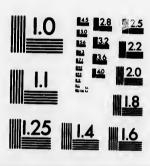
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# BYE-LAWS

OF THE

# ST GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF MONTREAL,

FOUNDED BY ENGLISHMEN IN THE YEAR 1834,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELIEVING THEIR BRETHREN IN DISTRESS,

WITH LISTS OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS, &c.

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, XXIII VICTORIÆ, CAP. CXLI.

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#### MONTREAL:

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#### ORIGINAL INTRODUCTION.

THAT "Union is Strength," is a maxim universally felt. It is indispensable to the preservation of all social as well as political institutions; it, moreover, promotes and cherishes those feelings of mutual love and affection which form one of the distinguishing characteristics of our species; and its prevailing influence gives to our obedience to the precept, "Love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the king," a strength and an endurance which cannot easily be shaken. Hence it is that for the attainment of objects of general or public value so many Societies are formed; but there are none in which the affections of the heart are so warmly engaged as in those which are formed by the dwellers in a foreign land, or in a remote colony, to keep alive and cherish the fond remembrance of the country and the scenes and the associations from which they have become voluntary exiles. Surely the greatness of one's native country, and the value of its laws and civil and religious institutions, must give much additional force to the feelings which prompt such an Union.

What wonder, then, that Britons are found warmly uniting in all countries where they are settled, for a purpose so hallowed? And if there be one country in which Britons have stronger inducements than in any other to form such an Union, that country is Canada. Here is to be found the double motive of cherishing, in the descendants of Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen, born in the colony, their veneration for every thing British, and their attachment to British laws and British rule, and of holding out the hand of welcome, and of brotherly love, and of charity, to those numerous and frequently distressed countrymen whom the pressure of a superabundant population is annually forcing to emigrate to this distant land.

It is with such feelings and such views that the St. George's Society of this city has been formed, embracing those who are natives of England, or descendants of natives of England, or descendants of natives of the United Kingdom, born in British Possessions abroad.

MONTREAL, 19th December, 1834.

#### ORIGINAL MEMBERS

OF THE

# ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY,

#### OF MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED 1834.

First Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th January, 1835.

PRESIDENT HON. GEORGE MOFFATT.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE GREGORY, Esq.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT JOHN MOLSON, JUN., Esq.

TREASURER FREDERICK GRIFFIN.

SECRETARY SAMUEL TUBBY.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARTHUR C. WEBSTER.

1ST PHYSICIAN THOMAS WALTER JONES, M. D.

STEWARDS.
JAMES HOLMES,
EDWARD J. S. MAITLAND,
CHARLES PENNER,
TEAVILL APPLETON,
ISAAC VALENTINE,
WILLIAM SNAITH.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.
BENJAMIN HALL,
GEORGE WEATHERIT,
HENRY CORSE,
JOHN PLATT,
TURTON PENN.

COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS.

ALBERT FURNISS, BENJAMIN SMITH, JOSEPH SHUTER,

Hon, G. Moffatt,
S. Gerrard,
George Gregory,
H. Griffin,
Joseph Shuter
John Molson, Jun.,
George Crewe Davies,
H. W. Jackson,
Benjamin Hall,
W. Badgley,
F. Badgley,
J. Henry Lambe,
Edward J. S. Maitland,
John P. Ashton,
Wm. Bradbury,
W. Hall,
Geo. Weatherits,
A. C Webster,
Chillon Ford,
Wm. Shart,
Thos, W. Jones, M. D.,
Isaac Valentine,
Albert Furniss,

John Platt,
Samuel Tubby,
Charles B. Radenhurst,
F. Griffin,
James Duncan Gibb,
T. Appleton,
Wm. Stephens,
Thomas Phillips,
Hon. John Molson,
John Jones,
Thomas B. Wragg,
Charles Penner,
John Carter,
Turton Penn,
M. Radiger,
Benjamin Ansell,
James Holmes,
William Pring,
John Millichap,
Henry Dyer,
R. H. Hamilton,
Wm. Snaith,
Henry Corse,
Benjamin Smith.

