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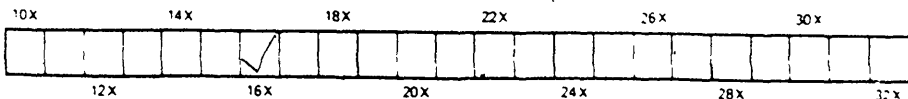
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

1st Volunteer Militia Rifle Company

OF MONTREAL.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Company, independently organized 1st September, 1854, subsequently embodied under the Militia Law of 1855, shall bear the name of the 1ST VOLUNTEER MILITIA RIFLE COMPANY OF MONTREAL.

ARTICLE II.

UNIFORM:

The Uniform shall be—

FULL DRESS—Rifle green braided shell jacket, facings black braid, on scarlet ground. Rifle green pantaloons, black braid stripes, with scarlet edging. Patent leather pouch, with silver crown; patent leather belt, with silver mountings; shako and knapsack.

FATIGUE DRESS.—Russel cord jacket, scarlet bugle on collar; black pantaloons; forage cap, with band of oak-leaf braid, silver bugle above peak; and accoutrements.

Officers' uniform shall be the same as Privates; with the exception of accoutrements, which shall be the same as those worn by Officers of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles.

The *Arms* of the Company shall be those furnished by Her Majesty's Government.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1.

The Company shall meet for Drill at such time and place that a vote of the majority shall direct.

SECTION 2.

A Full Dress Parade shall be held the 1st Drill of each month.

SECTION 3.

Meetings shall be held for the transaction of business, on the 1st Monday of each Month, at 8 o'clock p. m. The Meeting in January, shall be designated the *Annual Meeting*, when the election of Civil Officers and the presentation of the Annual Report of the Board of Management shall take place. The Meetings in April, July and October, shall be termed *Quarterly Meetings*, when a Quarterly Report shall be presented by the Board.

SECTION 4.

A *Special Meeting, Drill, or Parade*, may be called at any time by-order of the Captain.

SECTION 5.

At all Meetings, one Officer, one Non-Commissioned Officer, and ten Privates shall constitute a Quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

MILITARY OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS,

SECTION 1.

The Military Officers of the Corps shall be one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign. The Non-Commissioned Officers shall be one Color Sergeant, two Sergeants, 1st and 2nd; and three Corporals, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

SECTION 2.

The Officers holding Commissions, and the Non-Commissioned Officers holding appointments, upon the passing of these Rules and Regulations, shall continue to hold them at their pleasure.

SECTION 3.

Any vacancies that may occur by resignation, death or dismissal, shall be filled by a vote of the Company, by ballot, at one of its regular Meetings. Candidates to be nominated two weeks before election, and their names posted in the Armory. The Member elected, must be free from indebtedness to the Company, and must have the plurality of votes.

SECTION 4.

The Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, shall be vested with the same disciplinary power as their equals in rank in Her Majesty's Service, and each Member shall, on joining the Company, sign a Roll signifying his willingness to abide by said power, while under the uniform of the Company.

SECTION 5.

The Color Sergeant shall keep the Roll, which he shall call at the opening of every meeting. A separate Roll shall be kept for each month, which shall, when completed, together with a statement of absentees and delinquents, be handed over to the Board of Management for consideration. All excuses for non-attendance shall be addressed to the Color Sergeant in writing, and shall be by him laid before the Board at the first Board Meeting of every month. He shall divide the Company into 3 Squads. Squad No. 1,

shall be under his management, assisted by the 1st Corporal ; Squad No. 2, under 1st Sergeant and 2nd Corporal ; Squad No. 3, under 2nd Sergeant and 3rd Corporal. It shall be his duty to have all notices or orders served that may emanate from the Captain or Board of Management. In his absence, the Senior Sergeant present, shall assume his duties.

ARTICLE V.

CIVIL OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

The Civil Officers of the Company shall be :—

A President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Board of Management, composed of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and six Private Members. The Officers and Color Sergeant being (*ex Officio*,) Members of the Board.

SECTION 2.

President.—The President shall be elected at the annual meeting in January, and the quarterly meeting in July, to hold office for six current months. His election shall be, as all other Officers of the Company, by ballot. He shall preside at all meetings of the Company and Board of Management, shall maintain good order and decorum in accordance with the rules of order ; (his decision being subject to an appeal to the meeting) said appeal to be conducted in the manner specified in the rules of order ; and shall supervise all civil matters relating to the Company. In his absence the Senior Military Officer present, shall assume his duties and be vested with his powers.

SECTION 3.

Secretary-Treasurer—The Secretary (as Secretary) shall keep correct minutes of all proceedings at meetings of the Company and Board of Management, and shall conduct the correspondence; (as Treasurer,) shall collect all monies due to, and pay all accounts due by the Company, as authorized by the Board. He shall open an account in a Bank of this City, in which all monies received shall be deposited in the name of the Board, and his checks countersigned by the President, shall be valid in all cases. He shall have the privilege of keeping £10 in cash, in his hands, to meet the current expenses.

SECTION 4.

Board of Management.—The Board of Management (five of which shall form a quorum) shall have complete control in all civil matters. All assessments upon Members voted by the Company, shall be levied by the Board. It shall receive and report upon all matters laid before it for consideration, shall make all purchases, contracts, and investments, in the Company's behalf, and shall present one annual and three quarterly reports of its proceedings, and the state of the finances.

