the interest, education or benefit of its members:

- (g) To levy upon its members, or upon bodies to whom it has granted charters as authorized herein, fees or assessments from time to time as may be required for the support of the Association and the carrying out of its objects; and to raise funds for the purpose of the Association by such means, with others, as providing entertainments, operating canteens and places of refreshment and amusement;
- (h) To assist the Canadian forces, or any forces of the Empire on active service either within or beyond the Empire, by establishing, operating and maintaining canteens and establishments for the rest and comfort of and as meeting places for those composing such forces.
- 3. The head office of the Association shall be in the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, or in such other place in Canada as may from time to time be determined by the Association.
- 4. The Association shall be governed and its affairs shall be managed by a board of directors to be chosen in such manner and number, from time to time as may be determined by the by-laws of the Association.
- 5. (1) The directors of the Association may, from time to time, make, repeal, amend or re-enact by-laws and rules, not contrary to law nor inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, for:—
 - (a) defining the terms and conditions of membership in the Association, and the rights, duties and privileges of all classes of members:—
 - (b) the administration, management and control of the property, business, and other affairs of the Association:
 - (c) the appointment, powers, duties, quorum, term of office, and method of election of the directors;
 - (d) the appointment, designation, functions, duties and remuneration of officers, agents and servants of the Association;

- (e) the appointment of committees and the designation of their duties;
- the calling of meetings, annual or special, of the Association, and of meetings, periodical or special, of the directors and of Committees;
- (g) the fixing of the quorum necessary at, the procedure in all respects at or concerning, and all other requirements of, any meeting of the Association, or of its directors or committees;
- (h) generally, for carrying out the objects of the Association.
- (2) Every such by-law, excepting by-laws made respecting officers, agents and servants of the Association, and every repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a general meeting of the Association duly called for that purpose, shall only have force until the next annual meeting of the Association duly called for that purpose, and in default of confirmation thereat, shall, at and from that time, cease to have force.
- 6. (1) Subject to the constitution, by-laws and rules of the Association, branches of the Association may be established at any place in Canada, under such title and designation and subject to such conditions and provisions, and with such power not exceeding those conferred upon the Association by this Act, as the Association may determine by by-law.
- (2) Except in so far as may be otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Association, the Association shall not have any rights in the assets of any such Branch, or be liable for any of the debts or obligations of any such Branch; and no Branch shall have any rights in the assets of, or be liable for any debts or obligations of the Association, or of any other Branch thereof.
- 7. The Association may take, hold, possess and acquire by purchase, lease, exchange, donation, devise, bequest, endowment or otherwise, real or immovable property required for the actual use and occupation of

the Association, or necessary or requisite for the carrying out of its purposes and objects; and may sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or alienate such property in any manner whatever; but the annual value of such property shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars; and any such property not required for the purposes and objects of the Association shall be sold within ten years after its acquisition.

- 8. (1) If authorized by by-law, sanctioned by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting of the Association duly called for considering the by-law, the directors may, from time to time, as and when required for the objects of the Association.—
 - (a) borrow money upon the credit of the Association;
 - (b) limit or increase the amount to be borrowed;
 - make, accept, draw, endorse and execute bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments;
 - (d) issue bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Association for sums not less than one hundred dollars each, and pledge or sell the same for such sums and at such prices as may be deemed expedient:
 - (e) hypothecate, mortgage or pledge any real or personal property of the Association, to secure any money so borrowed for the objects of the Association, or any bonds, debentures or other securities so issued, pledged or sold:
 - (f) invest the funds of the Association in such manner and upon such securities as are determined by the by-law.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Association to issue any note or bill payable to bearer thereof, or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money or as the note or bill of a bank, or to engage in the business of banking or insurance.

9. The fifteen persons first named in section 1 of this Act, or a majority of them, shall have authority to call the first meeting of the Association at such time and place as they may agree upon and on such notice as they may consider sufficient for the purpose.



THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA

CONSTITUTION

- 1 The Dominion Headquarters of this Association shall be as designated by this Convention.
- 2. The Association shall be conducted as an Association of Veterans of the Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces, as a purely democratic body, no members thereof being entitled to rank or priority over anyother members of the Association by reason of their having held at any time military or naval commands, appointments or commissions.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3. The membership of the Association shall consist of four kinds:—
 - (a) Active Membership.
 - (b) Associate Membership.
 - (c) Honorary Associate Membership.
 - (d) Honorary Membership.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- 4. The active membership shall be the qualified, effective and governing membership of the Association and any active member in good standing shall have the right to vote on any question being considered by the Association.
- 5. To qualify for active membership of the Association the candidate must be one who has either received an active service medal for service in His Majesty's forces, or shall have served at least six years aggregate service in the same, or 9 years aggregate service in the Active Militia or other Auxi iary Forces of the Empire, and shall be of good character.

