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CEMETERIES.

TORONTO NECROPOLIS.

Is situated at the easterly end of Winchester Street, the front entrance facing Riverdale Park, and the eastern part of the grounds overlooking the Don Valley. This is the oldest of the cemeteries, of the Trust, and was not originally laid out under the perpetual care plan, although any lot owner can take advantage of its provisions. The Winchester cars run to the cemetery.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Is situated on the east side of Yonge Street, No. 1645, a short distance north of St. Clair Avenue. The Yonge Street cars connect with the cars of the Metropolitan Street Railway which pass the entrance.

PROSPECT.

Is situated on the north side of St. Clair Avenue, No. 1466, about a quarter of a mile west of Dufferin Street, and north of the Davenport Road. The St. Clair Avenue street cars run past the main entrance.



GENERAL INFORMATION.

One of the great advantages which lot owners in these cemeteries possess is the public character of the Trust, and the fact that its funds are used solely for purposes of administration and ornamentation and improvement of the grounds.

In each Cemetery all lots are now sold subject to perpetual care, a certain portion of the purchase money being carried to the credit of the Perpetual Care of Lots Fund. The interest of this is used for keeping the lots in good order and condition, cutting the grass and trimming the trees and shrubbery.

The Trustees will receive any lots sold prior to the adoption of this plan to its benefits, on receipt of such sum as they may from time to time determine.

Should any lot owner desire any extra care or labor on his lot, such as planting or cultivating trees or shrubs, he can secure it by the payment to the Secretary-Treasurer of such sum as may be agreed upon.

Surveys of the cemeteries are on file in the city office together with maps of each section or plot; also diagrams of each lot. The dia-

grams are drawn to scale, and all graves and monumental work accurately indicated. A complete record is kept of all interments.

Persons desiring to purchase lots should visit the Cemetery, where the Superintendent will be found in attendance and give all needed information. After selection has been made they should at once bring their lot tickets to the city office, and pay for their lots, for which a deed will be given.

The attention of intending purchasers is directed to the advantage of large over small lots. Not only is there greater capacity for interments, but as the rules allow only one monument in a lot there is more scope for erecting a suitable memorial without interfering with the space for graves.



RULES AND REGULATIONS.

One of the objects to be secured being the improvement and embellishment of the Cemeteries, it is with the utmost confidence that the Trustees appeal to the citizens to aid them in the carrying out of the following Rules and Regulations.

SALE OF LOTS.

1. Lots for burial purposes will be sold for cash exclusively at such prices as may be determined upon by the Trustees, and according to the plans on file in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendents.

Purchasers of lots acquire simply the right and privilege of burial of the dead and of constructing vaults or tombs and of erecting cenotaphs and other monuments, subject to the Rules and Regulations from time to time in force.

No lot will be considered sold or reserved from sale until reported at the Secretary's office and approved by him.

2. Lots purchased will be conveyed by the Trustees to the purchaser on the form adopted

by the Trustees, and such deed will be subject to the following regulations or such regulations as may from time to time be determined upon by the Trustees, as if embodied therein in full :

(a) Trees, shrubs, flowering or other plants, may be cultivated on lots, but only such varieties as are in good taste and in keeping with the general plan of the grounds and subject to the approval of the Superintendent, but no tree or shrub growing within the lot may be removed or injured without the consent of the Superintendent. If any trees or shrubs situate in any lot shall in the opinion of the Trustees become by means of their roots or branches, or in any other way detrimental to the adjacent lots, drains, roads or walks, or prejudicial to the general appearance of the grounds or inconvenient to the public, the Trustees shall have the right to enter the said lot and remove the said trees or shrubs, or any parts thereof as may be considered detrimental, prejudicial, dangerous or inconvenient.

The throwing of rubbish on the roads or walks or any part of the ground is prohibited. Proper receptacles are provided at convenient points on the grounds for the deposit of weeds, decayed flowers and plants, etc.