# GENTLEMEN

Who have Served as Presidents of the Society,

Since its foundation in 1834.

THE HON. GEORGE MOFFATT1834, 1835, 1836, 1837.
THE HON. JOHN MOLSON1838.
THE HON. GEORGE MOFFATT1839, 1840, 1841.
THE HON. WILLIAM BADGLEY 1842, 1843.
HENRY GRIFFIN1844, 1845.
Charles Penner1846, 1847.
C. H. Cassels 1848.
W. F. Coffin1849, 1850.
John Jones 1851.
John Dyde1852, 1853.
T. W. Jones, M.D1854, 1855.
H. H. WHITNEY, M.P.P1856.
HENRY BULMER1857.
JAMES PARKIN1858.
ROBERT HART HAMILTON
John Lewis1861.
Hon. George Moffatt1862, 1863.
J. J. DAY, Q. C1864, 1865, 1866,
John Leeming, 1867.



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#### CAP. CXLI.

An Act to incorporate the St. George's Society of Montreal.

19th June, 1861.

WHEREAS, the persons hereinafter named have by petition represented that, for many years past, they, and others of English birth or extraction, residents of Montreal, have maintained, by voluntary contributions, a certain Charitable Association, whereof they are members, for the relief of distressed immigrants and others, from England, or of English descent, under the name of "The St. George's Society of Montreal," and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, the same may be invested with corporate powers; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada,

enacts as follows:

1. Robert Hart Hamilton, the Honourable George Moffatt, the Honourable John Molson, John Jones, John Dyde, Thomas Walter Jones, Hannibal Hodges Whitney, Henry Bulmer, John Lewis, Richard Birks, William Walker, William Turner, William Henry Smith, Thomas Ireland, George Swinburn, Samuel Brearey, Dan John Rees, William John Newton Turner, William Dicker Stroud, Henry Thomas, Charles Jonathan Houghton, and Edwin Clarke, Esquires, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter unite with them, under the provisions of this Act and the by-laws made under authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The St. George's Society of Montreal;" and may, by any legal title, acquire, hold and enjoy any estate whatever, real or personal; and may alienate, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other estate, real or personal, may acquire instead thereof; Provided always, that the clear annual value of the real estate held by the Corporation at any one time shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

2. Provided always, that the Corporation shall not hold any property except such as shall be derived from the following sources, or purchased with funds derived from the following sources, that is to say: The property of the Association hereby constituted as the said Corporation, the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests, or legacies made to the Corporation, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws; And provided also, that all property and funds presently invested, of the said existing Association, and all sums which may hereafter be received by the Corporation for life subscriptions of members, or from legacies, bequests or donations, amounting to twenty dollars or upwards, not specially made for other purposes, shall constitute the permanent fund of the Corporation, no part of the capital amount of which shall be expended or paid away, but the whole shall from time to time be invested in real or immoveable property, (not exceeding the value aforesaid), in bank stock, or Provincial or other securities, and the rents, interest, or other

income arising from such investments together with all moneys derived from other sources, shall be applied to the defraying of the current expenses of the Corporation, and the relief of persons whom the Corporation may deem proper objects of such relief according to their by-laws, then in force, and to the provisions of this Act.

3. The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by such Officers and Committees, and under such restrictions as touching the powers and duties of such Officers and Committees, as by by-law in that behalf the Corporation may from time to time ordain; and the Corporation may assign to any of such Officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite.

4. The Corporation may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient, for the administration and government of the Corporation, and of such Asylum, or other Charitable Institutions, as they shall maintain; and may repeal or amend the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws may be prescribed to that end; and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this Act.

5. The by-laws of the said Association, not being contrary to law shall be the by-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be

repealed or altered as aforesaid.

6. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the Corporation.

7. All subscriptions, and all penalties due to the Corporation under any by-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the Corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the Corporation, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current.

8. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness, by reason of his being or having been a member or officer

of the Corporation.

9. The Corporation shall at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor, or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, real and personal, and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period, and with such details and other information, as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require.

10. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

# BYE-LAWS

OF THE

# ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF

#### MONTREAL.

#### Article I.

Any person who is a native of England or Wales, or a descendant of a native of England or Wales, born in the British Possessions, may become a member of this Society, after being proposed and elected by open voting (or by ballot if requested by any two members present) at any general meeting of the Society or of the Board duly convened, and subscribing his name in the Register of Members (to be kept for that purpose by the Secretary), and paying a subscription fee of not less than three dollars; which sum or more, as may from year to year be subscribed, shall, for the first year, be due for the then current year, and thereafter be due and payable between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December in each year. Any member paying at one time a sum of not less than fifty dollars, the same shall be deemed a life subscription and in lieu of any further subscription or contribution.

#### Artica II.

The Society shall meet, for the transaction of its business, at least four times in each year, to wit: on the tenth day of the months of January, April, July, and October. The Society shall also meet, and attend Divine Service, on St. George's Day. Any of these days falling on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the day following.

#### Article III.

The following Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, held on the tenth day of January in every year, viz. —A President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, eight Directors, two or more Chaplains, and one or more Physicians, who shall con-

stitute a Board of Management; also, two Auditors. The President shall, within one week of the date of election, appoint the following Sub-Committees from the members of the Board:—Five Canvassing Committees, of two members each; a Charitable Committee of five; a Committee of Festivities, &c., of five; and a Finance Committee of three; and each of such Committees shall at its first meeting ap-

point one of its members as Permanent Chairman.

The President shall be ex-officio member of all the Committees, and shall have a right to vote; and all Ministers of the Gospel, being members of the Society, shall be ex-officio members of the Charitable Committee, but shall not have the right to vote at any of its meetings. The Board shall enter upon its duties on the day following its election. At all ordinary meetings of the Society, ten members shall constitute a quorum, and twenty members for the election of officers or amendment of bye-laws: five members shall be a quorum at all meetings of the Board, and a majority a quorum at all meetings of Committees.

#### Article IV.

The duties of the Officers of the Society, and of the Committees, shall be as follows:—

1st. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and superintend its operations generally. He shall call special meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Management, when deemed necessary to do so; or at the request of five of the members made to him in writing. He shall also sign the minutes of the Society's meetings, after having been approved; and the Treasurer's Accounts, after they are presented at the meetings of the Society.

and. One of the Vice-Presidents shall, in the absente of the President, perform all the duties that otherwise would devolve upon the President; and in the absence of both these officers, there shall be elected by a majority of the members present at any meeting, whether of the Board or of the Society, one of its members other than the Treasurer or Secretary, who shall, for the time being, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

3rd. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys of the Society; but he shall not at any time retain in his hands a sum exceeding one hundred dollars, but shall deposit the same in a Bank in which shall be opened an account with the Society. But not a less sum than fifty dollars shall be deposited at any one time; and when the sum in the hands of the Treasurer does not amount to fifty dollars over one hundred dollars, which he is authorised to retain in his hands for casual expenses or relief, then, in such case, he shall make up the deficiency out of the \$100, and make a deposit as above provided. The Treasurer shall also be the custodian of all books, vouchers, and documents appertaining to his office, which he shall carefully preserve. He shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements of the Society, in detail, in a Cash-book for that purpose. shall also prepare at each quarterly meeting an abstract from the Cash-book of the receipts and disbursements of the Society for the preceding quarter, and at each annual meeting in January an abstract of the receipts and disbursements of the Society from the 1st January to the 31st December in the preceding year, both days inclusive; giving the several sources whence moneys have been received, and the several heads under which disbursements have been made; together with a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society, under the several heads, on the last above-mentioned These several statements to be attested by a majority of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall pay all accounts due by the Society, and the drafts of the Charitable Committee, not exceeding \$20 to one person or family within one year, unless by special authorization signed by all the members of the Charitable Committee and the President. (See also 2nd Section of Act of Incorporation.)