PROVIDED that all members of the Overseas forces from Canada and all menenlisted for service to the Empire, in the Great European War, who shall while on duty in such service have been within some theatre of the war or being enlisted outside the British Isles shall have gone to England while on duty in such service shall provisionally be deemed to have received medals as aforesaid until such times as such medals are formally awarded. This however, shall not apply to men who were conscripted under the Military Service Act and while they may have proceeded to England, did not serve in any actual theatre of war. No man shall be deemed qualified for membership in the Association who has been dismissed from the forces for misconduct.

All men who entered the Naval Service of Canada shall be eligible for active membership, providing they have served a period of not less than 3 months in a sea-going ship or ships during which time they were in service outside the three mile limit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

6. An Associate Member shall be any man who has seen service in His Majesty's Forces, and who is not eligible to active membership in this Association.

7. An Associate member shall not have the right to vote at any meeting of the Association or any of its units, except on matters of finance, or to be elected to any Executive office, but may be selected to act on any special committee of a unit, provided that the majority of such Committee shall consist of active members of the Association.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

8. An Honorary Associate Member shall be the nearest male next-of-kin of those who have fallen in the wars of the Empire and he shall be eligible for such membership in the various Units of the Association.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

9, The honorary membership shall consist of such persons as the Association or any unit thereof, may elect to become honorary members of their respective bodies.

PROVIDED, however, that only the Dominion Executive or the Delegates in Convention shall have power to elect such honorary members or honorary officers to the Association at large.

10. The honorary-membership shall be restricted in its numbers to a very limited few to the end that it may be more highly appreciated as a mark of distinguished honour by the parties upon whom it is conferred,

THE ASSOCIATION IN CONVENTION

11. There shall be a directing body of the Association to be known as "The Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada" which shall meet in annual Convention, at such time and place as the Convention or the Dominion Executive may from time to time decide. The Dominion Executive, however, shall have the power to change the place thus selected, provided it be found inexpedient or impossible to hold the Convention in the City chosen by the Delegates at the previous Convention.

CONVENTION

12. The said Convention shall consist of Delegates elected from the Units of the Association who shall be Active members.

- 13. Each Unit shall be entitled to be represented by a Delegate for every one hundred members, or fraction thereof, in good standing on which per capita tax has been paid, up to the end of the financial year and each Unit shall be entitled to cast one vote in Convention for every one hundred such members or fraction thereof.
- 14. Such members assembled in Convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Association and shall have power to enact, amend, suspend or repeal laws for the management, order and government of the Association and all its subordinate units.
- 15. The Convention shall have power by resolution to pass rules and orders regulating its own proceedings and to amend, repeal or suspend the same from time to time and where no such rules or orders are passed governing any procedure, the rules, orders and usages of the House of Commons of Canada shall in so far as applicable bemadetogovern. Provided that no such rule or order shall be amended, repealed or suspended except by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.
- 16. The Convention during its session shall be presided over by the President of the Association, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents or in the absence or incapacity of these, by an elected Chairman,
- 17. All measures of a continuous or permanent character passed by the Convention shall be in writing and shall become binding on the Association only after passing a first reading of the Convention, having been referred to and reported on by a Committee appointed to deal with such measures and having afterwards passed a second reading and received the assent of the Convention.
- 18. No motions amending the constitution of the Association shall be presented to the Convention unless notice of motion to present such amendment stating the nature of the proposed amendment shall have been given in the notice calling the Convention or unless the

Convention by two-thirds vote dispenses with the necessity of such notice; and such notice of motion must have the written endorsation of the Unit forwarding same and be brought forward at the Convention by the duly accredited delegate of such Unit.

19. No amendment to the constitution shall be deemed to have been carried unless at the final reading it is sustained by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members assembled in Convention.