(b) Proprietors shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for a remuneration.

(c) The grantee or grantees under such conveyance shall not sell, transfer, assign or

convey any such lot, or any interest therein, without first notifying the Trustees in writing of their intention so to do, and furnishing full particulars as to the name, address, occupation or other description of the party to whom it is proposed to sell or transfer; and a register of such sale, transfer, assignment or conveyance shall be recorded by the Secretary; and no such transfer shall be made while there are any arrears due upon the said lot.

(d) If any monument, or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Trustees for the time being to be offensive or improper, the Trustees may enter upon the lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or objects.

3. Owners against whose lots there are no unpaid charges may dispose of the same as above and have the transfer recorded by the payment of two dollars for each transfer, but no transfer will be permitted except with the consent of the Trustees, and in Mount Pleasant Cemetery such consent will not be given without the lot being placed under the perpetual care system.

4. Before recording the transfer of lots acquired by inheritance, the following proof will be required:

(a) In case of a devise the production of and

depositing with the Trustees a certified copy of the will with probate attached.

(b) In case of intestacy an affidavit or statutory declaration setting out in terms satisfactory to the Trustees such intestacy, the names and addresses so far as known of the heirs-at-law, and the ages of such of them as may be minors, and all such heirs-at-law and guardians of minors must designate one of their number as representative, who shall be authorized to sign orders for interments and give other needful directions regarding the lot. Until such designation is filed, or in the absence of a person so designated, the Trustees may, from time to time, designate some one of the heirs or guardians so to act.

BOUNDARIES OF LOTS.

The owner shall, on the issue of the deed, erect at his expense, under the direction of the Superintendent, suitable landmarks of stone at the corners of the lot or lots mentioned in the deed, between 4 inches and 6 inches square and and not less than 6 inches deep, and shall also cause the number of the section and lot to be legibly and permanently marked thereon. Such posts shall not stand above ground and must be dressed on all sides.

If the owner shall omit for ninety days after the issue of the deed to erect such landmarks, with the number aforesaid, the Trustees may

cause the same to be done at the expense of the owner and charged against the lot.

Borders, fences, railings, walls, cut-stone copings and hedges in or around lots, are prohibited. Fences, railings or hedges in existence at the Necropolis previous to the adoption of this rule, if owner so desires, will be removed free of cost to him, and a reduction made in the annual charge for the care of such lots after the removal of said obstructions.

Owners of lots on which overhead vaults have been or may hereafter be erected, who are desirous of placing copings around the boundaries of their lots, level with the ground, may on submitting to the Trustees a plan showing the design and specification showing the material and method of construction and on obtaining the consent of the Board, erect copings in accordance with such plan and specification.

Where fences, hedges, copings and other enclosures heretofore erected around any lot have, by reason of neglect or age become objectionable in the judgment of the Trustees, the Trustees may have such enclosures removed.

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF LOTS.

1. All lots shall be properly sodded, the grass regularly mown, and the trees and shrubs kept trimmed, so that the Cemetery may be kept in uniformly good order, and in order to protect

the grounds from injury by the introduction of irresponsible workmen such work is to be done by the Superintendent at the expense of lot owners where such lot is not under perpetual care plan, and for such work lot owners are required to pay the prices established by the Trustees.

2. All owners of lots are required to keep in proper repair, at their own cost and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, all stones, monuments and other erections upon such lots, and must remove all rubbish occasioned by the putting up or repairing of such stones, monuments or erections to such places of deposit as are provided by the Superintendent for that purpose.

3. The Superintendent shall from time to time report to the Secretary any lot upon which the stones, monuments or erections are out of repair; whereupon the Secretary shall notify the owner of such lot that the same is out of repair, and that the same must be put in proper repair, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, and in case any lot owner shall, after such notice, refuse or neglect for the space of three months, to put any such stones, monuments or erections in proper repair, then the Superintendent may if authorized by the Trustees repair, remove or otherwise deal with the same.