4th. The Secretary shall enter in a Register or Minute Book all the proceedings, orders, rules, bye-laws, or regulations of the Society. He shall keep and enter in a book an alphabetical record of the names of all the members, the date of their admission, places of birth, amount of subscription in each year, if any shall have ceased to be members, the date thereof, and the cause. The Secretary shall also prepare a report of the proceedings of the Society during the preceding year, ended on the 31st December, stating the number of new members admitted. The Secretary shall also duly notify, by circular or otherwise, as may from time to time be agreed upon, the members of the Board and of the Society of their respective meetings, and all members and officers of their election or appointment. The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and supply his place when absent. He shall also keep a duplicate register of the Secretary's minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which should be lodged with the President.

5th. The Canvassing Committee shall canvass the city (which shall be divided by the President into five districts) for members, and donations in aid of the funds of the Society; and further, shall report at the next following meeting of the Board any cases of destitution or distress they may discover. Suitable books shall be provided for the several Committees, in which shall be entered any information that may further the objects of the Society.

6th. The Charitable Committee at its first meeting, which shall be held within one week of the day of its appointment, shall elect one of its members a Chairman, whose duty it shall be, in addition to that as member of the Committee, to keep a Register of applications for relief, with any particulars that may be indicated in the heading of a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

The Committee shall inquire into the circumstances and condition of applicants for relief, visit the indigent and infirm, and report all extreme cases to the Board of Management.

The Committee may afford at discretion pecuniary or other relief and assistance to "distressed immigrants and others from England or of English descent."

The Committee shall meet at least once in each month, and shall produce accounts to the Treasurer of all the relief afforded by them in kind, which accounts the Treasurer shall pay, and at the same time inform the Committee what funds he may have in hand, and any further information necessary for their guidance, that the Committee may avoid exceeding the means at the disposal of the Society.

The Chairman shall prepare, quarterly, a Statement shewing the amount of relief given by the Committee or during the intervals of its sitting, by the Chairman or in the case of his absence or incapacity by such members as he may appoint, to which document each member of the Committee shall have free access for his guidance.

No money orders drawn upon the Treasurer shall be considered valid unless signed by two members of the Committee.

In the event of the Society having a "Home" for the destitute and unprotected, its management shall be entrusted to the Charitable Committee, subject to such directions as it may receive from the Board of Management.

The Committee shall, further, prepare a report of its proceedings to be presented at the regular quarterly meetings of the Society.

7th. The Committee of Festivities, &c., shall have the direction and management of all entertainments.

8th. The Finance Committee shall, at least once in each quarter, thoroughly examine the Treasurer's accounts, which shall be certified by two members. They shall also report to the Board any irregularity therein, should any be discovered. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to furnish properly prepared books to the canvassing Committees.

9th. The Board shall meet when notified by the Secretary so to do.

#### Article V.

Should a "Home" be permanently established, the Board may appoint not more than ten Ladies, who shall be designated Lady Directresses of the Home, whose duty it shall be to act conjointly with the Charitable Committee in the general management of the Home.

### Article VI.

The management of the Home shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be from time to time adopted by the Board.

#### Article VII.

The permanent fund of the Corporation shall be invested as may be agreed upon at a meeting of the Board (vide 2nd Sec. of Act.)

#### Article VIII.

All vacancies of offices, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election, at the next quarterly meeting after the same shall have occurred.

Any other officer, as well as any member of the Society, shall be eligible for election to the vacant office.

#### Article IX.

Any member who is in arrears to the Society shall neither vote at the meetings nor be eligible for election to any office in the Society. A member shall be deemed in arrear who who has not paid his subscription for more than one year.

#### Article X.

No officer who shall have served two years successively in the same office, shall be re-elected to such office, except by three-fourths of the votes of members present.

#### Article XI.

All officers shall retain their office until successors shall have been elected, excepting when an office is vacated by resignation, expulsion, or unavoidable circumstances.

#### Article XII.

Persons becoming members of the Society shall be liable for the annual subscription for the year within which they shall become members, viz., between 1st January and 31st December; and if any member shall neglect to pay his subscription for more than one year (unless he be in indigent circumstances, of which the Finance Committee shall judge) after he shall have been called upon by the Collector of the Society and one of the Finance Committee, the name of such member, and circumstances of the case, shall be stated at the next quarterly meeting; and it shall be competent to the Society to declare that such person is no longer a member.

