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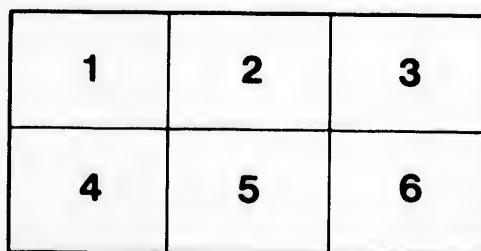
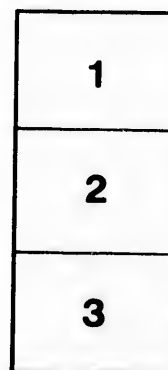
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**CONSTITUTION**  
—AND—  
**BY-LAWS**  
- OF THE -  
**NATIVE SONS**  
—OF—  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**



**Adopted March 8th, 1899.**

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OF THE

Native Sons of British Columbia

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ARTICLE I.

1. The name of this Society shall be "The Native Sons of British Columbia."

2. The objects are mutual benefit, mental improvement, and social intercourse; to perpetuate and cherish in the minds of all native sons the memories of "Pioneer days." To unite all worthy sons of British Columbia in one harmonious body and to improve the condition of its members by encouragement in business and aiding them to obtain employment.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Every male person over eighteen years of age, born in that portion of Canada now known as British Columbia, shall be eligible as a member of this Society.

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## ARTICLE III.

## OFFICERS.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the officers of the Society, consisting of a Chief Factor, two Vice-Factors, an Honorary Treasurer, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, an Inside Sentinel, an Outside Sentinel, and a Committee comprising five ordinary members. All of the Officers and Committee shall be elected annually by ballot, as provided by the by-laws of the Society.

## ARTICLE IV.

## AMENDMENTS.

Any amendments or alterations may be made to this constitution at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, provided that such amendment shall first be proposed at the monthly meeting of the Society previous to the said annual meeting, and at such meeting is carried by a two-thirds vote of the members present.



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OF THE

## Native Sons of British Columbia

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### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME AND OBJECTS.

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### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

1. The membership of the Society shall be confined to male persons over the age of eighteen years, born in that part of Canada now known as the Province of British Columbia.

2. All the applicants for membership must be of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable means of support, and believing in the existence of a Supreme Being.

3. Application for membership must be made in writing, signed by the applicant, stating date and place of birth, occupation and place of residence, and the applicant must be recommended by two members of the Society in good standing.

4. All applications shall be read at a regular meeting of the Society entered on the minutes and referred to a Committee of Investigation to be appointed by the presiding officer at such meeting, who shall enquire into and report at the next regular meeting of the Society as to the character and fitness of the applicant to become a member. If the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be declared rejected; if the report be favorable a ballot shall be taken and one black ball in seven shall be sufficient to reject, when rejected his application cannot again be considered for a period of six months.

5. No ballot shall be taken until all information supplied the committee shall have been investigated.

6. No application can be withdrawn after the report of the committee.

7. On good cause the election of a candidate may be rescinded before initiation.

8. If any person fails (except for good cause) to appear for initiation within six weeks after his election such election shall be null and void.

9. All members present and entitled to vote must vote on the election of candidates to membership unless excused by the presiding officer.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEETINGS.

1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the last Tuesday of every month at the rooms of the Society. Eleven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Chief Factor at his discretion, and must be called upon the written request of any five members in good standing, and the Recording Secretary shall notify the members thereof in time to render their presence possible.
3. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting other than that for which it may have been called.
4. The meetings of the Society shall be presided over by the Chief Factor, and in his absence by either of the Vice-Factors, and in their absence by the Senior Past Chief Factor present, and in his absence any member in good standing may be called upon to preside by a majority of those present.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Society shall be a Chief Factor, two Vice-Factors and Honorary Treasurer, a

Secretary-Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, an Inside Sentinel, an Outside Sentinel, and a Committee of five members in good standing. All officers shall be elected annually at the regular annual meeting and hold office for one year and until their successors are elected.

2. At the expiration of the Chief Factor's term of office he shall be duly installed as a Past Chief Factor (except on the first election of officers when he shall be elected). He shall administer the installation service for the officers elected for each term and instruct the members in the secret work of the Society.

