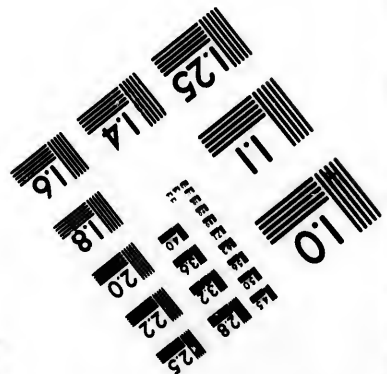
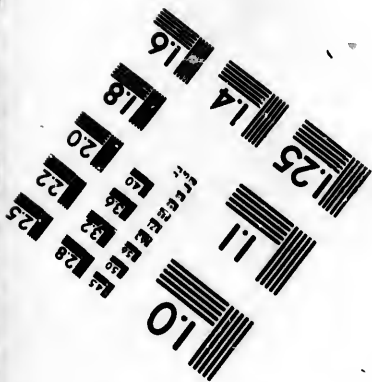
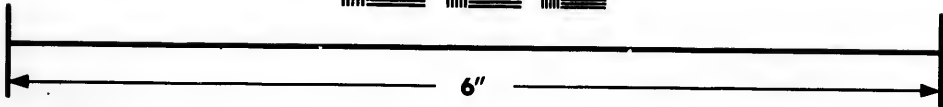
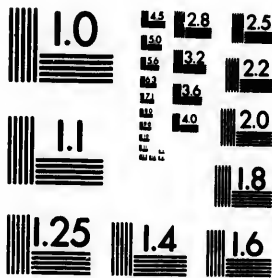


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PREAMBLE.

THE objects of the "St. Patrick's Catholic Institute" of Quebec, are: to co-operate with other Institutes in Canada, for the guardianship of the religious and civil rights of Catholics throughout the Province, for the advancement of science and literature, and for the dissemination of knowledge among its members, based upon Catholic principles, through the means of a Library, a Reading-Room, Lectures, Correspondence, &c. &c.

Handwritten notes:
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of the Institute shall be the "St. Patrick's Catholic Institute" of Quebec.

ARTICLE 2. All Catholics shall be eligible to Membership.

ARTICLE 3. The Institute shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary Members, and also of Subscribers to the Library and Reading-Room. X

Hon. Mr.
Clerk,
St. Patrick's
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ARTICLE 4. Ordinary Members shall be entitled to all the advantages and privileges of the Institute, to vote at all elections, and to hold office; the subscription for Ordinary Membership shall be fifteen shillings *per annum*, payable half-yearly in advance.

ARTICLE 5. Subscribers shall be entitled to attend the Library and Reading-Room, and to have the use of the books and newspapers of the Institute, the annual sum to be paid by subscribers shall be five shillings.

ARTICLE 6. Its Officers shall be: an Honorary and an Active President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice-Recording and a Vice-Corresponding Secretary, and a Committee of eighteen Members, including its Officers, (the Resident Clergy of St. Patrick's Church, being Ordinary Members of the Institute, shall also be *ex officio* Members of the Council,) the whole to form a Council, to be elected annually from among its Ordinary Members, on the second Tuesday of January, in the manner hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE 7. The affairs of the Institute shall be governed wholly by the Council, of which seven members, including the President or Chairman, shall form a *quorum*.

ARTICLE 8. The Council shall meet once a month, and shall be responsible for the proper care of the Books, Papers, Documents, &c., of the Institute.

ARTICLE 9. Whenever there shall arise emergencies affecting the Civil or Religious interests of Catholics, which should seem to call for the action of the Institute, no external proceedings shall be adopted, nor public manifestations of opinion be expressed, without the previous sanction and approbation of His Grace the Archbishop.

MODE OF ELECTION.

ARTICLE 10. The Council shall be elected in the following manner, viz. : each ordinary Member of the Institute shall inscribe on a ticket the names of those persons whom he wishes to vote for, and deposit the same in the Ballot-box ; when all the tickets shall have been given in, the Ballot-box shall be examined by scrutineers appointed at the meeting, and the Chairman shall then declare elected the persons who shall have the largest number of votes.

Article **ARTICLE 11.** The Council shall proceed to elect, by ballot, its President, Vice-Presidents and other Officers, within a period not exceeding fourteen days after the general election ; and on the occurrence of a vacancy in any office, the Council shall fill the same by electing one of its Members thereto within the shortest possible period. All vacancies of Members in the Council, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled up at a general meeting of Members of the Institute, called for that purpose by the President, within a reasonable period, after notification to him of such vacancy by the Recording Secretary.