4. All notices required by any by-law, rule or regulation, to be given to lot owners, may

be given personally to the owner ; or may be mailed to such owner, or his legal personal representatives, at his or their post office address as appearing in the books of the Trustees.

5. Implements or materials used in performing any work within the Cemetery, which may be left on any lot or adjacent ground, must be removed by the owner thereof without delay ; otherwise the obstruction may be removed by the Superintendent, and the expense charged to said owner.

6. If any lot owner shall make any change in his lot interfering with the grading of the same it may be regraded by the Trustees at the expense of the owner.

7. No person shall make any walk or cut any sod or move corner posts or grave markers in any of the cemeteries.

8. No chair or wooden or wire trellis or arch or iron rods of any description will be permitted to be brought upon the grounds. All seats must be benches of approved design and must be painted a dark green. Sprinkling pots must not be left upon any lot, tree, or shrub, but may be left at places designated by the Superintendent.

MONUMENTAL WORK AND FOUNDATIONS.

1. All foundations shall be built by the Trustees, and the location shall be subject to their approval.

2. All foundations must be of the same size as the bottom base.

3. Notice must be given at the Head Office before any monumental work is brought into the Cemetery.

4. Lettered boards designating graves will not be allowed.

5. Any stone which projects above the level of the ground shall be considered a monument, and, save as provided in section 7, page 16, only one monument will be allowed in each lot, but one marker, level with the ground, may be placed at each grave in addition to the monument. Markers for adults shall not exceed 2 feet by 18 inches and not more than 4 inches in thickness. Markers for children shall not exceed 18 inches by 12 inches and not more than 4 inches in thickness.

6. No slabs will be allowed unless placed in a horizontal position.

No monument shall be erected less than five inches in thickness, and none with rough butt will be admitted.

Monuments of five inches in thickness, shall not exceed three feet in height, including the base.

Monuments of six inches in thickness shall not exceed three feet six inches in height, including the base.

7. In half lots (lots under 96 sq. ft.), separately owned, only one monument not exceeding two feet in height above the ground will be permitted.

8. All monuments shall be made of cut stone, granite or marble.

9. All foundations for vaults built above the ground, where no architect is employed, shall be constructed by the Trustees at the expense of the owner. When an architect is employed he shall have the superintendence of the whole structure, provided complete working plans and specifications for the same be first submitted to the Trustees and the site, design and construction of the proposed structure receive their approval. All such structures whether built partially or entirely above ground must be of stone, and exposed parts of granite. In all cases they must be furnished with crypts made of stone or slate wherein interments can be made separately and hermetically sealed.

10. The walls of underground vaults shall be confined within the limits of the premises, and they shall be at least 20 inches in thickness; the inside crown of the arch shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground and not less than 20 inches in thickness, and the entrance to the same shall be covered with a stone slab at least 8 inches thick. And where the vault is excavated vertically in the side of a hill, there shall be double iron doors with a space of at least 18 inches between the outer and inner doors.

11. No steps to lots or vaults shall be built without permission first obtained from the Trustees.

12. No monumental work shall be delivered at the Cemetery until the foundation is completed, and the contractor is ready to proceed with the work of erection at once.

13. All workmen employed in the construction of vaults, erection of monuments, etc., must be subject to the control and direction of the Superintendent ; and if the Trustees so direct any workman failing to conform to this regulation shall not be permitted to work in the grounds afterwards. Masons and stonecutters are required to lay planks on the lots and paths over which heavy materials are to be moved, in order to protect them from injury.

14. The Superintendent will, in all cases, designate the place where materials to be used in erecting monuments or excavating vaults are to be placed during the course of erection or excavation.

15. Heavy loads will not be allowed to enter the Cemetery when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the roads are in an unfit condition.

INTERMENTS.

1. The Superintendent of the Cemetery or his assistant or some one in the employ of the Trustees is required to be in attendance at each interment.