CALLING CONVENTION

- 20. Notification of the time and place of all sittings of the Convention shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer by a notice in writing to the various units of the Association not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the assembling of the convention by mailing such notices addressed to the Secretaries of each Unit.
- 21. In all proceedings of the Convention a delegation shall have the right to cast the full vote to which it is entitled under Clause 13, in addition to which, each delegate in attendance shall have one vote in his own right, and such votes as he may be entitled to cast by proxy where not otherwise provided by Constitution or By-laws. Any motion or resolution supported by a vote of the majority of those present, shall be deemed to be carried, except as otherwise provided for in this Constitution. In case of a tie vote the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

WAYS AND MEANS

- 22. The Convention shall have the power to order a per capita levy upon all units for funds for the support and maintenance of Headquarters of Dominion and Provincial Bodies and for the purposes of organization.
- 23. At each Convention the Treasurer shall furnish a complete financial statement showing a general summary of receipts and expenditures covering the period since the preceding statement and showing assets and liabilities of the Headquarters of the Association up to the end of the financial year supplemented as far as convenient by a statement up to the date of opening of the Convention.

24. The Treasurer shall also furnish estimated expenditures for the ensuing year, showing ways and means by which such expenditures are to be met.

PROVIDED, in case a longer period than one year should elapse, between Conventions the Dominion Executive shall prepare supplementary estimates from time to time as it shall deem advisable of the anticipated expenditures until Convention shall assemble and shall apportion such expenditure in the same manner as the Convention could do. Each Unit shall furnish a statement of membership to the Dominion Secretary-Treasurer on the following dates:—30th day of September, 31st day of December, 31st day of March and 30th day of June in every year and on such statements the per capita tax of ten cents per quarter per member shall be levied and at once paid by each unit.

The fiscal year of the Association shall terminate on the last day of June in each year.

- 25. Any Unit in arrears in payment of levies made upon it shall be deprived of all representation in the Convention until the same is paid, unless the Convention, by a two-thirds vote of members present, shall waive the provisions of this section.
- 26. All such levies shall beremitted to the Dominion Secretary-Treasurer of the Association who shall have authority to receive the same and give receipt therefore.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

27. Each Unit shall at a general meeting, elect such Delegate or Delegates as it shall be entitled to under the provisions of this Constitution. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible for election and such election shall be by ballot.

PROVIDED a Unit is unable to send Delegates to the Convention from its own membership it may appoint as proxy or by proxies as many duly qualified members of some other Unit in good standing, as they may be entitled to. Unit sending proxies shall notify the Dominion Secretary-Treasurer of the names and addresses of such proxies so that he may issue to them the necessary credentials.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE

- 28. The Executive, Management and Control of the Association, subject to the general control of the Convention, shall be carried on by the Dominion Executive.
- 29. The Officers of the Association shall consist of Honorary Patrons, an Honorary President, President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two Chaplains.
- 30. The Officers of the Association and two representatives from each Province shall constitute "The Dominion Executive."

The Members of such Dominion Executive shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next regular meeting of the Convention.

- 31. The Honorary President, the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplains and one representative from each Province shall be elected by the Convention as members of the Dominion Executive. The remaining representatives of the Dominion Executive shall be the Comrades chosen by the Provincial Commands as their Provincial Presidents.
- 32. Vacancies occuring in the Dominion Executive from any cause between sittings of the Convention shall be filled by the Executive from Active Members of the Association.
- 33. Subject to the General Control of The Convention, the Dominion Executive shall have control of its own proceedings and may pass by-laws governing the same.
- 34. The Executive Committee shall have power in case of necessity or emergency, to call a special Convention of the Dominion Association.

CHARTERS

35. The Dominion Executive shall have power to grant charters from time to time to Units which Char-

ters shall be signed by the President and Secretary. Treasurer of the Association and be sealed with the Great Seal of the Association upon payment of a fee of \$10.00.

Upon petition of twenty-five veterans qualified to become active members of the Association praying that they and such others as shall become members within a certain area in said petition described shall be formed into a Unit, and certifying that they wish to become members of such proposed Unit and that in their opinion a qualified membership of not less than one hundred could be procured and maintained within such territory and upon said petition being accompanied by a declaration signed by at least twenty-five other veterans qualified to become members of the Association certifying that it is their wish and intention to become members of such proposed Unit in case same is established, the Dominion Executive may in their discretion if they think it would be to the advantage of the Association to establish such Unit, grant a charter after the form in that behalf adopted by the Dominion Executive to such petitioners, constituting them and such others as shall become members, a Unit with jurisdiction over the territory petitioned for or such lesser, greater or other territory petitioned as the Dominion Executive shall think proper to allot.