3. After the first election of officers no member shall be eligible to the office of Chief Factor unless he has served an unexpired term as Chief Factor, or full term as Vice-Factor, and no member shall be eligible to the office of Vice Factor unless he has been a member of the Society for one year, provided if all members qualified to serve decline, any member in good standing is entitled to be elected.

## ARTICLE V.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. Nominations for officers shall be made at the meeting immediately preceding that of the regular election and on election night by consent of a majority of the members present.

2. When an officer or officers are to be elected the Chief Factor shall appoint three tellers to conduct the election. The ballot box shall be placed in front

of the Chief Factor and as the roll is called by the Recording Secretary each member entitled to vote shall respond as his name is called and then deposit his ballot. The tellers shall announce his vote cast and the Recording Secretary shall record the same. In cases where there is no opposition the presiding officer may instruct the Recording Secretary to call the ballot for that office.

3. All elections for officers shall be by ballot, a majority of all votes cast being necessary for a choice.

4. Vacancies may be filled by nominations at any regular meeting and election at the next succeeding meeting.

5. After the first election of officers all officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in January and shall be installed at the next regular meeting. The installation may be public or private as the Society may determine. The Past Chief Factor shall act as installing officer.

## ARTICLE VI.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The Chief Factor shall preside at the meetings of the Society, preserve order, countersign all cheques drawn by the Honorary Treasurer for payment of audited accounts and sign all other papers ordered by the Society; have general supervising power over the Society; see that officers perform their duty; enforce the constitution, by-laws and rules of the Society; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for;

give the casting vote in case of a tie; examine and announce the result of all balloting and other votes; direct the Recording Secretary to call special meetings when applied for in writing by five members. He shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the chair. At the regular meeting after his installation he shall appoint all necessary standing committees.

2. Either of the Vice Factors shall perform the duties of the Chief Factor in his absence or inability.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Society in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall record a brief synopsis of all bonds executed by officers of the Society. He shall furnish the members of Investigating Committees with copies of all applications. He shall keep a correct record of votes cast at all elections. He shall notify candidates for membership in writing of their election or rejection, and members of their suspension, expulsion or acceptance of resignation. He shall report to the Secretary-Treasurer immediately the reinstatement names of all rejected candidates, and the suspension of a member. He shall be the custodian of and keep all papers and documents of the Society ready for inspection at any time; notify the members of special meetings when ordered by the Chief Factor and within one week after his term expires deliver to his successor all books and papers together with all other property of the society in his possession.



4. The Secretary Treasurer shall keep a record book showing the names of members, when admitted, when and where born, their place of residence, collect their dues and all other moneys due the Society; keep a regular account thereof and at each meeting pay the same to the Honorary Treasurer, take his receipts and retain them as vouchers in settlement; notify all members when in arrears for four months and on the night of election furnish the presiding officer with the list of members not entitled to vote. At the end of his term he shall make a report showing the number of members elected, re-elected, initiated, suspended, reinstated, withdrawn, resigned and deceased, with dates and occupation, the number of contributing members, the amount of receipts, amount expended and the amount on hand, and within one week after his term expires deliver to his successor all books and papers, together with all other property of the Society in his possession.

5. The Honorary Treasurer shall receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys belonging to the Society and keep a regular account thereof. He shall deposit the money in such chartered bank as the Society may determine. He shall draw all cheques in payment of moneys due by the Society and the said cheques shall be countersigned by the Chief Factor and the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall keep an account of all properties, investments and funds of the Society, which shall at all times be open for inspection and at the end of his term make a report and furnish the Recording Secretary with all the information neces-

sary to enable him to prepare his report. Prior to his installation he shall give a joint and several bond, payable to the Chief Factor and Vice-Factors, in trust for the Society, in such sums as the Society may require, with two good and sufficient sureties, or in lieu thereof the bond of some guarantee society approved by the officers. At the end of his term and at each monthly meeting he shall make a report showing his receipts, disbursements, and the amount on hand and deliver his books, papers and money to his successor in office within one week after the expiration of his term.

6. The Committee of Management shall make and call in loans of the Society's funds when so directed and shall fix the remuneration of the Secretary-Treasurer; shall appoint two auditors and define their duties; shall insure and keep insured against fire all the property of the Society, and shall, with the Chief Factor, exercise a general supervision over all the affairs of the Society.

