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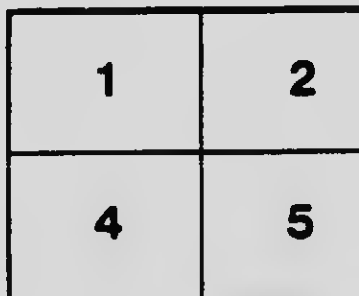
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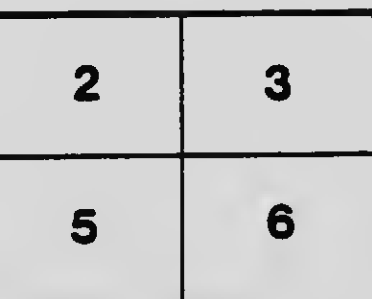
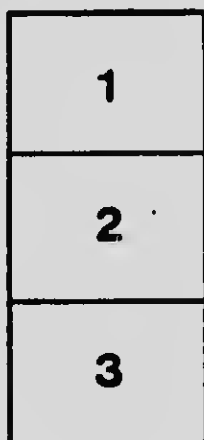
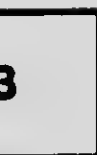
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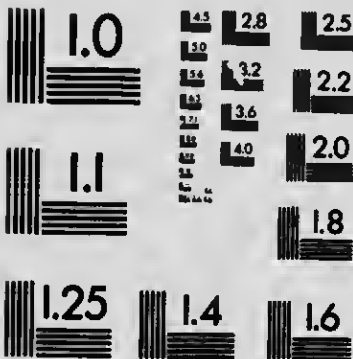
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Annual Exhibition in Montreal

Dear Sir:—

This pamphlet is placed before you with the desire that you will consider the project of holding Annual Exhibitions in Montreal. You will find herein a copy of the Act incorporating the **MONTREAL INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION** and particulars as to the organization, along with certain facts and records in that connection.

The Montreal Business Men's League was incorporated and established six years ago—one of its objects was "To advertise and bring people to Montreal." The Executive of the League believes that an Exhibition would attract a vast number of visitors to the city, and prove of great material advantage to the citizens. With this view, the League has adopted this means of bringing the matter to your attention—seeking your interest and advice.

You will observe that the project of holding Annual Exhibitions in Montreal is based upon the view that an Exhibition should be a public enterprise, and not the affair of a company or for the profit of private individuals controlling same. This communication is not, therefore, for the purpose of soliciting your private aid or subscription, but distinctly with the object of obtaining your moral support and an expression of your opinion as to the desirability of carrying out the project. We will be pleased to receive a few lines from you in regard to this important enterprise, and will value any suggestions you may offer.

We look to those we can address in this manner to tell us if the opinion and desire of the citizens of Montreal is in favor of the holding of Annual Exhibitions in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MILES,
President.
Montreal Business Men's League.

Annual Exhibition in Montreal

In 1902, as a result of mature consideration, in which a number of business men participated, the conclusion was reached that Montreal occupies an exceptionally good position for the holding of Annual Exhibitions. That such Exhibitions would bring to this city and to the province at large an enormous influx of visitors and a vast amount of money to the profit of our citizens, and to the benefit of all our business interests.

Incorporation Secured

The great success of Annual Exhibitions in the City of Toronto seemed to indicate that the mode of action followed in that progressive city could be adopted as a model, and that like results could be expected here. The question was thoroughly investigated in all its details, and it was decided to place the project in a practical position by seeking an Act of Incorporation. In the Spring of 1903, the Montreal Industrial Exhibition was incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec. The Act then secured was as follows:

CHAP 104.

An Act to Incorporate the Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association.
(Assented to 25th April, 1903.)