Said petition shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00, which fee shall go to the general revenue of the Association and in the event of such charter not being granted one-half said fee shall be returned to the petitioners and the balance shall be deemed to belong to the Association.

Upon receipt of such petition it shall be the duty of the Dominion Executive to give due consideration to the same and if thought advisable to issue a charter to the said proposed Unit, to supply such Unit with a charter, ten copies of the constitution and bylaws and to give such general instructions as may be necessary for the organization of such Unit.

The Dominion Association shall have the right to cancel any or all charters from time to time.

LADIES AUXILIARY

There shall be a Dominion Association of the Ladies Auxiliary (under the direction and control of the Dominion Association of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada) which Association shall have power to establish branches throughout the Dominion of Canada each being subject to the laws and constitution of the Dominion Association of the Ladies Auxiliary.

A Charter shall be granted by the Dominion Association of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada to the Dominion Association of the Ladies Auxiliary, for which a fee of one hundred dollars shall be paid.

The laws and constitution of the Dominion Association of the Ladies Auxiliary shall not be in conflict with, but shall be subject to the laws and constitution of the Dominion Association of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

The Constitution and By-Laws and all amendments thereto of the Dominion Association of the Ladies Auxiliary must have the ratification of either the Dominion Executive of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada or of the Delegates of the Association in Convention.

PROVINCIAL COMMANDS

37. The various Units of each Province shall have the power to establish within their territorial limits, a Provincial body which body shall be known as the Provincial Command.

The Provincial Commands shall have power to transact such business as may affect their particular Provincial interests, but matters of Dominion wide concern shall be referred to the Dominion Executive by each Provincial Command.

CADET CORPS

38. Cadet Corps may be organized by the various

Chartered Units of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada subject to the control of such Units and the Dominion Executive.

FEES

- 39. The regular annual membership fee of the members of the Association shall not be less than \$2.00 a year.
- 40. In addition to the above dues, each Unit shall have authority to tax its members each year, if necessary, with a per capita tax sufficient to meet all levies made upon it for the support of the Association at large, Unit Headquarters or Provincial Commands.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 41. Any Unit Executive may, by 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:—
 - (a) For non-payment of dues when the same are six months 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.

PROVIDED that with the exception of Clauses A, E and F a member shall be given due notice in writing of the complaint made against him and of the time appointed for its consideration when he may appear and be heard, such notice shall be considered duly served if sent out by registered mail to the last known address.

AUDIT

42. The Books and the Accounts of the Association shall be audited by an auditor duly appointed by the Dominion Executive and a statement of such audit for the preceeding year, duly certified, shall be placed before the Convention.

GREAT SEAL

- 43. There shall be a corporate seal of the Association after the design approved by the Dominion Executive.
- 44. The seal of each Unit shall bear the designation of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada incorporated, with the name of the Unit inserted in the centre, in place of the shield now occupying the centre of the Great Seal, and power shall be given to such Units to use such seal for local purposes only.

DECORATION

- 45. The Decorations of the Association shall be as follows :—
 - (a) The button as now being used by the Army and Navy Veterans Association in Canada for Active Membership.
 - b) The badge of the Association shall be the one now in use by the Winnipeg Unit.
 - (c) The ribbon of the same shall be the ribbon of the Association.
 - (d) The brooch of the Ladies Auxiliary shall be that now in use in Canada by the Winnipeg Unit of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.
 - (e) The Button of the Associate Member shall be one as now used in British Columbia.

The Button or decoration of the Association shall remain the property of the Association, and the fee charged by the Unit issuing same shall be for their use only while the member is in good standing as a member of the Association, and further, should the member become disqualified for membership for any constitutional reason whatever he shall return the button or decoration to the

Secretary of the Unit by which the same was issued or to the Secretary of the Unit to which his membership may have been transferred, and the Secretary of the Unit issuing such decorations shall take a separate receipt therefore, embodying the conditions hereinbefore set forth.

UNIFORM

46. The adoption of a distinctive dress or uniform shall be left to the discretion of each Unit of the Association.

STATUS OF MEMBERS

47. Nothing herein contained shall apply to or effect the status of the present members of any Unit or organization of the Army and Navy Veterans Association in Canada, who were members prior to the 14th day of May, 1918.

TENURE OF OFFICE

48. The President of the Association shall not hold office more than 2 terms in succession.

· GOD SAVE THE KING

THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA

(Incorporated by Act of the Dominion Parliament of Canada, assented to September 20th, 1917).