7. The Inside Sentinel shall have charge of the inner door and shall not allow any one to enter or retire during the opening, closing or initiatory ceremony unless directed by the Chief Factor.

8. The Outside Sentinel shall have charge of the outside door and anteroom and shall not allow anyone to enter without giving the password unless directed by the presiding officer.

## ARTICLE VII.

## FEES AND DUES.

1. The initiation fee shall be \$2.00, and the monthly dues shall be 25 cents, payable in advance every four months.

2. Members one dollar in arrear for dues are not entitled to the password or a vote in the Society, nor shall they be eligible to office.

3. A member who becomes indebted to the Society in the sum of three dollars for dues shall be liable to suspension.

4. In suspending a member the following procedure must be strictly observed :

(a). The member liable to suspension must be notified in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer of the amount due by him to the Society, and of the fact that on a date named in the notice he will be liable to suspension ; such notice must be served at least one month prior to the time of his suspension by the Society.

(b). Such notice must be served either by delivering same to him personally, or by mailing it under registered cover to his last known place of address.

(c). The Secretary serving such notice shall use blank notices from a book having a stub, on which he shall make a record of the date and manner of service.

(d). At the next meeting after the date named in the notice as the time of liability to expulsion, or at

any subsequent meeting, the Secretary shall announce that the said member is liable to expulsion, and such announcement shall be recorded in the minutes, together with the fact that the member is still indebted to the Society in the sum of three dollars or more.

(c). The presiding officer shall thereupon declare the member suspended from membership and the member shall stand suspended from membership.

5. A suspended member desiring to be reinstated shall make a written application, which shall then be acted upon as in the case of a new application, after payment of all demands against him, he may, upon the report of the Investigating Committee, be reinstated by a two-third vote of all members present and voting, which voting shall be taken by ballot.

6. Members suspended for non-payment of dues shall not be liable for dues, fines or assessments during their suspension.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### RESIGNATIONS.

A member may resign upon paying all demands against him. His resignation must be in writing.

## ARTICLE IX.

### AMENDMENTS.

The Society shall at all times have power to add to, amend or alter and rescind these by-laws at any regular meeting on a two-third majority of votes of

those present, provided that no addition, alteration or recission shall be discussed or made unless one month's notice of the proposed change shall have been given to the members of the Society.

## ARTICLE X.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Reading minutes of last meeting.
4. Applications for membership.
5. Reports of Investigating Committee.
6. Balloting for candidates.
7. Initiations.
8. Recess for congratulations and for collection of dues, and fines.
9. New business.
10. Communications read.
11. Accounts presented.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Reports of officers.
14. Does any member know of employment for unemployed members.
15. Unfinished business.
16. Good and welfare.
17. Closing ceremonies.

## ARTICLE XI.

## PENALTIES.

1. Members absent from regular annual election shall be fined fifty cents unless a sufficient excuse is given either in person or in writing within thirty days after said election.

2. Should any member disregard the authority of the presiding officer by persisting in using improper language or conducting himself in a disorderly manner the presiding officer may fine such member, or the Society may inflict such punishment as the nature of the offence may require.

3. Any member who shall knowingly propose an unworthy candidate, or who shall be guilty of habitual drunkenness, or of wilfully deceiving a member of the Society, or who shall divulge (except to a member) any of the proceedings of the Society required of him to be kept private, or the name of any person who opposes the admission of a candidate, or who shall violate his obligation, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled as a two-third's majority of the members present at a special meeting of the Society held for that purpose may determine.

4. Any member accepting appointment on a committee and failing to attend to the duties of the same shall be fined fifty cents, unless sufficient excuse is given.

5. Any officer absenting himself for three consecutive regular meetings (except in case of sickness

or absence from the city), or any officer for misconduct or neglect may be removed from office by a two-third majority of the members voting at the next meeting after a resolution to that effect has been presented.

6. Initiatory officers absent from initiation shall be fined one dollar, except in case of sickness or absence from the city:



## RULES OF ORDER.

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RULE 1. When the C. F. takes the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective stations, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence. The Post shall then proceed to open in due form.