2. In each case of burial a written statement giving the name, place of nativity, late residence (with street if person is from the city), age,

date of decease, disease or cause of death of the person to be interred, place of decease, names of parents (if not an adult), whether single, married, or widowed, occupation, time of interment, in what lot interred, and name of undertaker, medical attendant and officiating minister, must be furnished to the Secretary, that an accurate register thereof may be made. The size on top of coffin or case must be mentioned, and the location of the graves to be opened should be accurately designated by a diagram drawn on the back of the statement.

3. Notice of each interment to be made shall be given at the Head Office at least eight business hours previous thereto, except under special circumstances, as the Trustees cannot be responsible for having graves prepared for funerals unless such notice shall be given, and no interment or disinterment shall be allowed without a written order for the same from the Secretary.

4. No interment or disinterment will be permitted without the written order of the owner of the lot or of the person who may be designated, as provided in Rule No. 4 on pages 11 and 12 (as may appear on record at the office of the Secretary), and all interments in lots shall be restricted to members of the family and relatives of the proprietor thereof unless by permission of the Trustees.

5. No grave or vault shall be opened for

interment, or removal, by any person not in the employ of the Trustees.

6. No grave shall be opened nearer than six inches from the boundary line of the lot, and shall be at least six feet deep for adults and of sufficient depth for children.

7. When more than one interment is made in the same grave, the last shall have at least four feet of earth over the coffin. Only two interments permitted in the same grave, except in the common ground.

8. No burial or disinterment shall be allowed in any lot against which there shall appear charges due and unpaid.

9. Persons ordering graves will be held responsible for charges incurred.

10. Mounds will not be allowed over graves.

11. When an interment is made a wire screen to cover the grave may be used.

VAULT REGULATIONS.

1. When a body is to be deposited in the Receiving Vault an order must be obtained from the Secretary under the same conditions as prescribed for interments.

2. All bodies must be removed from vault by first of May in each year.

3. The remains of persons dying from contagious diseases are not receivable in the vault, but must be interred, and shall not be disinterred.

4. No body may be deposited in the Receiving Vault from May 1st to November 1st unless the same is enclosed in an air-tight metallic casket or hermetically sealed zinc-lined box.

5. The placing of the body of any of the lower animals in any vault or grave is strictly prohibited.

6. The Trustees reserve the right to remove a body deposited in the vault and inter it in the common ground at any time after the expiration of the time for which payment has been made or at any time should the condition of the body render its interment, in the opinion of the Superintendent, necessary or expedient.

SUNDAY INTERMENTS.

1. The Cemeteries will be closed against Sunday interments, except in cases of extreme necessity, such as where there is danger of contagion or infection ; and then only upon a certificate from the attending physician that there is such danger, and that it is necessary that the interment shall take place.

SINGLE GRAVE PLOTS.

1. No monuments will be allowed in these lots except markers level with the ground, provided

such markers shall not exceed two feet by eighteen inches on the surface and not more than four inches in depth for adults, and shall not exceed eighteen inches by twelve inches on the surface and not more than four inches in depth for children.

2. The purchaser of a grave in any single grave plot, wishing to use the same for more than one burial, shall pay the usual cost for opening graves for each interment. Where lots are afterwards purchased, the cost of the grave vacated will be allowed after deducting the expenses for the disinterment of the remains and restoration of the ground.

RULES CONCERNING VISITORS.

1. Children under the age of twelve years shall not be admitted to the grounds except when in charge of an adult, who in all cases will be responsible for their good conduct.

2. No vehicle will be allowed to pass through the grounds at a rate faster than four miles an hour nor to leave the avenues.

3. Carriage drivers and others employed at funerals will not be allowed to turn their vehicles on the avenues but must drive around the section on the way out of the cemetery.

4. Drivers of carriages at funerals are required to remain in their seats, or by their horses, during the continuance of funeral ceremonies.

