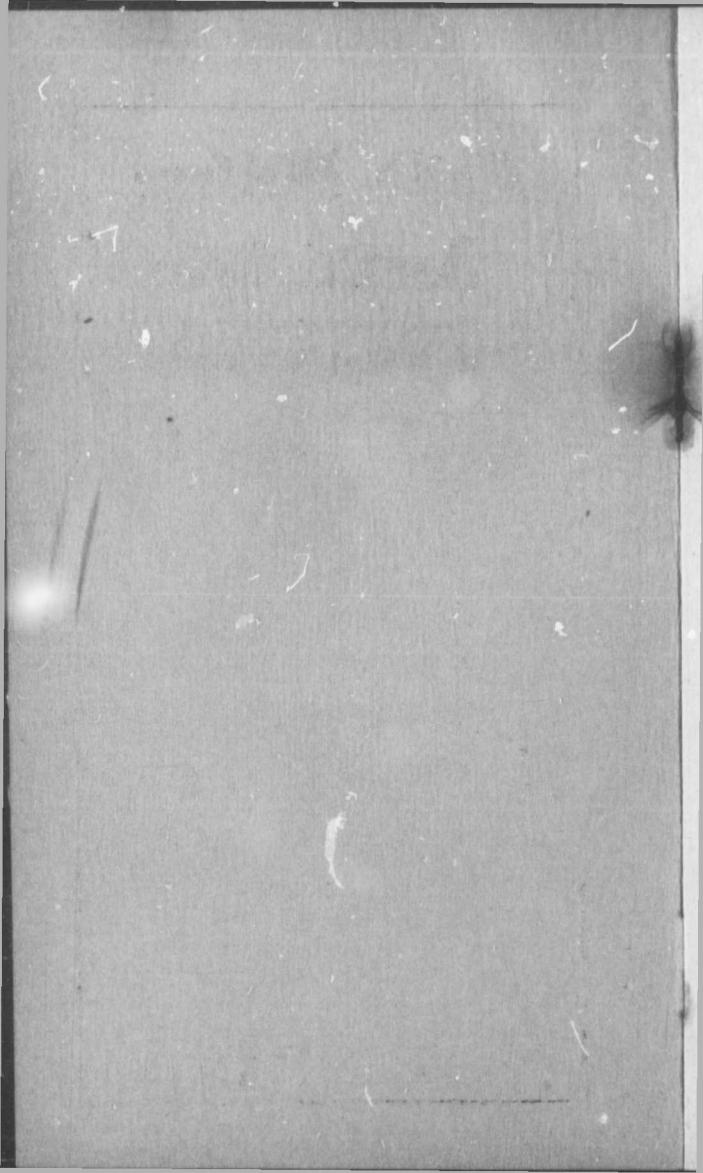


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NAME

Section 1

This Association shall be called the "Child Welfare Association of British Columbia."

JURISDICTION

Section 2

Its jurisdiction shall extend over the cities and districts of the Province of British Columbia.

The Policy of the Association shall be both provincial and local in its character, and Branch Associations shall be formed in as many centres throughout the Province, as may be expedient, to carry out the objects of the Association. Such Branch Associations shall be constituted and directed along the same lines as this parent Association, and shall hold their annual meetings at the same time.

After the formation of at least three Branch Associations,, an annual Conference shall be held, and a Provincial Board (shall be) constituted in order to discuss, recommend, and, carry out, plans of the Association of a Provincial character, the details of which Conferences, and the constitution and duties of which Board shall be determined by a General Committee composed of delegates from each such Association.

Section 3

The objects of the Association shall be:

(1) To secure the enforcement of laws relating to neglected and dependent children or juvenile offenders; encouraging the providing homes for neglected and dependent children, and, to encourage the prosecution of parties who contribute toward the delinquency of children.

(2) To systematically agitate against all that tends to rob children of the right to grow up in an atmosphere of purity and moral cleanliness, and to secure a just recognition of the right of every child to a happy and well-trained youth.

(3) To encourage the punishment of cruelty or neglect of children, and, to encourage a deep sense of parental responsibility.

(4) To create a sentiment for the establishment of wholesome uplifting influences, such as small parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, free baths, social centres and the like.

(5) To encourage the establishment of a personal service corps, so that individual attention may be given to children by interested men and women.

(6) To maintain an educational campaign on subjects relating to child protection.

(7) And, generally, to ameliorate the condition of the children.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 4

(1) The Association shall consist of all members in good standing.

(2) To be in good standing a member must have paid his, or, her, annual subscription to the Association.

(3) Such subscription shall be \$1.00 for each gentleman and 50c. for each lady, and shall become payable on the first day of June in each year. The same shall be the subscription for a delegate from an affiliated society.

(4) No person shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association, or, to hold office until after his or her subscription has been paid.

(5) Any person whose subscription has not been paid before the first day of July in any year may be dropped from the roll of members by a resolution of the Association.

(6) Any person of good moral standing may be elected a member.

CLASS OF MEMBERS

The members of the Association shall be divided into three classes: 1st, Active Members; 2nd, Life Members; and 3rd, Honorary Members.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Association may elect any person to Life Membership who contributes at any one time \$25 to the funds of the Association.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary members may be elected in recognition of distinguished services to the Association or to the cause of friendless children.

OFFICERS

Section 5

(1) The Officers of the Society shall be an Honorary President, a President, a First, a Second, and, a Third Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Honorary Solicitor, all of whom shall be elected annually by the members of the Association.

There shall also be an Executive Committee composed of five ladies and gentlemen (or a less number) to be elected at the annual meeting of the Association in each year.

PRESIDENT

(1) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee at which he shall be present.

(2) He shall be a member ex-officio of all Committees.

(3) He shall only vote in case the votes

on any resolution or question are equally divided.

(4) In the absence of the President from any meeting the Vice-Presidents in the order of their office shall, if present, preside.

(5) If neither President nor Vice-Presidents are present, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY

(6) He shall keep the accounts of the Association and issue orders on the Treasurer for the payment of same after said accounts have been approved of at a regular meeting of the Association.

(7) He shall receive payments, donations, and subscriptions, and, shall pay all money received by him forthwith to the Treasurer and shall take receipts for the same.

(8) He shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees, except any committee appointed for some special work.

(9) He shall receive and conduct all the correspondence of the Association, keeping all letters received and copies of all letters written by him, and, shall read same at the regular meetings of the Association.

DUTIES OF TREASURER

(10) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to see that the funds of the Association be deposited in an incorporated Bank (to be named by the Association) to the credit of

the Association, and, in the name of, the Association.

(11) All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, or Vice-Presidents (in their order) in the absence of the President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(12) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, in addition to the members elected at the Annual Meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

(13) There shall be such standing committees appointed as are deemed necessary for the successful prosecution of the work. These committees shall, as far as possible, report to each regular meeting of the Association.

ANNUAL MEETING

(14) The Annual Meeting shall take place in the month of May in each year on the date of the regular meeting of the Association.

QUORUM

(15) Seven members will constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws shall not

be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided notice of motion has been given at the previous regular meeting.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS

(1) President in the Chair, or, in his absence the Vice-Presidents—in the order of their office—or, in the absence of both President and Vice-Presidents, a chairmaan to be elected for the meeting.

(2) (a) Reading minutes of previous meeting.

(b) Business arising out of minutes.

(c) Correspondence.

(d) Reports of Committees and Officers.

(e) Questions by members.

(f) Unfinished business.

(g) New business.

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