We, the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by Act of Incorporation being Chapter 70 of 7-8 George V., of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, authorizing us to establish branches of this Association at any place in the Dominion of Canada.

Reposing great confidence in the loyalty, integrity, prudence and good citizenship of the hereinafter described Veterans duly qualified to become Active Members of our Association, who have by their petition, supported by the declaration of intention to become members of twenty-five other qualified Veterans as required by the Constitution, asked that a Branch of the Association be established in their midst.

Have by resolution of our Governing Executive passed the sixteenth day of December 1918.

Constituted and by these presents do constitute Comrades:—J. A. Edwards, J. A. Macdonald, A. Hirst C. H. Cross, W. Gordon, H. Colebourne, A. Bates, T. Kearns. A. Baldock, P. Matthews, J. R. Strother, H. Murray, A. Nesbitt, J. McGuinnes, Jas. Palmer, F. Bingham, F. S. Brooker, Thos. Brierley, Henry Wilcox. Alfred Harriman, W. E. Moore, T. Bingham, F. Reynolds, P. A. Archer and A. R. Bettes.

Petitioners in that behalf and such other persons as shall become members thereof a Branch of the Association to be known as

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under the Name, Number and with the Powers and Jurisdiction within the purview of the said Act of Incorporation, hereinafter set forth.

The name of the said Unit shall be The Montreal Unit of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and its number shall be fourteen. The territorial Jurisdiction of the said Unit shall be (subject to variation at any time) as follows;

The City of Montreal and Surrounding District

The powers conferred on said Unit shall be and include all such Powers and Authorities as by the Constitution of the said Association is conferred upon Units and shall, with these presents, in accordance with any provisions of the constitution in that behalf in force, be subject to such amendments, variations, qualifications, restrictions and revocations at any time or from time to time as shall be considered by the Association or its Governing Executive in the interests of the Association necessary or advisable.

The Headquarters of the said Unit shall be situate at Montreal in the Province of Quebec and shall not be removed therefrom without the consent of the Governing Executive of the Association.

In testimony whereof, We, The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, have this sixteenth day of December, 1918, caused these presents to be sealed with the Great Seal of our Association witnessed by hands of our proper Officers in that behalf.

WILLIAM J. TUPPER,

Dominion President.

(Seal)

R. CHRYSTAL IRVING,
Dominion Secretary.

THE MONTREAL UNIT OF THE ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA

Constitution and By-Laws

[Adopted 23rd December, 1919]

NAME

1. This branch of this Association shall be known as The Montreal Unit of The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada and its headquarters shall be in Montreal.

OBJECTS

2. The purposes and objects shall be those as defined in An Act to incorporate The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Dominion of Canada Statutes 7-8, George V. Chap. 70.

POWERS

3. Its powers shall be limited to those granted by the Charter of the Dominion Executive dated sixteenth day of December, 1918, and also by the authority of the general constitution of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The membership of the Unit shall consist of that defined in the general constitution of the Association.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS

5. Members may be suspended or expelled in the

manner provided by the general constitution of the Association.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 6. (a) Every application for Active or Associate membership shall be made on a form provided by the Unit, and shall be accompanied by an entrance fee of \$1.00, which fee shall go to the general revenue of the Unit, and in the event of membership not being granted the fee shall be returned to the applicant.
- (b) Upon receipt of such application it shall be examined by a committee of three members appointed by the Executive of the Unit, and such applications as are recommended by this Committee will be placed before the members for approval at the next general meeting of the Unit.
- (c) Any one member may request that any application be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, in which case such member will place before the Committee his objections to the acceptance of the application.
- (d) Any one member may also demand a ballot on any application, which application shall be refused if ten members vote against the same.
- (e) The membership fee shall be three dollars a year, payable half yearly in advance in the months of January and July.

MEETINGS

- 7. (a) The Annual Meeting of the Unit shall be held in the Unit's headquarters, or at such other place as the Unit may direct, on the fourth Tuesday in January in each year for the transaction of general business, the election of officers and of members to fill the places of retiring members of the Executive Committee and for the appointment of Auditors.
- (b) At such meeting the Executive Committee shall present an audited report, together with a detailed

statement of the accounts, assets and liabilities of the Unit for the past year.