On receiving a monthly statement of the absentees from Meetings, handed in by the Color Sergeant, it shall have power to place the fines imposed, to the debit of each absentee, in the books of the Secretary. A Member wishing to propose a gentleman, as candidate for membership, shall address the President in writing, and the Board having entertained the application, shall report thereon at the first regular meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for, —three votes in the negative shall preclude admission.

Should a Court Martial be at any time deemed necessary, to try a special case of delinquency, dereliction of duty or ungentlemanly conduct, a motion passed by two-thirds of any meeting, shall delegate to the Board, the powers of a Court Martial, to be presided over in this case by the Captain. The decision of the Court shall in all matters laid before it, be final.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.

Members shall be required to attend all Drills of the Company, in either Full Dress or Fatigue, as the Captain shall in orders direct.

SECTION 2.

A Member wearing any portion of the uniform, shall be responsible to the Company for his conduct.

SECTION 3.

No Member shall be permitted to lend his uniform or any portion thereof, to any Gentleman not a Member of the Company.

SECTION 4.

Each Member shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer 2s. 6d. at each monthly meeting, to meet current expenses. An entrance fee of 5s. shall be paid by each candidate admitted.

SECTION 5.

Any sum of money that may be received from Government, either as a grant, or in payment of services rendered by the Company, shall be placed in the funds, to be appropriated at any time by a vote, for such purposes as the Company may deem expedient.

SECTION 6.

Any Member absenting himself for four consecutive meetings, without adducing sickness or business as an excuse, and complying with the directions contained in these rules for furnishing said excuse, shall be returned by the Board for expulsion.

SECTION 7.

No Member, two months in arrears, shall be entitled to vote on any question, and if three months in arrears; shall be returned by the board for expulsion.

SECTION 8.

No Member shall be expelled, except by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present, at any meeting. When a Member shall be returned by the Board for expulsion, his case shall lie over until the next meeting. In the interval, the Secretary shall notify him of such return, and summon him to appear and shew cause why expulsion should not ensue, should he neglect said summons, he shall be declared by the President, duly expelled by default.

SECTION 9.

Any Member appearing at Drill, deficient in equipment, accoutrements, or uniform, shall be returned to the Board as a delinquent by the Color Sergeant. The Board shall inflict such fine as it shall deem suited to the offence.

SECTION 10.

Any Member leaving the City for any space of time, shall have the privilege of obtaining a written furlough from the Captain, for 3 months, during which time he shall be exempt from all fines, dues and penalties; should he neglect

to secure such furlough, he shall be subject to these rules, as if in the City. The Captain shall inform the Board of all furloughs granted.

ARTICLE VII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 1.

Any Member absenting himself from a meeting of the Company, without furnishing a written excuse addressed to the Color Sergeant, shall be fined 1s. 3d. currency. The Board shall have the power of deciding upon the validity of the excuse offered.

SECTION 2.

Absence from an ordered parade of the Company, without complying with this article, shall entail a fine of 5s. currency.

SECTION 3.

Any delinquency noted by the Color Sergeant, shall be decided upon by the Board.

SECTION 4.

Any Candidate admitted to the Company, shall order his complete outfit within one week from his election.

ARTICLE VIII.

EXCURSIONS.

The Company shall have the power of ordering an excursion, by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present, at any meeting. The Member proposing said excursion, shall give one week's notice of his intention, and the Color Sergeant shall inform Members of the proposal, and the evening on which it shall be considered.

ARTICLE IX.

RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1.

When a Member wishes to speak on any subject, he shall rise and address the Chairman, and no Member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same motion, (except in explanation, by special permission of the Chairman.)

The President shall open all business meetings of the Company, by calling the Members to order and desiring the Color Sergeant to call the Roll.

The order of business shall be as follows:—

- 1.—Minutes of Preceding Meetings.
- 2.—Liquidation of Accounts.
- 3.—Reports of the Board.
- 4.—Motions pursuant to notice.
- 5.—New Business.
- 6.—Adjournment.

SECTION 2.

All motions shall be in writing, when requested by the Chairman, accompanied by the names of the mover and seconder, and no discussion shall be permitted thereon, until the Chairman shall have formally read and declared the motion to be before the meeting. In case of an amendment or amendments, the vote shall be first taken upon the last offered, and if lost, retrogressively towards the main motion.

SECTION 3.

When two Members shall rise to address the Chair, the Chairman shall name the first speaker.

An appeal against the decision of the Chair on any point of order, can be made at the request of five Members present. In a case of appeal, one of the appellants shall have the privilege of explaining his reasons for said appeal. The Chairman shall then state his reasons for so deciding. No further discussion shall take place. The vote shall then be taken, and the result declared by the Chairman.

SECTION 4.

A motion for adjournment shall be always in order, (except when a Member is speaking in order.)

ARTICLE X.

WITHDRAWAL.

A member wishing to withdraw from the Company can do so on giving one month's notice, and settling his account in the Secretary's Books. The Captain shall then give him a formal discharge.

ARTICLE XI.

Should any amendment, addition to, deduction from, or substitution for, any of the above rules be deemed expedient, the Member wishing so to alter shall give one week's notice of his intention; said notice to be accompanied by the proposed alteration. It shall require a vote of three-fourths of the members present to adopt such alteration; and for reference, the Secretary shall keep a minute book, with copy of any alteration that may hereafter be carried into effect.