5. Proprietors of carriages and horses will be held responsible for any damage done by them or their drivers.

6. No horse may be left by the driver unfastened or fastened to a tree or where it may do injury.

7. No picnic party will be admitted in the grounds.

8. No dogs will be allowed in the grounds.

9. All persons are prohibited from taking flowers or plants on lots or graves from the Cemetery without special permission, or from picking any flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking any tree, shrub or plant, or writing upon, defacing or injuring any monument, fence or other structure in or belonging to the Cemetery.

10. Any person disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate any of the foregoing rules, may be expelled from the grounds.

11. No gratuities shall at any time be given to any officer or employee, nor shall any reward be given for any personal services or attention. Any officer or employee found to have violated this rule may be at once dismissed.

12. The gates are opened for entrance at 7 a.m., and closed to visitors at sundown.

13. The office of the Secretary will be open each week day, except holidays and Saturdays,

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; on holidays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. On Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

14. The Cemetery offices will be open each week day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., and from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Special Rules for Monument Dealers.

1. Contractors employed to build vaults or mausoleums, or erect monuments or do any other work on lots, must first present an application at the office of the Secretary; duly signed by the owner or representative of the lot requesting permission to employ such contractor to do the work therein specified. Such application to designate the Plot, Section and Lot.

No statutory work for monuments shall be commenced until the plans therefor are submitted to and approved by the Trustees.

2. To avoid possible misunderstanding and trouble dealers shall, before making a contract, submit the design of the proposed structure to the Board for approval. Applications and orders for work shall be delivered at the Secretary's office within one week after making such contract.

3. Dealers may specify on their orders the date they wish foundations ready, and must give at least fifteen days' notice before the

work is required. All requisite blank forms can be obtained at the office of the Secretary. No lettering is allowed on the side of the monuments placed at boundaries of lot.

4. Bases for monuments and markers must be dressed on the under side to an even, level bed, leaving the stone of a uniform thickness.

5. Corner posts and markers are set by Cemetery employees only. Any person displacing, removing or setting the same will not be permitted in the grounds.

6. No material for the construction of vaults, mausoleums, monuments or tombstones may be brought into the cemetery until required for immediate use, nor shall any be placed on any other lots without special permission from the Superintendent.

7. Workmen must suspend their labors if in the immediate vicinity of an interment until the conclusion of the services.

8. Workmen will not be allowed on the grounds in the evening after the bell rings for the dismissal of Cemetery employees unless by special permission.

9. Workmen will not be allowed to work on Saturdays later than 12 o'clock noon.

10. All persons are prohibited from canvassing for orders or distributing business cards in the grounds of any of the Cemeteries.

Special Rules for Gardeners.

1. Gardeners or others employed by lot owners to plant flowers, etc., must remove all rubbish to such places of deposit as are provided for the purpose, and carry on their work under the direction of the Superintendent.

2. Gardeners or their employees are prohibited from entering the grounds on Sunday for business purposes.

3. No soil may be removed from any lot or from any space adjoining or between lots without a special permit.

4. No wire-work will be allowed.

5. No tree or shrub will be allowed to be planted inside or outside any burial lot without a written permit.

6. Application to plant must be made at the office of the Cemetery at least two days previous to planting.

7. Iron rods and hanging baskets are prohibited, and empty vases will be removed from all lots and graves after June 1st in each year.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

OF MONEY FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds the sum of..... Dollars, to have and to hold the same to the said The Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds, and their successors, upon trust, however, to keep the same invested, in accordance with their general rules and regulations ; and to apply the income thus arising therefrom, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, to the repair, preservation or renewal of the monument ; or for planting and cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers or plants, and keeping the grass cut in or around lot number.....in Mount Pleasant Cemetery (or Necropolis or Prospect), of the said Corporation.

Form for Clause in Will to Bequeath Money for Perpetual Care of Lot.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds such sum of money as may be necessary to obtain from said corporation an agreement for the perpetual care of my lot No..... Section..... Plot..... in said Cemetery.

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