- (c) Regular meetings shall be held in the Unit's headquarters, or at such other place as the Unit may direct, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or at such other time as the Unit may determine.
- (d) A Special General Meeting of the Unit may be called at any time by the direction of the Executive Committee.
- (e) A Special General Meeting of the Unit may also be called by the signed petition of ten members to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in which case the petitioners will deposit in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer the cost of printing and mailing of notices to members, which deposit shall be reimbursed if the majority of the members present at such Special General Meeting so decide.
- (f) In the case of Special General Meetings, at least seven days notice of the day, the hour, and the place of meeting shall be sent to each member by post, and the notice shall also be placed on the Unit's board for the same period.
- (g) No other business than that for which the meeting was called for shall be discussed at Special General Meetings.
- (h) Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting of this Unit.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8. (a) The executive, management, and control of this Unit shall be carried on by an Executive Committee, subject however to the general control of the Unit.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than eleven members, six of whom shall constitute a quorum.

- (c) The Executive Committee shall elect a Chairman from their own number at their first meeting each year.
- (d) Seven of the Executive Committee, whose names are to be selected by the committee according to their seniority as members of the committee shall retire at the end of each year, but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) The names of the seven retiring members of the Executive Committee shall be posted by the Secretary-Treasurer on the Unit's board fourteen days before the annual meeting, and any two members may nominate a member or members to be proposed in the place of the retiring members, and such nomination or nominations shall be handed to the Secretary-Treasurer and posted by him on the Unit's board seven days before the day of such meeting.
- (f) The Secretary-Treasurer shall post on the Unit's board, notice of any vacancy on the Committee occurring during the year, at least fourteen days before a regular meeting of the Unit, and any two members may nominate a member to fill the vacancy, and such nomination shall be handed to the Secretary-Treasurer and posted by him on the Unit's board seven days before the day of such regular meeting at which the election shall take place.
- (g) In case no nomination, or an insufficient number have been received, the meeting shall elect the required number.
- (h) The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time at the call of the Chairman, for the passing of accounts, the transaction of current business, the examination and discussion of any suggestion made to them for the general welfare of the Unit, and for such other business as may be introduced.

- (i) The Executive Committee shall appoint all subcommittees and define their duties and powers, and, subject to the general rules, shall make regulations for the internal management of the Unit.
- (j) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers, servants and agents as may be required for the proper working of the Unit, and it shall have the power of the Association, except the power to rescind or alter any Rules, or By-Laws adopted by the Unit, and the power to raise money by way of loan, or mortgage, or debentures, or to sell any realty or assets belonging to the Unit.
- (k) Subject to the general control of the Unit, the Executive Committee shall have control of its own proceedings, and may pass By-laws governing the same.

OFFICERS

9. The Officers of the Association shall consist of the Honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Sergeant-Major, and a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall be appointed at the annual meeting. It shall further consist of the Secretary-Treasurer.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

10. The President shall preside at all general meetings and enforce order and strict observance of the Act of Incorporation and By-laws, countersign all cheques issued by the Secretary-Treasurer and transact such business as may be custom appertain to the office. He shall have the casting vote whenever there shall be an equal division on any question.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

11. The Vice-Presidents shall perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the President in case of his absence.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

12. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings in a book, which he shall have at every meeting, together with such other books and correspondence necessary to transact the business of the Unit, and he shall perform such other duties as he may be directed to perform by the Executive Committee. He shall also keep a true and just account of all monies accruing to and paid out by the Association. He shall report to a general meeting of the Association once every month giving a detailed statement in writing of the assets and liabilities and the amount remaining in the treasury; he shall deposit all funds of the Association in a chartered Bank in trust for The Montreal Unit of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and shall not retain it in his possession longer than one week. He shall also furnish a guarantee bond of the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$,1000) in a licensed insurance company. All accounts shall be submitted by him to the Executive Committee for the latter's approval.

DUTIES OF AUDITORS

13. It shall be the duty of the Auditors, who shall be Chartered Accountants, to examine the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, and all bills and vouchers held by such officer, and sign the Annual Statement of the Secretary-Treasurer if found correct.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

14. It shall be the duty of all members to adhere faithfully to, and assist in carrying out the principles of the Association, as laid down by its Act of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules.

AMENDMENTS

15. These By-laws may be amended at a regular meeting, by giving a notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary-Treasurer who shall post it on the notice board of the Unit at least one month before the day of

the meeting, and no repeal, alteration or amendment of a By-law shall be valid unless there is at least fifty members present, nor without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting.

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