#### Article XIII.

A majority of votes shall decide every question. The Presiding Officer to have the right of a casting vote only.

#### Article XIV.

To preserve order, and to expedite business, any member who may have any proposal to make, or observation to offer, shall rise and address the Presiding Officer; and no person shall interrupt another while speaking, if the speaker be in order, of which the President shall decide.

#### Article XV.

No member shall be permitted to introduce any topic of political or religious controversy, at any of the meetings of the Society.

#### Article XVI.

The Officers of the Society shall, immediately upon their ceasing to hold office, deliver up to their successors all Books, Papers, and any other property in their possession belonging

to the Society, on pain of being prosecuted for non-compliance with this bye-law.

#### Article XVII.

The retiring or former Secretary of the Society, or an officer who may act for him, shall, immediately after the election of Officers, notify them respectively of their election; and no one shall be considered an officer until he shall have signed in writing his acceptance of the office to which he has been elected; which acceptance shall be made within one week of the day of his election; and which failing to do, the office shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled at the next meeting of the Society.

#### Article XVIII.

Any officer who, after having signified his acceptance of office, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties appertaining to such office, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20, as may be decided at any meeting of the Society, unless under special circumstances; and shall thereafter be incapable of serving in any office in the Society, unless elected by three-fourths of the members present at any meeting.

#### Article XIX.

Any officer may be appointed, by a majority of the members of the Board, to perform *pro tem* the duties of any absent officer, excepting as hereinbefore provided for.

#### Article XX.

Any matter or thing affecting the interests of the Society, and not hereinbefore provided for, shall be provided for by a Resolution at any regular meeting of the Board or the Society; and such Resolution shall have the same force as a Bye-law, until rescinded or abrogated by a subsequent Resolution or Bye-law.

#### Article XXI.

Any dispute or difference of opinion arising as to the meaning of interpretation of the Act of Incorporation, or any Bye-law, the same shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members present; but such decision may be annulled, or altered, at any subsequent meeting, upon the motion of any two who shall have voted in the majority.

#### Article XXII.

At all General Meetings of the Society the following order of business shall be observed:—

- 1. The chair having been taken, the Minutes of the last preceding General Meeting shall be read by the Secretary, and, if found correct, confirmed and signed by the President or Acting Chairman.
  - 2. Proposals for Membership, received.
  - 3. Election of Members.
- 4. Reports of Committees (if any) announced by the Chairman and read by the Secretary.
- 5. Communications relative to the business or interests of the Society, read.
  - 6. Deferred business (if any) disposed of.
  - 7. Motions duly made, and seconded, received.
  - 8. Miscellaneous business transacted.
- 9. At the Annual Meeting in January the several officers elected as directed by Article 3.

#### Article XXIII.

No alteration shall be made in these Bye-laws, unless notice of such shall have been given at a previous quarterly meeting of the Society; but any By-law may be temporarily suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any ordinary or special General Meeting of the Society.

Minute adopted at a Special Meeting holden June 6, 1861.

Past Officers of the Society shall be entitled, if they think fit, to provide, at their own cost, and wear on public occasions, a badge indicative of the office which they have respectively served. Such badge to consist of a George of gilt metal, suspended from a ribbon of purple velvet, surmounted by a shield argent, charged with a cross gules, surrounded by embroidery, consisting of appropriate insignia, according to the office served, dependent from a clasp composed of the arms of England proper, supported by two lions rampant, surmounted by an imperial crown in gilt metal,—the whole attached to the left breast of the coat. The width of the ribbon to be worn by a Past President,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches; Past Vice-President, 2 inches, Treasurer and Secretary,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch; and other officers  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch, without the clasp.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY in account with W. S. WALKER, Treasurer.

#### RECEIPTS.

By Balance in hand, January 1st, 1866 \$ 94 76	
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Donations	
Collection at Church on St. George's Day 26 16	
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