Whereas the Honorable F. L. Belque and others, hereinafter named, have, by their petition, prayed that an association be incorporated for the purpose of promoting industries, arts and sciences generally, and of establishing and holding agricultural, industrial, art, and other exhibitions at or in the vicinity of the City of Montreal, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Honorable F. L. Belque, L. J. Forget, J. D. Rolland, H. B. Rainville, and James Cochrane, G. E. Drummond, R. Wilson Smith, Henry Miles, H. Laporte, Th. Gauthier, J. X. Perrault, and such other persons or representatives of societies or corporations as may, in virtue of this Act, become members of the Association, shall be a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association," and shall have their place of business at Montreal.
2. The said Honorable F. L. Belque, L. J. Forget, J. D. Rolland, H. B. Rainville, and James Cochrane, G. E. Drummond, R. Wilson Smith, Henry Miles, H. Laporte, Th. Gauthier, and J. X. Perrault shall be the provisional directors of the Association.
3. The board of directors shall consist of fifteen members at least, and of not more than twenty.
4. The members or the directors of the Association shall incur no personal responsibility.
5. The Association may:
 - (a) Exhibit permanently or periodically every variety of thing and being in the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, and every variety of products in the rough or manufactured;
 - (b) Hold and acquire moveable and immovable property for its purposes, also manufacture and raise articles and things required in the various exhibitions contemplated; sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any property held by the Association, provided the annual value of such immovable property shall not exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars;
 - (c) Charge fees to the exhibitors of any thing referred to in this section; award prizes, medals and honorary distinctions to exhibitors; lease stalls, stands and places in any of the buildings or in any part of its grounds and property during the holding of the exhibition and at any other time; and charge an entrance fee for the admission of visitors and other persons.
6. The provisional directors or their successors may determine, by by-law, the conditions on which any persons or representatives of societies or corporations, shall be admitted as members of the association; the qualifications required of directors; the number of votes to be given to members respectively; and how they shall cease to be members of the association. They shall also have the authority to adopt other by-laws not contrary to law.

7. The Association shall have power to issue debentures and guarantee the payment thereof by privileges, lien or mortgage on the whole or any of the grounds, buildings, or moveable effects belonging to the Association; and, in the case of such privileges or lien on moveable property, without dispossessing itself of such property, thereby derogating from article 1970 of the Civil Code.

8. It shall be lawful for any municipal corporation, or other society or organization to assist the Association, either by bonuses in money or in land or by guaranteeing the bonds or otherwise, and to enter into any contract or agreement with the Association, with the view of promoting the objects of this act; and every such corporation, society or other organization is authorized to appropriate or levy all sums of money necessary for such purposes.

9. Licenses for the sale of wine, beer and spirits, within the exhibition grounds and within a distance of two hundred yards from the same, may be granted by the Government or the officers having the power so to do (but only for the time during which the exhibitions are held), on the recommendation of the Association; and neither the municipality in which their exhibitions are held, nor any adjoining municipality shall have power to grant licences for selling liquor within the enclosure for exhibition purposes or within the prescribed distance for the same, to wit, two hundred yards, except in the case of yearly licenses to sell within the aforesaid distance, which may have been granted at least three months before the holding of the exhibitions.

10. The Association may regulate and control the right of selling refreshments and food products and wares of all kinds on the grounds which they hold by lease or purchase.

11. The Association shall not commence operations until it has a guarantee fund of at least twenty thousand dollars, and on hand in cash subscriptions of at least ten thousand dollars.

12. Considering that the Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association is incorporated with the object of promoting industry, arts and sciences throughout the province, it is exempted from all government and municipal taxes.

13. Articles 4655, 4660, 4661, 4662, 4663, and 6164 of the Revised Statutes shall apply to the Association mutatis mutandis.

14. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

By-Laws Adopted by the Association.

Art. 1. The following shall be members of the Association:—

The City Council of Montreal	11 representatives
Montreal Board of Trade	5 representatives.
La Chambre de Commerce	5 representatives.
Montreal Business Men's League	2 representatives.
Council of Arts and Manufactures.....	2 representatives.
Licensed Victuallers' Association	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society of Chambly	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society of Laprairie	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society of L'Assomption.....	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society of Terrebonne, Division No. 1....	2 representatives.
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Agricultural Society County of Hochelaga	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society County of Laval.....	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society County of Vercheres	2 representatives.
Agricultural Society County of Jacques Cartier	2 representatives.
Grand Trunk Railway Company	1 representative.
Canadian Pacific Railway Company.....	1 representative.
New York Central Railway Company.....	1 representative.
Intercolonial Railway	1 representative.
Central Vermont Railway Company.....	1 representative.
Great Northern Railway Company.....	1 representative.
Montreal Horticultural Society	2 representatives.
Montreal Horee Show Association.....	2 representatives.
Canadian Manufacturers Association.....	5 representatives.
Town of Delorimier	2 representatives.
Town of St Cunegonde	2 representatives.
Town of Westmount	2 representatives.
Town of St Louis de Mile End	2 representatives.

