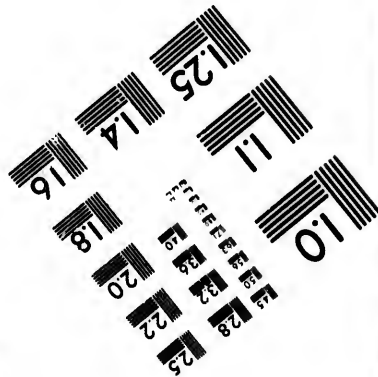
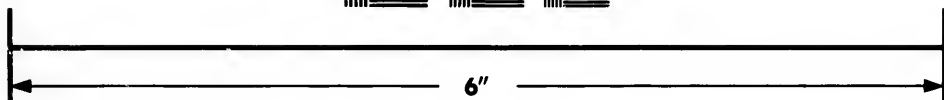
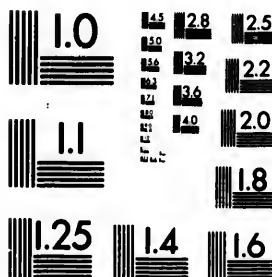
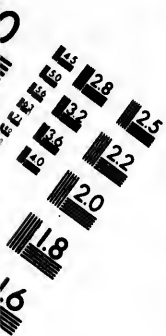


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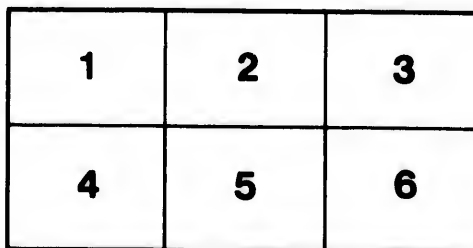
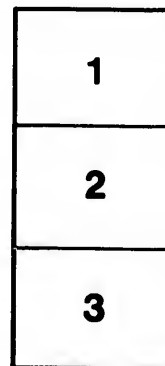
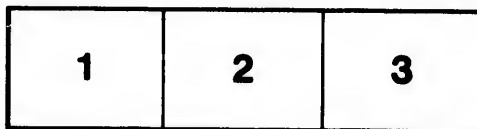
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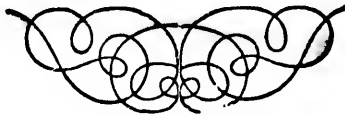
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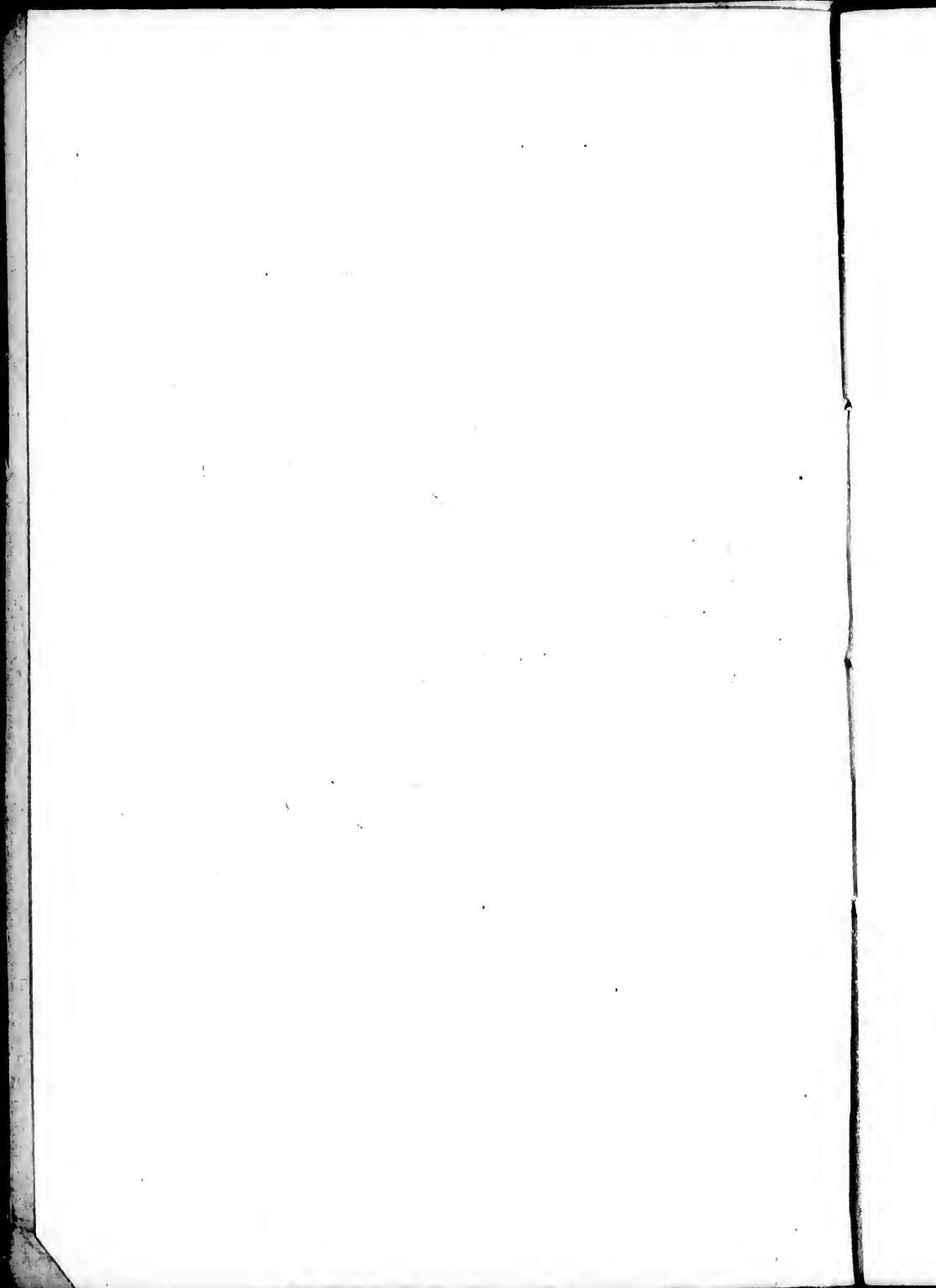