RULE 2. The C. F. shall preserve order, and pronounce the decision of the Post on all subjects; he shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Post by any member, which appeal must be seconded, when the question shall be "Shall the decision of the chair stand as judgment of the Post?" on which no Brother shall speak more than once without special permission of the Post, which must be granted or withheld without debate. The question of appeal and all questions which arise while it is pending shall be taken and announced or decided by the C. F.

RULE 3. No question shall be stated unless moved and seconded, nor be open for discussion until stated by the C. F., and when a question is before the Post the only motions in order shall be: 1st, to lay on the table; 2nd, the previous question; 3rd, to definitely postpone; 4th, to indefinitely postpone; 5th, to recommit; 6th, to refer; 7th, to amend; and they shall take precedence in the order here arranged, and the first two shall be decided without debate.



RULE 4. On the call of seven members for the previous question, the C. F. shall put the question in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If the motion be carried the vote shall be upon all pending amendments, after which the main question.

RULE 5. When the previous question has been moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" and if decided in the affirmative the vote shall be taken on all incidental questions in proper order until the whole subject has been disposed of.

RULE 6. No motion shall be made by one Brother while another is speaking, and no motion shall be made or seconded without rising and addressing the C. F., and he shall not recognize a motion or second made contrary to this rule.

RULE 7. No resolution shall be offered to the Post except in writing and signed by the Brother offering the same; and any Brother making a motion shall reduce the same to writing at the request of the C. F., or any member; and in either case they shall not be before the Post until read from the desk of the Recording Secretary.

RULE 8. When any communication, petition, or memorial is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made before it is read, and after it has been read a brief note of its purport be entered on the minutes.

RULE 9. When the reading of any paper is called for, and an objection is made by any Brother, it shall be determined by a vote of the Post.

RULE 10. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except it be to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

RULE 11. If a member while speaking be called to order, he shall, at the request of the C. F., take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

RULE 12. No member shall speak without rising in his proper place, respectfully address the C. F. by his title. Brothers shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities and indecorous language.

RULE 13. If two or more Brothers rise to speak at the same time, the C. F. shall decide which is entitled to the floor, and no Brother shall speak more than once on the same subject or question until all who wish have spoken, nor more than twice without permission of the C. F. Each member, while speaking, shall designate the officer or member spoken of by his proper rank or title according to his standing in the Society.

RULE 14. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number and the longest time proposed.

RULE 15. Before putting the question the C. F. shall ask: "Is the Post ready for the question?" when, if no Brother rises to speak, he shall rise and put the question; and after he has risen for that purpose no further discussions or motions shall be entertained until the question has been decided. When the

C. F. is addressing the Post or putting the question silence shall be observed in the room.

**RULE 16.** After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two Brothers who voted in the majority, may, at the same time or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless reconsidered; but a motion to reconsider a vote cannot be entertained.

**RULE 17.** When a Brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper or improper conduct, he shall not be permitted to speak again at that meeting unless by special permission of the C. F.

**RULE 18.** No Brother shall vote on any question in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

**RULE 19.** Every member not in arrears shall vote, unless excused, unless he be disqualified by some special by-law or rule of order.

**RULE 20.** The C. F. shall not make or second any motion or resolution, or take part in any debate while in the chair, but may make suggestions or point out errors.

**RULE 21.** In speaking on points of order the C. F. shall have precedence; but he cannot speak on any other subject, unless to state facts within his own knowledge, without previously vacating the chair and calling thereto some qualified member.

**RULE 22.** No Brother shall retire without permission of the C. F. During an intermission, opening,

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initiation, or while a vote is being taken, the doors shall be closed.

**RULE 23.** No member shall be required to serve on a committee if at the time of appointment he is a member of two other committees. No member can be appointed on a committee when absent from the Post.

**RULE 24.** The Brother first named on a committee shall be the chairman thereof, for the purpose of calling it together, and until another has been elected by the committee.

**RULE 25.** A motion to proceed to close is always in order after the regular order of business has been disposed of, which motion shall be decided without debate.

**RULE 26.** No part of these Rules of Order shall be repealed, amended or annulled (except where specially provided) unless a proposition in writing, stating the change proposed, be made at two regular meetings previous to the time of its being acted upon, when, if two-thirds of the legal votes cast be in favor of the proposition, it shall be adopted; but any of them, or any part thereof, may be suspended for the time being by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

**RULE 27.** Cushion's Manual shall govern in all cases not provided for in these rules.