And it is hereby provided that the same Member shall not be eligible to the office of President for two consecutive years.

ARTICLE 12. No Member shall be entitled to vote or hold office until six months after the date of his admission, and unless he shall have paid the half yearly amount of his subscription due at the time of the said election. The half-yearly periods to commence on the first of January and first of July, respectively; and all intermediate subscriptions shall be subject to the payment of the current half-year.

ARTICLE 13. All priests shall be *ex officio* Honorary Members, and the Chaplain of St. Patrick's Church shall be Honorary President of the Institute.

BY-LAWS.

1^o. The President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Institute; he shall decide all questions of order, and exercise all the functions incident to that office.

2^o. In the absence of the President, the first Vice-President shall perform the duties of President; and in the absence of both, the second Vice-President shall occupy that position.

3^o. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents at any meeting of the Institute, another member of the Council shall be elected by the meeting, to perform the duties of Chairman for the occasion. Provided, that when a Bishop will honour with his presence a general meeting of the Institute, or a meeting of the Council, he shall, of right, be entitled to preside at the same.

4^o. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Institute, and in his absence the Vice-Recording Secretary shall perform his duties; he shall also, at all other times, render him every assistance in his office.

5^o. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the Correspondence of the Institute, under the direction of the Corresponding Committee.

calling meetings.

6°. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and take charge of the funds of the Institute, to pay all orders for monies signed by the President and counter-signed by the Recording Secretary; to keep accurate accounts of his receipts and disbursements; to lay before the Institute a half-yearly balance-sheet of its affairs; to submit to the Institute, at the general meeting in January of each year, a full annual report of the funds of the Institute, and also a list of the members in arrear, and the amount due by each, which list he shall further produce when required to do so by the Council, or the President of the Institute.

All claims exceeding twenty shillings shall be sanctioned by the Council previous to their payment.

7°. There shall be three standing Committees of the Institute, composed of five members each, to be called respectively the "Corresponding Committee," the "Literary and Historical Committee," and the "Library and Reading Room Committee," to be nominated by the Council, from among its members, with power to each Committee to elect its own Chairman and Secretary.

8° The Corresponding Committee shall superintend all correspondence relating to the objects of the Society and with other Institutes.

9° The Literary and Historical Committee shall procure for the Archives of the Institute, from time to time, such documents, together with any reports relating thereto, as they may have prepared, or which other Members of the Institute may place in their possession for that purpose; they shall make the necessary arrangements for having courses of lectures delivered under the sanction of the Council; and they shall submit to the Institute a full report of their proceedings at the general meeting in January of each year.

10^o The Library and Reading Room Committee will have the care of the Books, Newspapers, &c. of the Library and Reading-Room, and shall see that order be maintained.

11^o The Council shall have the power to frame By-Laws for the direction of their own proceedings.

12^o No Book, Pamphlet, Newspaper or other work shall be placed in the Library or Reading-Room, until the Council shall have given its sanction to that effect.

13^o The Pastor of St. Patrick's Church shall have the supervision over all books and newspapers introduced into the Library and Reading-Room, and lists of books or newspapers, intended to be purchased or subscribed for, shall be submitted to his inspection, prior to any purchase or subscription of such books or newspapers.

14^o In order to obtain the privilege of Membership to the Institute, it shall be necessary that the candidate be proposed and seconded by Members of the Council, and approved of by a majority of the meeting of Council.

15^o Three-fourths of the Council may, by vote, erase from the register or expel from their body, any Member or Subscriber, who shall compromise the honor or interest of the Institute, by subsequent bad conduct, or by refusing to submit to the rules adopted by the Institute; provided that due notice be given to the Council at a preceding meeting, and also to the party accused, in order that he may have an opportunity of justifying his conduct.

16^o. No alteration of the Constitution or By-Laws of this Institute, now adopted, shall take place otherwise than by the votes of two-thirds of the Members in general meeting assembled, such alteration to be first determined upon at a meeting of the Council, and notice thereof to be given in such manner as shall be prescribed by the

Council ten days previous to such general meeting; and when such alteration is adopted, it must then receive the sanction of His Grace the Archbishop, or of the Honorary President.

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