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## INTRODUCTION.

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MONTREAL, June, 1854.

IN view of the fact that the number of persons of American origin has become comparatively large, and is constantly increasing in this Province, it has been thought advisable to form a Society in this city, to be called the **NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY**, to be composed of all such persons, and their descendants, as may be disposed to unite for the purpose of promoting kindly feelings amongst its members; for assisting those of their fellow-countrymen who may be in need, and of cherishing the traditions and remembrances of the country of their birth.

To meet the above objects, a requisition, of which the following is a copy, was circulated and extensively signed; and in conformity to agreement therein made, a meeting was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Monday Evening, March 6, 1854, when the Society was organized, the Constitution adopted, and the Officers elected. At a subsequent meeting held at the same place on the 22nd March, the By-Laws were passed, and the Constitution received the signatures of the members present:—

MONTREAL, Dec. 24, 1853.

“ In consideration of the fact that there are residing

in the City of Montreal many native Americans and their descendants, and with the view of maintaining between them a perfect and more lasting feeling of friendship, unity, and nationality ; for the laudable and charitable purpose of finding out and assisting those of our countrymen who may be destitute inhabitants or strangers in our city ; in fact, for the purpose of taking upon ourselves the same privileges and duties regarding ourselves and our countrymen that the different National Societies do ; We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become members of a society that shall embrace all the views and statements made as above ; said society to be called by any name expressive and significant of its object that shall be chosen at a meeting called for that and other preliminary purposes.”

# CONSTITUTION.

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ART. 1. The title of this Society shall be the  
NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

ART. 2. The objects of this Society shall be to promote among its members a perfect and lasting feeling of friendship and unity, to keep alive and cherish a fond remembrance of their native country, and also to encourage and aid those of their countrymen who may require and be entitled to their assistance.

ART. 3. All persons residing in the City of Montreal, or its vicinity, who are natives of the United States of America, or their descendants, are eligible to become members of this Society.

ART. 4. The admission of Members to this Society shall be by ballot. Five negative votes shall debar from membership. Any person desirous of becoming a member shall send, or cause his name to be sent to the Secretary, at least ten days previous to any Quarterly or Special Meeting, which shall be issued in the circular calling said meeting.