Town of St Henry	2 representatives.
Town of Maisonneuve	2 representatives.
Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.....	1 representative.
Montreal Street Railway Co.	1 representative.
Montreal Terminal Railway Co.	1 representative.
Montreal Corn Exchange Association.....	2 representatives.
Montreal Art Association	2 representatives.
Montreal Poultry Association	2 representatives.
Montreal Produce Association	1 representative.

and such other persons or representatives of other Societies or Corporations as may from time to time be made members of the Association by resolution of the Board of Directors

Art. 2. The several societies and corporations above mentioned shall be forthwith requested to name and appoint representatives to the said Association, which appointment shall be evidenced by a certificate signed by the presiding officer and secretary or clerk of such society or corporation as the case may be; and such notice shall likewise contain a statement of the time and place of holding the first meeting of the Association for the election of directors and such other business as may require to be done at such meeting

Art. 3. At the first and at all subsequent meetings of the members of the Association, for the election of directors, each member of the Association, being a representative, shall produce to the said provisional directors a certificate under the hand of the presiding officer and secretary, of his due and proper appointment; and the said directors or a majority of them shall, at the time of such election, cause a list of all duly qualified members of the Association to be made out and placed upon the table, and only the persons whose names shall appear upon such list shall be eligible as directors, or entitled to vote for directors, and upon such other matters, questions and things as may be presented for the consideration of the meeting.

Art. 4. If any Society or Corporation entitled to be represented in the Association, shall have assented in writing to being so represented, but shall have failed from any cause, to appoint its representatives therein before the time fixed by the directors for the holding of the meeting to elect directors of the said Association then, and in every such case, the president or presiding officer and the secretary of the Corporation or Society, so having failed to make such appointment, shall be the representatives of such Corporation or Society, and shall be ex officio members of the Corporation hereby created until the appointments contemplated by this Act shall have been made, and shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of members of the said Association

Art. 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than fifteen and not more than twenty (a majority of whom shall be resident in the City of Montreal) to be determined at the meeting, such election and any question voted on at any meeting shall, if demanded by two members (of the Association) be decided by ballot by a plurality of votes of the members of the Association present in person and voting at the meeting; the directors so chosen shall immediately elect one of their own number to be president, and two others of them to be vice-presidents, which president, vice-presidents and directors shall continue in office for one year, and until others shall be chosen to fill their places, they shall also elect a managing director and secretary-treasurer, and if any vacancy shall at any time happen by death, resignation, or otherwise in the offices, the remaining directors shall supply such vacancy by the appointment of some member of the Association for the remainder of the year.

Art. 6. The directors shall have power to name from time to time special Exhibition Committees to help in the Exhibition work, said Committee to consist mainly of such members of the Association as the directors may consider desirable.

Art. 7. The President shall be the chief Executive officer of the Company and shall preside at all meetings. In his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents will act in his stead.

Art. 8. The Secretary-Treasurer will have charge of the correspondence—sign notices for meetings—keep the record of all meetings—examine and certify all accounts; he shall have the custody of the funds of the Association, give security for the faithful discharge of his duties

in such time and for such amount as the board shall prescribe; he shall keep all monies on deposit in such bank or banks of the City of Montreal as the directors may determine, to the credit of the Association in its Corporation name. All cheques, notes, drafts or bills of exchange shall be signed, drawn, and accepted and endorsed by the President (or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents or Managing-Director) and by the Secretary-Treasurer (or in his absence by one of the Directors) and the Secretary-Treasurer shall keep books of accounts showing all receipts and disbursements and shall pay out monies only on vouchers certified by the Managing Director.

Art. 9. The Managing Director shall have the general management of the Association under the control of the Board of Directors.

Art. 10. There shall be appointed by the Directors such other officers and agents as the business of the Association shall require, who shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Board may determine.

Art. 11. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday of December in each year, for the election of the Directors and the transaction of the business of the Company generally.

Art. 12. At such meeting a report in detail of the receipts and expenditure of the Association for the preceding year shall be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Art. 13. Special meetings may be called at any time at the request of the President or Board of Directors, by notice stating the object of the Meeting.

Art. 14. Notice of all meetings of the Association, general or special, shall be mailed to the address of each member of the Association at least five days before the meeting. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association, and if there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned to a subsequent date and when the members present at said adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 15. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon the President or any three of the Directors, by notice of the time and place of such meeting and mailed to the address of each director two days before the meeting. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Art. 16. The Board of Directors shall have power to accept the resignation of any member of the Association.

Art. 17. These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members of the Association present at any meeting called for that purpose, provided the object of the meeting be stated in the call—to be mailed to the address of each member with the time and place of the meeting at least eight days in advance.

Proceedings Taken

At a meeting held at the City Hall and at which the then Mayor, Mr. H. Laporte, presided, the Board of Directors, officers and committees were elected as follows:—

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE MAYOR OF MONTREAL.

ALD. S. D. VALLIERES.

ALD. L. A. LAPOINTE.

ALD. L. PAYETTE.

ALD. H. A. ETERS.

HON. F. L. BEIQUE.

HON. J. D. ROLLAND.

SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND.