ART. 5. This Society shall meet four times in every year, viz. :—on the 22nd day of the months of March, June and September, and on the 15th day of December. On the 15th day of December, in each year, the Society shall hold its Annual Meeting and

elect its Officers for the ensuing year. In case any of the above mentioned days fall on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the following day.

**ART. 6.** A President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding-Secretary, a Recording-Secretary, a Committee of fifteen members, which shall be called the Board of Officers, a Chaplain, and two Physicians, shall be elected annually to serve as Officers of this Society. Each person so chosen shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of votes shall decide. In case of any vacancy occurring in the Committee, the remaining members shall fill such vacancy or vacancies at their first meeting

**ART. 7.** Every member shall pay an admission fee of Four Dollars, and annually to the Treasurer Two Dollars, and any person paying to the Treasurer the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars at one time shall be a life member without further payment.

**ART. 8.** No alteration of, or amendment to either the Constitution or By-Laws, shall be made without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, and a motion for such alteration or amendment must have been made at a previous Quarterly Meeting.

# BY-LAWS.

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1st. All persons who may be admitted members of this Society must sign the Constitution and pay the Treasurer the sum prescribed in the 7th Article of the same.

2nd. Seven members of this Society shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business.

3rd. At the request of ten members, in writing, the Secretary shall call a Special Meeting of the Society, of which at least two days' notice shall be given.

4th. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and in case of his absence and that of the Vice-Presidents from any meeting of the Society regularly called, the meeting may organize for business by choosing their own Chairman.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Recording-Secretary call to all meetings of the Society and Committee, and keep a correct record of the business done at such meetings, in a book or books provided for that purpose.

6th. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding-Secretary to conduct the Correspondence of the Society and to report the same to the Board of Officers.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all monies belonging to the Society, and

to hold the same subject to its order. He shall keep an Account Book, entering therein his receipts and disbursements, which shall be audited by the Finance Committee, and laid before the Society at its Annual Meeting. He shall honor and pay all drafts or accounts signed by the Chairman of the Charitable Committee, or by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or by any three members of the Board of Officers.

8th. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording-Secretaries, shall be members of the Board of Officers, five of whom shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business. The President and Vice-Presidents shall also be *ex-Officio* members of all Committees.

9th. There shall be two Standing Committees of the Board of Officers, viz :—a Finance Committee, consisting of 7 ; a Charitable Committee, consisting of 8 Members.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts and Books, to keep a general supervision of the monetary affairs of the Society, and to perform such other specific duties as shall be assigned them by the Board of Officers.

11th. It shall be the duty of the Charitable Committee faithfully to distribute and expend, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, all monies, which, in their judgment, may be necessary for Charitable purposes, and to render an account of

their proceedings annually at the meeting of the Board of Officers, next preceding the Annual Meeting of the Society.

12th. All persons natives or descendants of natives of the United States of America, residing in the City of Montreal, or vicinity, or those who may be temporarily present, and in indigent circumstances, shall, if upon investigation they be found worthy, be fit and proper persons to receive the aid of this Society.

13th. No member shall be expelled from this Society, who shall not have been notified, in writing of the nature of the charge against him, and of the intended proceedings, at least fifteen days previous, and no such vote shall pass without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

14th. All motions shall be made in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder; and all persons, when speaking, shall address the chair, standing, and no person shall speak twice on the same subject unless in explanation.

15th. The annual subscription shall be due on or before the Annual Meeting, and no member shall be allowed to vote whose subscription is not paid on or before that date, nor until it is paid.

16th. All meetings of the Society shall be called by printed circulars, sent to the members at least two days previous to each meeting, and no business shall



be transacted at any Special Meeting which shall not have been stated in the notice.

17th. The Society may, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, at any meeting, elect any American residing in the United States, or elsewhere, to be an honorary member, due notice having been served upon the members of the Society.

18th. All persons, on becoming members of this Society, shall record, or cause to be recorded, their name, place of birth, last place of residence, date of arrival in Canada, present residence, and their occupation.

19th. The Treasurer shall record the time and place of the decease of each member of this Society.

20th. All meetings of the Board of Officers shall be called by the Secretary, by order of the Chairman, in his absence, by any three of the members of the Board of Officers.