HON. W. C. EDWARDS.

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COL. A. E. LABELLE.

HENRY MILES.

W. E. DAVIS.

A. H. HARRIS.

OFFICERS.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS:

HON. SYDNEY FISHER, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.
HON. A. TURGEON, Minister of Agriculture, Quebec.

PRESIDENT:

SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

HON. F. L. BEIQUE.
H. LAPORTE.

HONORARY SECRETARY-TREASURER

HENRY MILES.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee.
Grounds and Building Committee.
Agricultural Committee.
Manufacturers Committee.
Transportation Committee.
Reception Committee.
Press Committee.

The change this year in the membership of the City Council and otherwise will necessitate many alterations in the personnel of all the committees, and for that reason, pending a revision, the names are not given.

Subscriptions to the Project

In view of the fact that the Act of Incorporation calls for a certain guarantee fund before commencing operations, the Government of the Province of Quebec and the City of Montreal were asked to subscribe. The City Council of Montreal did subscribe \$10,000.00 and the Government of the Province intimated that \$5,000.00 in cash was at the disposal of the Association.

The organization of this project was largely on the lines of the Toronto Exhibition Association and which is practically an undertaking of the City of Toronto. The Montreal Exhibition Association was in like manner planned to be an undertaking of the City of Montreal, incorporating therewith all the elements required to conduct such an enterprise successfully.

Exhibition Site

The City Council of Montreal was asked to give a site for the holding of the Exhibitions just in the same way as the City Council of Toronto did at the inception of the Toronto Exhibitions — the grounds wanted for this use to be available as a Park or otherwise, at all times, excepting only during the time required for the holding of the Exhibition annually. The City Council of Montreal has accepted this principle, but has not as yet definitely chosen a site. It is also expected that the City will provide for the necessary buildings, which will remain its property, or that the Association will issue bonds for the money required for the buildings and improvement of the property, the City to guarantee these bonds and retain the ownership of such buildings and improvements.

Government Grants

The running of the Exhibition will have the assistance of grants from the Dominion Government and annually, it is hoped, from the Government of the Province of Quebec.

Application was made some time ago to the Dominion Government for a grant of \$50,000.00 for one of the early Exhibitions to be held, and there is no reason to suppose that Montreal will be refused this aid when ready to hold a National Exhibition. The Government of Canada has granted \$50,000.00 in various cities of Canada during several years past—Toronto, Winnipeg, New Westminster—have all had this amount, and the Halifax Exhibition received this amount to assist in the Exhibition held in that city this Fall.

To have a first-class Exhibition, the assistance and co-operation of a variety of elements is a necessity. In the organization of the Association, this necessity—it can readily be seen—has been amply provided for in the wide scope of the membership, and the City of Montreal holding a controlling position.

Advantage to the City

It can be fairly estimated that great advantage will accrue to Montreal through the holding of an Annual Exhibition. As an educator to our own people in the Province, an Exhibition will afford an incalculable advantage. It will in no sense be a competitor of the Toronto Exhibition for it is well known that the great majority—almost the entire volume of visitors to the Toronto Fair come from a territory within a radius of two hundred miles of that City.

Montreal's Position

The position of Montreal is more advantageous than that of Toronto for the bringing in of visitors from a distance. We have in this Province a distinct link with the densely populated Eastern States. Thousands upon thousands of the residents of that part of the United States would readily avail the incentive offered of visiting Canada upon such an occasion—interest in the country—relations in Canada—former residence in Canada—friends and cheap railway fares—would all combine to bring to Montreal a vast number of well-to-do people.

Advantages in Toronto

At the 1906 Exhibition in Toronto, 575,000 persons paid individual admission, and there was some 30,000 pass tickets issued at \$1.00 each, good at any time. How many persons, non-residents of Toronto were included in these admissions? The amount of money they brought to the tradesmen and citizens of Toronto in one way or other cannot be exactly stated, but from two to two and a half millions have been roughly estimated. Everyone makes money during the Exhibition—not only the hotels and stores of all kinds, but thousands of private houses rent rooms or give board to the visitors, and get good returns. The Street Car Co. in Toronto daily earnings run from \$7,000.00 to nearly \$9,000.00 (per day) under ordinary conditions, while the return given for the days of the Exhibition in 1906, August 28th to September 8th, run from \$10,500.00 up to \$17,000.00 per day. The average per day for these days being nearly \$14,000.00.

Advertising our Country

An Exhibition in Montreal would not alone bring in a direct and important new revenue to our citizens in every conceivable way, but would serve to advertise our city abroad. Toronto Exhibition has made that city widely known in all parts of the world, and has in a great extent, advertised Canada as a progressive country.

There is no part of the Dominion in which Exhibitions in the Agricultural Districts are more successful or better attended than in the Province of Quebec. The country people show enthusiasm over their local Fairs and there is no reason to suppose that a first-class Exhibition in Montreal would not be well attended by the community in general throughout the Province. It rests alone with Montreal to organize such an Exhibition—to finance and manage it as a public enterprise for the benefit of our City and of the Province and Dominion at large.

It requires to-day a strong expression of public opinion to fully carry out the object which is aimed at. You are invited to express your opinion on the matter.

Do you favor the holding of Annual Exhibitions in Montreal?

Address reply to:

HENRY MILES,

President, Montreal Business Men's League,
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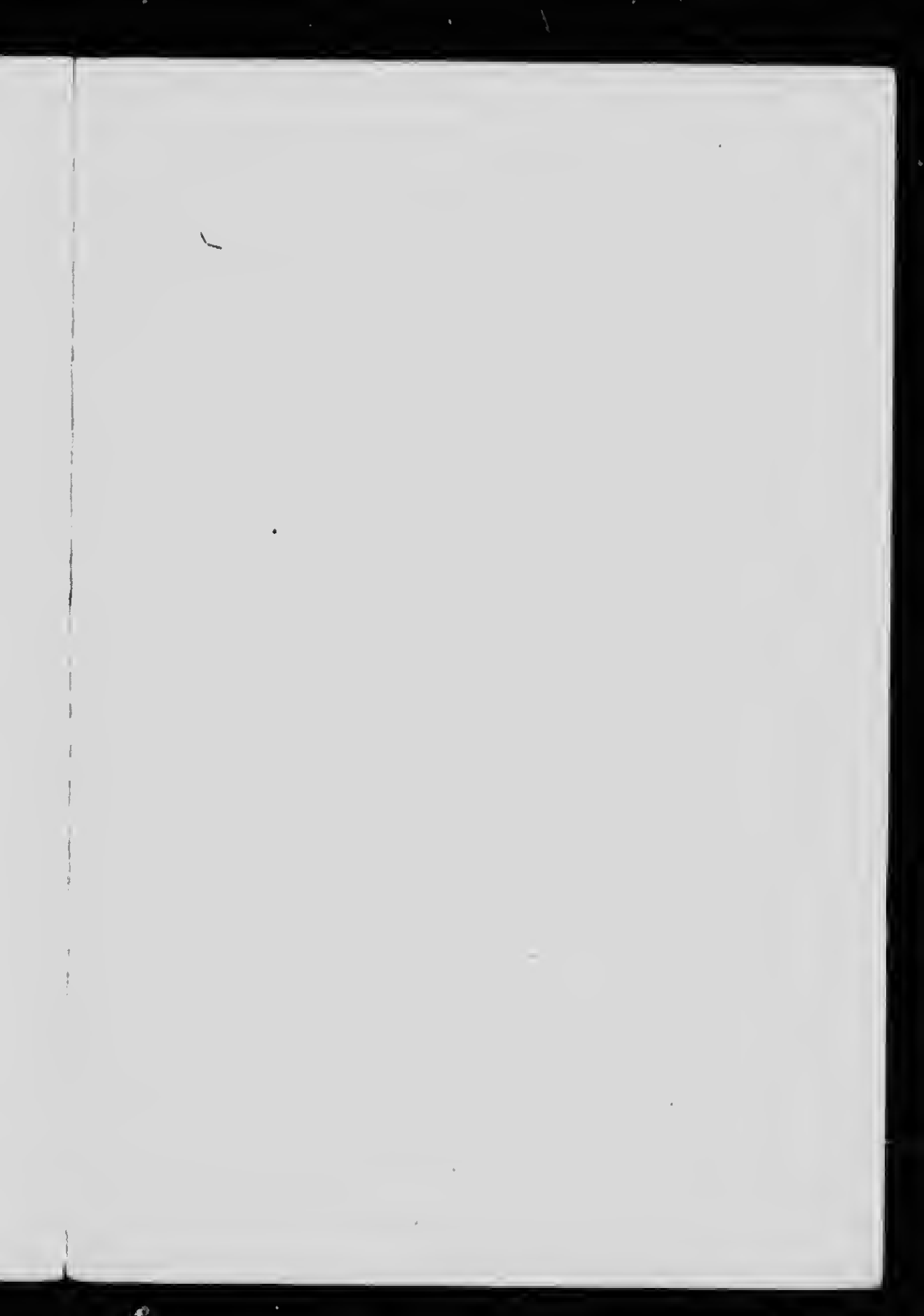
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